

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

4th October 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

Thank you for your amazing contributions to the Harvest Festival.

We raised over £170 for the Helston Food bank, well done everyone!

A special thank you has to go out to our amazing Y6 children for hosting the Harvest festival in the absence of my voice! They were only told the same morning that I wouldn't be able to host and they immediately set to work on their roles in hosting and they did an absolutely amazing job. I think Ramona made a great auctioneer and I'm worried for my future in that role!

Great job Year 6!

Many thanks also to our wonderful FoBs team who decorated the hall and served refreshments to keep us going!

Please can I remind anyone still to pay that Linda has the harvest collection pot in the office.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Panto!

Monday 9th December

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 16th December, afternoon
and evening performances at Gweek
Village Hall

Class Photos

Monday 28th April 2025

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Here are this terms after school clubs. Children are expected to attend their chosen club throughout the term, not just a one-off session.

MONDAY

**KS1 Creativity with Mrs Nicholas
(until Oct half term)**

KS2 Football with Mr Watson

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Mrs Rusga

No club on 10th Oct

No club on 14 November

Stay & Play with Mrs Care

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER
SCHOOL CLUBS BOTH FINISH AT
4:30PM PROMPT.

REMINDERS

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.

ECO CLUB

It was a busy afternoon this week! We learned all about The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It inspired us to take part in more beach cleans and showed us the importance of our campaign! We also researched the harm plastic does to individual sea creatures as well as how it impacts all members of the food chain including humans!

We planted rare red crab apple seeds so will keep you updated with its progress.

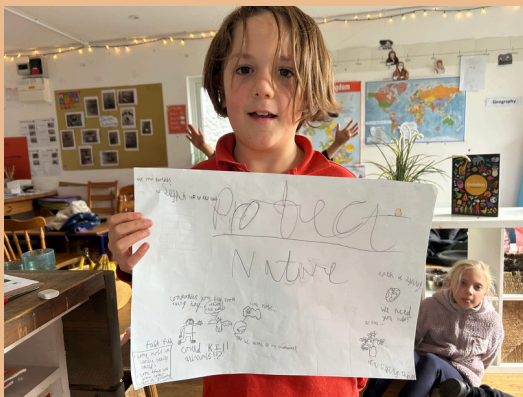
Our litter pick revealed more snack wrappers and a burst bean bag. This took a long while to clear up but we were concerned about animals ingesting the small plastic beads.

Please continue to bring in any clean plastics from any beach cleans you participate in. Leave them next to Praa Sands Classroom.

We are still after a flag pole or similar to display our Green Flag. Please let us know if you have any ideas or can help.

Finally, a big thank you to Raf for his super hard work in his own time making posters for each school classroom to promote awareness of our campaigns.

Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the EcoClub committee



FOBS NEWS

AGM

Thanks to everyone who joined us for a very informal AGM on Thursday night - we covered a lot in an hour. We discussed what went well last year, how much we raised, how we supported the school (financially and physically), what events we do this year, some new fundraising ideas, and what we should spend money on. No surprise, funding playground equipment was agreed to be our main goal. It won't be quick as it's expensive but there's a plan to start small and build the space over time. In the meantime, the school is working on making the grass area fully playable. We'll share more info on everything over the coming weeks.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to everyone for volunteering at and attending events over the last year - we can't do it without you. I hope you've left space for more cake this year!

Raise money for school whilst you shop!

Boskenwyn school's cash pot has now reached £82.95!

Big thank you to everyone who is taking part.

Let's keep going !

Will you, your friends, neighbours, or family members shop at Asda between now and 30th November?

Asda will donate 0.5% of the total of your shop to a Boskenwyn cashpot. It takes less than 4 minutes to set this up, so why not do it today!

- 1) Install the Asda Rewards app
- 2) Click 'cashpots', then 'join cashpots for schools'
- 3) Select 'Boskenwyn Community Primary'
- 4) Scan our school's barcode every time you shop!

Till next time, Nicky (07846 910 031), Sophie, Tiffany, and Ben (FOBS leads)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for good condition tools that you may be able to donate for our KS2 children to make things in a supervised environment:

hand drills
smaller drill bits
any foldable 'workmate' type cutting/vice bench?

We are also looking for materials:

straw (for thatching models)
small diameter willow sprigs for wattle & daub
any clean, corrugated cardboard

All of the above is for our model making in Year 5/6 DT lessons.

Please can you bring anything you might be able to donate to the office?

Many thanks!



CHANGE IN WEATHER

Please can all children bring in coats to school every day from now on?

We see all the seasons here in just one breaktime and we really need to make sure the children are warm and dry at all times.



SWISS STUDENTS

Last term we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.

The children really enjoyed having the Students present in their classes, and the Students had a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 22nd June to Saturday 5th July 2025.

Host families receive £300 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking, but they all speak excellent French and English.

If you are interested, please let Linda know so I can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School. They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

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@fgbschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fgbschools.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@fgbschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fgbschools.co.uk

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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