

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

7th March 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers.

It's been lovely to see all the fun activities around World Book day this week. Thank you to FOBs for funding the author/illustrator; our children really benefitted from this experience. It was lovely to talk with the new chair, Angelina, about the exciting plans for the future.

We have an opportunity to purchase a yurt to give us additional shade. The longest pole is 21ft long. Does anyone have a way of transporting this from Truro for us? It will need to be a quick turn around in order to make the purchase but if you can help then please contact me at head@fbgschools.co.uk.

The West Briton have reported on the Seychelles trip this week, a full page of coverage, see below.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



Pupils enjoy the best school trip ever on Indian Ocean islands

NINETEEN Year 5 and 6 pupils from Boskenwyn School near Gweek have been on the field trip of a lifetime: joining a biodiversity and conservation project in Seychelles, in the Indian Ocean.

They visited the islands for a week, accompanied by three teachers, Dr Chris Kaiser-Bunbury, a researcher with the Seychelles Island Foundation (SIF) and SIF's consulting director of research and conservation, Dr Nancy Bunbury; three of the couple's children are pupils at Boskenwyn.

They were warmly welcomed by pupils and staff at Bel Ombre Primary School on the island of Mahe and spent several days learning about the culture and environment.

The trip was funded by the UK government's Turing scheme, which helps educational institutions to offer their students international learning opportunities.

"The educational focus of the trip, in addition to understanding Seychelles' culture, was on island conservation and the impacts of climate change on island biodiversity," a school spokesperson said.

"The children had the opportunity to visit the Vallée de Mai where they saw every species of gecko, chameleons, tree frogs and more, and were delighted to hear black parrots in the forest.

"They had a wonderful time and described the palm forest as magical and 'full of amazing surprises'.

"Other experiences included visits to Aride and Moyenne islands, the comparison between these islands powerfully illustrating the stark impacts of invasive species on

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island biodiversity.

"The children also visited the St Anne Marine Park to see and, for some, snorkel at an area of healthy coral reef compared to recently bleached reef, where they could easily see the difference between the higher biodiversity of the unbleached reef and the emptier bleached reef.

"These experiences led to powerful discussions about the impacts of climate change on the natural heritage and economies of island countries like the Seychelles, in which the children developed informed opinions.

"The time the British children spent with the Bel Ombre Primary School was particularly special, the local school making an incredible effort to welcome and provide fascinating and fun experiences for Seychelles and British children to enjoy together.

"They visited the Seychelles National Museum and Botanical Garden, where the children had a chance to get to know one other and see the giant tortoise. They shared playground games, learning



» Boskenwyn Primary School pupils on their field trip with a difference to the Seychelles, where they were hosted by Bel Ombre Primary School and learned about the impact of climate change

from one another.

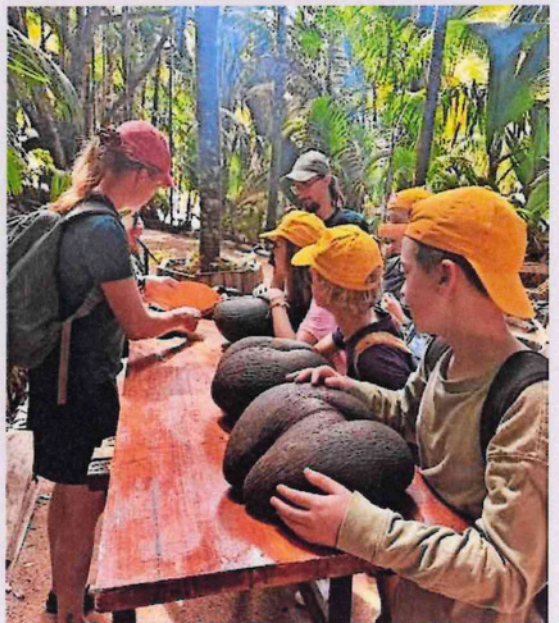
"Bel Ombre hosted a wonderful show and ceremony on the last day which featured lively Creole dancing, exchanges of songs and poetry, cookery classes and local songs.

"The whole trip was an incredible chance to educate these children about the threats to island biodiversity and the impacts of climate change on island states, and they left the Seychelles with a deep understanding of and care for these islands.

"The visit had a profound impact on them, with many saying they want to return and several announcing during the trip that they want to be conservation scientists when they grow up. Seychellois people really opened their hearts to our children and made them feel so very welcome".

Executive head Paula Blackburn said: "Our school vision is to foster a lifelong love of learning which doesn't stop in the classroom but matures into a future full of opportunities in an ever-changing world.

"This trip allowed our children to have unique experiences and participate in real projects, equipping them with transferrable skills and knowledge to navigate their future as global citizens".



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GreenPower Club Bake Sale

Wednesday 19th March after school

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 27th March 2.30pm

Class Photos

Monday 28th April 2025

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 9am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 8th July

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Watson

Not taking place 17th and 31st March

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley
and

Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs
Nicholas

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Art Club with Bronwen

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Miss
Schellekens

**SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH AT 4:30PM
PROMPT.**

SAFETY REMINDERS

Please close the gates behind you when you enter and leave the school.

Even if the gate is open, please close it!

This is for your children's safety.

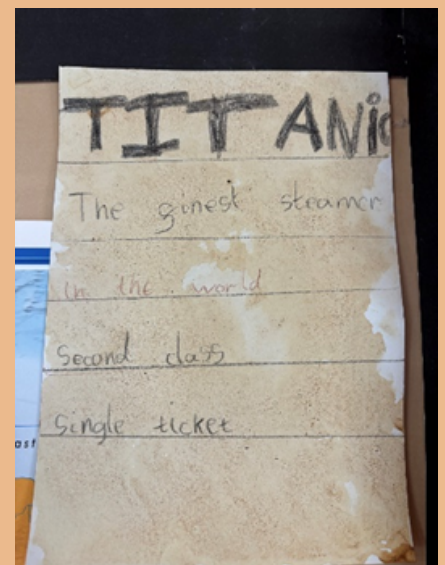
Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

CLASS UPDATE

KS1 Class Activities

We have had a fab week in Rosemullion exploring our topic more and celebrating St Piran's day! We learned about the story of St Piran and created our own Cornish flag.

In our topic we have looked at what was on board the Titanic and created our very own tickets. The highlight of the week however was getting dressed up for World Book Day.



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Become a Governor at Boskenwyn!

Are you passionate about education and eager to make a difference in our school community? Our governing board (joint with Germoe) is looking for new governors, and in particular for those who can represent the needs of Boskenwyn.

Influence School Decisions: Play a key role in shaping the future of our schools.

Support Our Students: Help ensure every child receives the best possible education.

Develop New Skills: Gain valuable experience in governance and leadership.

This is open to parents or guardians of current or future students, or anyone committed to the school's vision and values. We meet once each half term, with the occasional need for ad hoc extra sessions.

To learn more or to express your interest, please contact Bertie Archer (chair) at bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk

Please join us in making Boskenwyn and Germoe even better places for our children to learn and grow!



ECO CLUB

We had a busy first session back at Eco club designing our birdhouses.

We started off by individually designing and planning what our birdhouses should look like.

We then pulled our sleeves up and began to work on the real thing!

Considering the limited amount of materials available to us yesterday, we managed to get some projects off the ground. We will be carrying on with our projects next week.

It would be really helpful If the children could bring in some materials we can use for next week now that everyone has a better idea of their own designs.

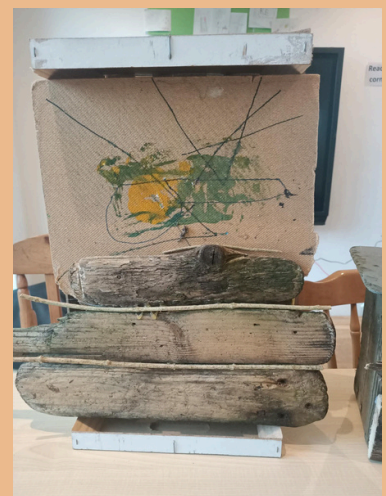
At the end of the session, all Eco Warriors were given a form to find certain insects, flowers, mushrooms etc over the next week. We are working through the various phases of flora and fauna over Spring.

Please could they complete their forms with their names and the date and bring them back in our next eco session? We will look at our findings in another session later on in this term.



Thank you very much

The Eco Club team



GREENPOWER TEAM NEWS

GreenPower club have been working hard designing the cars and organising fundraising.

They will be holding a bake sale after school on Wednesday 19th March. They will be baking in club the night before but if you would like to donate some bakes, they would be gratefully received.

They have also decided to hold a raffle to raise funds for spare parts and transport. If you have anything that you would like to donate to our raffle, please let us know.

Mrs Nicholas and the GreenPower Team



WORLD BOOK DAY

What an amazing day it was yesterday. It was lovely to see all of the children sharing their love of reading.

Thank you so much to FOBs for organising for Rebecca Cobb to come in and visit us. She was brilliant and the children enjoyed working with her; listening to her stories; looking at her illustrations and learning about her writing process.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the bake sale. We were all very impressed with the creativity in your baking.

It was also lovely to see some decorated potatoes coming in dressed as a wide range of book characters.

We are looking forward to next year already!



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

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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