

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School Newsletter

15th September 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents/carers

I hope you have had a lovely week. It's been busy as usual here with lots of new learning going on for both staff and children.

I'd like to start by congratulating our amazing teaching assistant, Charlotte Laity, who played the lead role of Eva Peron in Evita last week at the Minack Theatre. I went to watch the production as did a lot of other staff and some of you and your children.

She was amazing and we all thoroughly enjoyed it, well done Miss Laity.



Next week, as part of our Erasmus project, "Let's all go to the Theatre of European Dreams" we will have visitors from Greece, Romania, Turkey, Croatia, Malta and Bulgaria. Please do say hello if you see them. They will be visiting classes to learn all about our practice, particularly our inquiry based learning. Mrs Knight will be leading a course in inquiry learning for them and Mr Height will be leading a course in Music and well-being. We will also take them out and about to experience our culture and traditions to Helston Museum, the Lizard and St Michael's Mount.

You will be pleased to know that we have already acted upon one of the points raised by a parent in the welcome meeting and another in the school playground which were both on the subject of reducing single use plastic. Kate is now baking flap jack to sell at tuck time to replace the small packs of biscuits and we will no longer buy in the ice pops for next Summer but will instead make our own (with help from the children).

I'm sure our Eco Club will take this much further as they work towards their Green Flag this year. Please do come along to our next parent governor meeting where we discuss all things school, how to improve/develop, how you can help – we love listening to your ideas, it's very informal and you will meet lots of other parents there.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Erasmus visitors from Turkey, Croatia, Malta, Greece, Bulgaria and Romania

Monday 18th September onwards

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October 9am

Harvest Festival & Talent Show

Gweek Village Hall Tuesday 17th October
2pm. All welcome!

Please collect your child from the Hall.

Individual & Sibling Photos

Friday 6th October from 08:30

Sports for Schools Event

Tuesday 7th November athlete visit to
school in the morning

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 30th November 3pm

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 4th December. Afternoon and
evening performances. Gweek Village Hall.

School Christmas Lunch!

Tuesday 12th December

Last Day of School before Christmas!

Tuesday 19th December. Break up 1:30pm

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 9am

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 29th February 3pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents Governor Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

Parents Governor Meeting

Thursday 20th June 3pm

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term - half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr
Hemsley

KS1 Young Engineers with Mr
Watson.

Wednesday lunchtimes

KS2 Choir

Tuesdays

Eco Club for all children with
Mrs Rusga and Miss
Schellekens.

Thursdays

Multiskills Sports Club for all
children with Mrs Care.

Please email Linda to enrol
your child onto a club.

CLASS UPDATE

Praa Sands Class Update

We enjoyed
playing in the playground
with our friends.

In maths doing number line.
In literacy we learnt about nouns
and verbs.

In inquiry we
Lunt about things
from 60 years ago.

In Science we learnt about the
hams of animals and their babies.
We looked at our baby photos.

Sebastian loved sorting the cars.

Isaac loves coming into school.

ZaKi loves school once he has settled in.

REMINDERS

Please remember to close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

PASTY DAY- FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

We will be having an impromptu Pasty Day on Friday 22nd September!

The only food available from the kitchen will be steak pasties, cheese & onion pasties, sausage rolls and vegan sausage rolls. There are no alternatives.

If you have a child who will not be able to enjoy these foods, please bring in a packed lunch.

If you have a child who is unable to eat these foods but would like to bring in their own pasty for us to cook, please let us know..



PRECIOUS HEDGES!

Please do not let your children climb the hedges around the school.

They are not allowed to climb them during the school day as they are old, and we do not want them to become unstable. It is very confusing for them if we are giving mixed messages.

PUNCTUALITY!

Last week we were really impressed with punctuality.

This week it has begun to slip.

Please make sure your children are in and ready to start at their start time to ensure a smooth morning transition:

KS2 08:45

KS1 09:00

POLDHU CLASS NOTICE!

Swimming lessons start next week for Poldhu Class.

Your children will need a fresh swimming kit every day for the next 2 weeks – including a towel.



AFTER SCHOOL ECO CLUB

We had our first meeting of Eco Club on Tuesday and looked at what we wanted to change and make better in our school and the world.

We also decided we wanted to work towards a Green Flag EcoSchools Award to recognise our commitment. We have the first members of our Eco Committee but are still looking for representatives on the committee from years 1,5 and 6. If we want to earn this award for our school, we need to address 10 topics. You can read about them here:
[https //www.eco-schools.org.uk/ten-topics/](https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/ten-topics/)

We decided as a committee to start with litter as we thought we could really make a difference. We are doing a litter pick next Tuesday and would welcome people to come along and help us and perhaps join our committee.

A few other things we want to do in the future are make some art from rubbish to raise awareness of the issue and make a living wall.

We talked a lot in our first session about how we can do practical things like litter picks and turning off lights and also ways in which we can raise awareness for the cause.

You don't have to join the committee to come along and help or share ideas! Just ask Linda to put you down for club so we know you're coming along.
(We welcome parent helpers too!)

Look out for our poster!

Hope to see you soon from Rose, Zaki, Tristan, Patrick, Robin, Leo, Alfie, Nico,
Miss Schellekens and Mrs Rusga

PS If anyone has any litter pickers they could lend us, with or without a human attached, we would be very grateful!

FOBS NEWS

Please find us on Facebook "Boskenwyn FOBS", it's a useful information sharing place for everything school related.

FOBS Events

FOBS will be holding a second hand uniform, winter coats, waterproofs and wellies sale on Friday 22nd September, from 3.15 in the playground.

Please can families bring in any unwanted uniform, coats etc. during the week and leave in the office.

Cost will be 50p per item and a card machine will be available.

See you there!



AWENEK! THE GREAT CORNISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This September, Cornwall Heritage Trust is hosting a brand-new festival at The Lost Gardens of Heligan to celebrate Cornwall's unique and distinct heritage.

Taking place on Saturday 16th September from 10am – 5pm, this exclusive fun-filled day will be packed with an array of hands-on activities and demonstrations showcasing Cornwall's arts, culture, traditions, and history.

The festival is called *Awenek* which means *Creative* in Cornish, and we really hope this celebration will spark your imagination!

Visitors will be given the chance to explore the gardens and watch demonstrations from creative artists, take part in 'Make and Take' activities, listen to Cornish music and enjoy Cornish dancing and storytelling.

A full programme of the day's activities can be viewed here [Awenek Festival Heligan](#)



CHOIR CLUB IS BACK!

Choir Club will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes at 1pm from Wednesday 27th September with Amy Woodburn and Chloe Wills.

It will be held in the Poldhu Classroom and is for KS2 children only.

Please can you let Linda know if you want to reserve a place in the Choir.

We will hold a reserve list if this club becomes too popular!

Toge ther for Families

Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Need help? Solihull Online

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 033 123 1116.

Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. More information about our parenting support on offer can be found at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

The programmes currently available are:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years** – 1-3 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Being Passionate About Parenting** – 4-11 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Take 3** – Supporting Teenagers 12-17 years (5 x 2-hour virtual sessions or 10 x 2-hour face to face sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Understanding your child with additional needs** – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull:
<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>

To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR



FREE access to self-guided parenting courses for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. www.inourplace.co.uk Free Access Code: TAMAR

SPACE

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as our own? Why not attend FREE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally (SPACE) sessions. For more information and/or to register your interest please email: space@cornwall.gov.uk

Supporting Healthy Relationships

Reducing conflict between parents is one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of their children – including mental health and emotional stability, behaviour, helping them to do better in school, and improving the quality of their life long-term.

To find out more on Supporting Healthy Relationships including helpful resources and future courses, please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Family Information Service

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Social Prescribing Cornwall

Linking people with non-clinical sources of support within the community.

www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk

Hunrosa



Sleep is essential for our children to grow, learn, promote immunity and good mental health. Children with neurodiversity are likely to find sleep more difficult. Hunrosa have experience and expertise in supporting families, so come to our friendly sleep session to learn about ways you can help your child to sleep better. Please contact your Healthcare Provider should you wish to have them refer you for sleep services. <https://hunrosa.co.uk/>

Kooth & Qwell



Kooth offer free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people aged 11-19 years.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Qwell offers mental health support for ALL parents and carers of all ages as well as 19-25 years.

<https://www.qwell.io/>

Headstart Kernow



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

www.headstartkernow.org.uk

Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads

[DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

Homestart Kernow



Parents can struggle at one time or another, you are not alone. Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

www.homestartkernow.org.uk

Reconnect/The Susie Programme



Ending Abuse in Cornwall & Isles of Scilly

Giving children the time, space, and skills to have a loving relationship with themselves and others following Domestic Abuse. As well as providing adults with a support programme to enable you to positively move forward with your life.

www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/

Citizens Advice

Giving people the knowledge and confidence, they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem - Adviceline: 0800 144 8848 or text the word ADVICE to 78866 and they will call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo

Walk in My Shoes:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

www.pdasociety.org.uk

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

www.autism.org.uk

www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



www.cornwall.gov.uk

School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro- active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21st century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email

SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



School emergency closures

A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on our social media channels.

Social Media

- **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall
- **Instagram**
www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall
- **Twitter**
www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall

Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**
www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow
- **Met Office**
www.metoffice.gov.uk
- **Environment Agency**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Contact us

Email: togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 0300 1234 101



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