

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

23rd February 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a restful half term. Shame about the weather back in the UK! Fortunately, Mr Conway and I were working at a school in Malta that week and attending the final meeting for our project, "Let's all go to the Theatre of European dreams" with our partners from Croatia, Turkey, Romania, Greece and Bulgaria. We were working on anti-bullying programmes and we presented on our inquiry based learning methods to the other 6 countries present. We also had the opportunity to meet the President of Malta, George Vella and the first lady and we presented them with some clotted cream fudge!

I am really sorry but I need to change the time of the coffee and cake meeting next week. Boskenwyn will now be 9am and Germoe at 3pm on Thursday 29th February. It would be lovely to see more parents there, it is really informal, we don't have an agenda and we just discuss anything and everything about the school, how we can improve, what you like etc etc. Please do pop along if you can, bringing a cake/biscuits is optional! Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity for you to meet other parents.

Have a lovely weekend, Paula Blackburn



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOODS

Please find below some links regarding smartphone usage for children. It was very kindly sent to us by one of our parents and it is interesting information for any parents/carers who are concerned about smartphones and social media for children. I hope you find it useful.

Thank you, Paula Blackburn

The first link is an article in the Guardian and the second link is for the website of 'Smart phone free childhood groups' in your local area.

<https://amp.theguardian.com/technology/2024/feb/17/thousands-join-uk-parents-calling-for-smartphone-free-childhood>

[Smartphone free childhood The movement for a smartphone free childhood](#)

Finally if anyone wants to, there is a petition running currently to submit to the government:

[Petition: Ban smartphones and camera phones for under 16s](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome

Thursday 29th February 9am

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Tuesday 23rd April 9am

Sports for Schools Athlete Event

Monday 17th June 1pm

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome

Thursday 20th June 3pm

KS2 Summer Production – Day/Evening

Tuesday 9th July

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term – half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Football with Mr Hemsley

KS1/Reception Stay & Play with Mr Watson.

Tuesdays

Eco Club with Mrs Rusga

Thursdays

Year 5/6 only – Greenpower with Mr Monhemius. Parent volunteers welcomed!

Please contact Linda to add your child to a club.

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.

CLASS UPDATE

Praa Sands Class

Our first week after half term break has been very busy! We took part in the RSPB big schools birdwatch on Monday seeing mostly sparrows and magpies.

We launched a new inquiry asking if place influences art. First, asking "what is art?". We also learned about the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We used a song to support our learning and everyone is now singing it!

Enjoy your weekend!

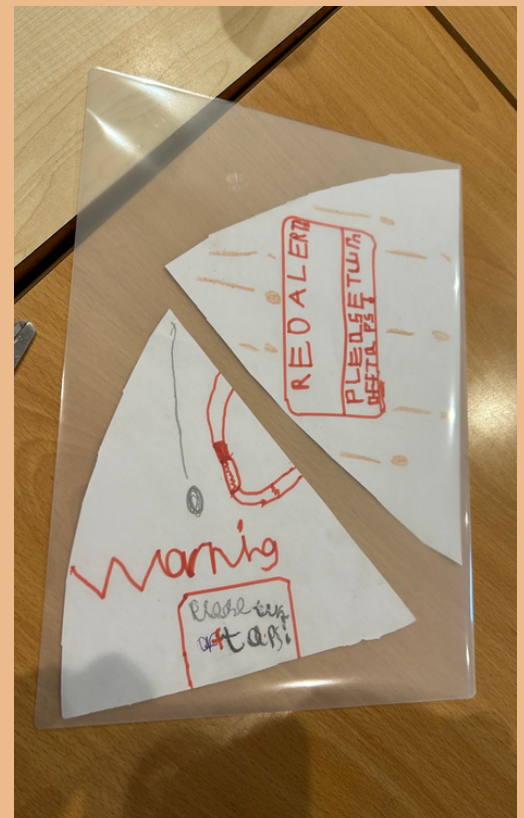
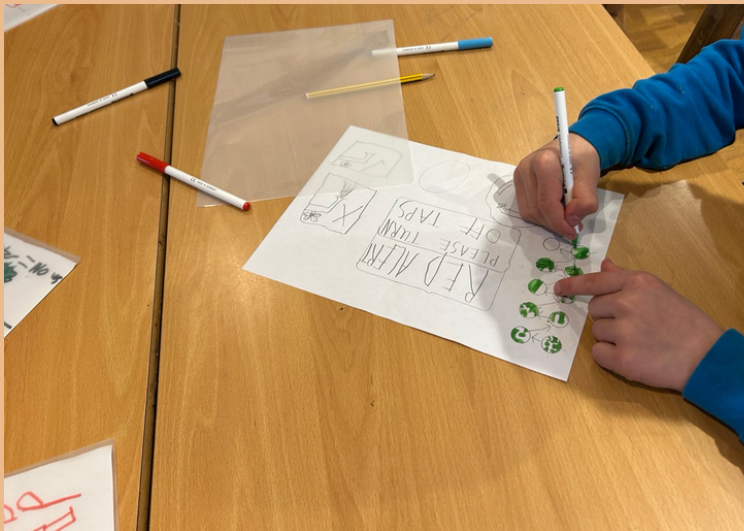


ECO CLUB

This week we completed a water audit. We made signs for the toilets and kitchens reminding people to turn off taps when not in use. We learned that even though we have so much rain, clean, fresh water is still a finite resource. If you can think of any water saving tips, please let us know.

Enjoy your weekend.

EcoClub



FOBS NEWS

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS', it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related. If you'd like to be more involved, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground to find out more.

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



LARGE PLASTIC BOTTLES!

Please can you save up and bring in any large clear plastic bottles – 2 litre size and above? Maximum capacity is 5 litres.

We are looking to use these for science – so please feel free to bring in as many as you have!

Thank you!



PET2 PLASTIC BOTTLES!

Poldhu Class are collecting PET 2 bottles (e.g., large and small water and soft drink bottles that can be remade into 3d printing filament) for a project that they will be starting after February half term.

We would be grateful for all donations please! The PET2 logo will be displayed as below.



NEURODIVERSE?

A new system will be operational from April, for the assessment pathway for Autism and ADHD. It's not yet up and running, but Parent Carer Cornwall have a linked site, which has some great information for parents about neurodiversity. If you'd like to take a look:

<https://parentcarercornwall.org.uk>

and find the 'Neurodiversity Hub' tab at the top of the page.

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning



Kerrier Coffee Morning at Helston Family Hub

28th February 2024 between 09.30am-11.30am

Guest Speakers -Tri Service Safety Officer and Police Community Support Officer and Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

Are you confident that you know all you need to know about Home Fire Safety?

Do you have the knowledge or skills to administer CPR?

Do you want to know what is happening in your community about anti-social behaviour?

Please come over to meet those that can help you find out.

All welcome, refreshments provided.

**For further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk



HEALTH ADVICE MESSAGING SERVICE FOR FAMILIES IN CORNWALL

**ChatHealth
Parent Line 0-5**

TEXT 07312 263 423

**ChatHealth
Parent Line 5-19**

TEXT 07312 263 499

**ChatHealth Young
People 11-19**

TEXT 07312 263 096



ChatHealth
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth

Get
confidential
health and
wellbeing advice
and support

Dear colleagues,

From today Monday 22 January 2024 we are launching our enhanced offer for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toileting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324261
- Email: hvsnadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

GUIDANCE ON MEASLES OUTBREAKS

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

The following UKHSA guidance is available on GOV.UK:

- [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-protection-in-children-and-young-people-settings-including-education)
- [Managing outbreaks and incidents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-outbreaks-and-incidents).

The NHS also has the following advice for parents on measles:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

DfE has published an [Education Hub blog](#) with guidance on measles and the MMR vaccine for parents, nurseries and schools.

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

