

# Boskenwyn School Newsletter

14th March 2025

#### **MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers,

I just wanted to share with you some of the positive comments we have received over the past few weeks from prospective parents and visitors to our schools.

They have been particularly impressed with the attitudes to learning of our children, saying that all of our children are busy, on task and happy. They said they felt very welcome by both children and staff; children are happy to speak about their learning with them and staff have great relationships with the children.

They have enjoyed seeing the children engrossed in inquiry based learning and continuous provision; making choices on learning outside or indoors and choosing which resources to use to show their learning.

These comments are a credit to our children and to our hard-working staff. A happy child is the height of importance to us.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **GreenPower Club Bake Sale**

Wednesday 19th March after school

#### **Sponsored Athlete Event**

Thursday 20th March

#### 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**

#### **Poldhu Class**

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Poldhu!

In science we have started learning about our solar system. We have also linked this to our art and the children have been working on different skills to produce pictures of celestial bodies and events from our solar system.

On Tuesday we went on a trip to The Eden Project. The children learnt about maths in nature and investigated Pythagoras' Theorem in the classroom and in the mediterranean biome. They also got chance to explore the rainforest biome, linking back to their learning in our classroom.

In English we have been working hard on our non-chronological reports about our hybrid creatures. We have been really impressed with their creativity in both their creature design and report.









#### 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 <a href="mailto:bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk">bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk</a>

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



#### **ECO CLUB**

At yesterday's Eco Club we were discussing and organising the Great Big School Clean! We also did a litter pick following our discussions to get back into the swing of it.

We have entered a pledge for Boskenwyn school to take part in the Great Big School Clean and we are hoping to manage to get 25 bags of litter between the 21st of March and the 6th of April.

If every child who attended school in the UK pledged to pick up just one bag of litter during the Great Big School Clean, we could remove a colossal 10.3 million bags of litter from our natural environment!

So, please join the Great Big School Cleanthis spring, and help us show that we love where we live.

We are hoping that all of you will join with us in this. We would like to get your photos to share with the Great Big School Clean organisation. Just get your gloves and bin bags ready, cameras in hand and help us to reach our target!

Have a lovely weekend, The Eco Club team

PS We're still hoping to receive some more materials for building the birdhouses.







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#### **FOBS NEWS**

#### **World Book Day Update**

A huge thank you to all parents for helping make World Book Day extra special this year. A special thanks to Lindsey for organising the visit from Rebecca Cobb; what a treat to mark the event!

The day's activities, including the uniform sale and bake off, raised £142.25 so thank you everyone for your spectacular contributions.

## **Mothering Sunday**

On Friday 28th March FoBS have arranged sessions within the school day to make small posies of flowers for a special person to mark Mothering Sunday.

Slips have been sent home already in bags with the details - please let us know if you'd like your child to be involved with the free activity or we ask for a small contribution towards making a lovely posy with locally grown flowers.

All profits will be going towards the ongoing improvements of our playground.

The FoBS 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









# FREE wellbeing support for you and your child

HeadStart Kernow working in partnership with Creative Education are offering parents and carers across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly FREE access to an online, on demand library of resources to support wellbeing both for you and your child(ren).

The content includes a mix of webinars, short online courses and bite-size information for EY / primary / secondary ages and covering topics such as:

- Self -care for parents and carers
- Supporting your child when they start a new school
- What to do when your child is being bullied
- Parental awareness of self harm
- Worries and anxiety (including simple coping strategies)
- Helping children with friendship issues
- Laugh your way to stronger connections
- Understanding the teenage brain
- 10 ideas to boost family wellbeing
- Top tips to help improve children's sleep

## How to sign up

To get your full and free access (lasting until 31st July 2026) follow this link:

www.creativeeducation.co.uk/headstart-kernow-parents





Find more about family wellbeing on the Headstart Website www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers











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and a

Hot Meal for FSM Children

Hayle Academy
St Ives Secondary School
Helston Community College
St Mary's Catholic Penzance





Silent Disco
Dodgeball
Tennis
Football
Cricket
Rugby
Bike Riding
Arts and Crafts
and so much more



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AGES 5-16



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# 3 DAY SPORTS CAMP



RIGHT ON RUGBY COACHING



BOYS & GIRLS



AGES 10 - 16

1 DAY = £30 2 DAY = £55 3 DAYS = £80

What is involved

- -Elite skills training
- Game environment challenges
  - -Multi-sport team games
  - Truro RFC
  - April 07 | 08 | 09
  - 9am 2pm

- Falmouth RFC
- # April 16 | 17 | 18
- **9am-2pm**



**EMAIL TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!** 

RIGHTONRUGBYCOACHING@GMAIL.COM

# 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	See saw
their homework	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 <u>drusga@fgbschools.co.uk</u>

# 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** 



