



**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



Dear Parents,

We have had another great week. Thank you to all who were able to attend Mrs Gilman's meeting on the introduction of the new phonic scheme; 'Little Wandle'. Please don't hesitate to ask questions to find out more!

There has also been lots of continued discussion around, '**What makes a good learner**' and this week the children have voted on an animal to represent each one. (ie Resilient Rhino and Curious Cat!) It's been super to see all ages discussing these skills in their own learning.

I also had the opportunity to share the work that we have been undertaking around our curriculum with Will Herman (the AnDaras CEO) on Tuesday. It was really positive and I look forward to sharing this more with you as the term progresses! Feel free to look at the website to find out more.

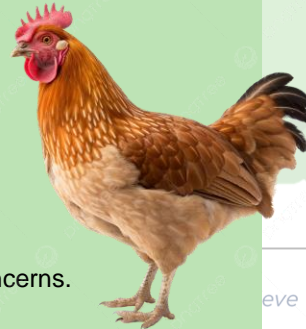
One of the highlights of my week was leading the first 'Eco Club' session of the year! An impressive seventeen children attended, from Reception to Year 6. All of whom were passionate about plans for the future to enable us to be more sustainable and promote greater biodiversity. This club is very much going to be led by the children and they have some big plans - fantastic! However, I may be seeking advice for a few of their proposals!

There has been lots of excited discussion around having some hens in school. I would love this as the benefits for the children are significant. However, I may need to seek some advice from anyone with some expertise. Please get in touch if you could offer any advice, support in purchasing a suitable enclosure / house, support in caring for them during holiday periods. Thank you!

Next week, our Year 5s are going on their residential. I will be spending both nights with them – and am hopeful for a little sleep?! We wish them a fantastic time!

As you are aware, we are now officially 'AnDaras Trust'. Although you may not have experienced any noticeable changes, there is lots of work going on behind the scenes and it's an exciting time for all!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any queries or concerns.  
Best wishes Mrs Davies [head@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk)



## Dates for Your Diary

1<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 5 residential to Kelly College Outdoor Centre.

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATS week

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 5 residential

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May -Year 6 residential to Bristol

4<sup>th</sup> June – Moor Tribe Day (more information to follow)

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> June – Y1,2,3,4 Swimming – Bude Leisure Centre

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y1,2,3,4 camp on the school grounds

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Y5,6 camp on the school grounds

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leaver's day / last day of term

(More dates to follow)

## Forthcoming events

1<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 5 residential to Kelly College Outdoor Centre

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



### Acorn / Birch

Lauren  
Emilia  
Sofia



### Chestnuts –

Sybil  
Caiden  
Ella

### Whole School to Date

94.6%

Acorns  
This Week

100%

Birch  
This Week

76.19%

Chestnut  
This Week

99.46%

## Useful Information

### Safeguarding

- All children have a right to be safe, no matter who they are or what their circumstances.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are concerned about a child, please speak to one of the Designated safeguarding Leads. If a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.



**Katherine Davies**  
Safeguarding Lead



**Jane Gilman**  
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

### Useful numbers

Early Help Hub	01872 322277
Citizens Advice	0344 411 1444
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Addiction: Drug and Alcohol support	01579 340616 (24hrs)
Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 123 1116 (If you are concerned about a child's safety)

## School Clubs

### Breakfast Club:

At Boyton, we are really lucky to have a fantastic Breakfast Club run by Tracy or Mrs Billing. Children can be dropped off from 8.15am and have a choice of breakfasts including cereals, toast, etc. It costs £2 a session. If you would like to book your child in, please let Mrs Basford in the school office know.

[secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk)

### After School Clubs Summer Term 2024:

#### Monday

Outdoor Learning – Mrs Kinver

#### Wednesday

Eco / Sustainability club – Mrs Davies / Mrs Gilman or Miss Kinver!

#### Thursday

Mountain biking club - Caja

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

What another amazing week of learning in Acorns and Birch class this week!

In maths, Acorns have been finding lots of different ways to make numbers beyond 10 and Birch children have been learning to tell the time! Ask us to tell you what time it is over the weekend, please!

Birch children have been learning how to create their own information for an encyclopedia page and we looked at some encyclopedias, described as *the old Google* by some children! Acorns have been doing an amazing job with their learning of new vocabulary during Drawing Club with Mrs. Billing – well done everyone!

Our reading has been amazing during phonics and guided reading this week, as well as our spelling of words with digraphs and trigraphs!

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home – this really does have a huge impact on their learning.

As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Gilman





# Chestnut Class Update

Chestnuts have had a great week! In English, we have been describing settings related to the 'Baker by the Sea' story, using metaphors, similes and personification. The children have also explored impactful vocabulary and how it can be used to create different images.

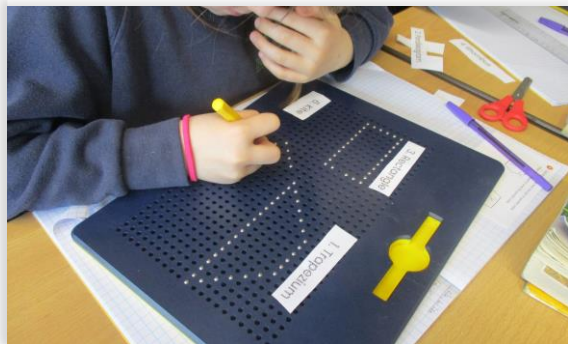
In Maths, the children have been consolidating their knowledge on finding angles and investigating 3D shape, identifying properties and comparing to nets.

During their P.E lessons, the children have started looking at OAA ( Outdoor Adventure) where they had to complete an ordnance survey jigsaw and use a basic map with the correct orientation to find cones. It was great fun!

The Y3/4s have just started a new topic in Science - investigating light. The Y5/6s are starting a focus on 'Forces' and investigated measuring mass in Newtons.

We're really looking forward to seeing their research/ creations on 'Iron Age Hillforts'. It's been great chatting to the children about their plans and efforts!

We wish you a super weekend!



## ESafety

# Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions about DIGITAL LIVES

## DISCUSS THAT NOT EVERYTHING WE SEE ONLINE IS REAL

Here, you could give examples from your own digital life of the online world versus reality – for example, those Instagram posts which show the perfect house: spotlessly clean, never messy and immaculately decorated. Explain to your child that there are many other aspects of the online world which are also deliberately presented in an unrealistic way for effect – such as someone's relationship, their body, having perfect skin and so on.

## TRY TO REMAIN CALM

As much as possible, try to stay calm even if your child tells you about an online experience that makes you feel angry or fearful. Our immediate emotions frequently influence the way we talk, so it's possible that your initial reaction as a parent or carer could deter a child from speaking openly about what they've seen. Give yourself time to consider the right approach, and perhaps speak with other family members or school staff while you are considering your next steps.

The online world is an entirely familiar and commonplace part of life for today's children and young people, far more so than for previous generations. There are many positives to children being able to access online materials, so it's important not to demonise the internet, games and apps, and limit the benefit of their positive aspects. At the same time, we do have a responsibility to educate children about the hazards they may encounter online (just as we would about real-world dangers) so it's essential that we don't shy away from talking to them about the complex – and often sensitive – subject of what they do and what they see when they're online.

## MAKE YOUR INTEREST CLEAR

Showing enthusiasm when you broach the subject signals to your child that you're keen to learn about the positives of their online world. Most children enjoy educating adults and will happily chat about what they use the internet for, or what games and apps they're into and how these work. Asking to see their favourite games and apps in action could help you spot any aspects that may need your attention – such as chat functions which might require a settings adjustment to limit contact with strangers. Keep listening even if your child pauses for a long time: they could be considering how to phrase something specific, or they may be gauging your reaction.

## BE OPEN AND HONEST, APPROPRIATE TO THEIR AGE

At various stages, children and young people become curious about puberty and how their body changes; about relationships; about how babies are made; and about sexual health. If your child knows that they can discuss these sensitive subjects with you, they tend to be less likely to go looking online for answers – which can often provide them with misleading information and, in some cases, lead to them consuming harmful content. Don't worry if you don't immediately know the answers to their questions – just find out for yourself and go back to them once you have the facts.



# Parent Workshop

Do you feel overly anxious about your child's situation?  
Do you worry about the future and the 'what ifs' around their world?  
Do you feel the need to fix or resolve all their 'stuff' for them?  
Do you ever feel like you don't really listen to each other?

Clarity Coach Marie Arymar is promoting a short online programme being run with Jack Pransky, international best-selling author of *'Parenting From The Heart'*.

This online programme is not about being a 'better' parent or a 'how to' on parenting.

It's an exploration how the mind works and specifically as the role of the parent/carer: for example deeply loving; listening; able to just BE with our children moment to moment.

This understanding creates a sense of ease; instead of that anxious feeling of worry about our children; their behaviours, their futures and all the other noise that seems to get in the way of feeling connected together.

This programme could change the way we see relationships at home and how we communicate with each other.

Wouldn't that be great?!

This programme is made up of four online sessions, each lasting 90-minutes.

All sessions will be recorded, so you won't miss any even if you can't attend all four.

Cost: £84 (in total)

All session start times: 6.30pm

## Dates:

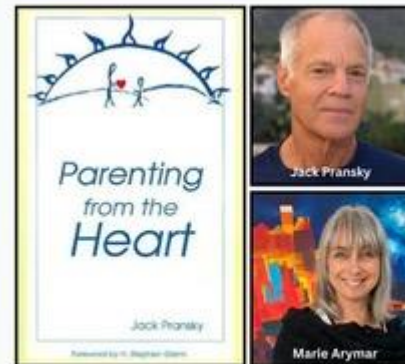
**Thursday 13th June**

**Thursday 20th June**

**Thursday 27th June**

**and Wednesday 3rd July 2024**

The link is attached here: <https://lu.ma/9w8hbjry>





# Spring Menu

	WEEK 1				WEEK 2				WEEK 3			
	16/04/2024	07/05/2024			22/04/2024	13/05/2024			29/04/2024	20/05/2024		
M O N D A Y	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza Diced Herby Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans  Chocolate Chip Muffins				Burger in a Bun Potato Wedges, Baked beans, Sweetcorn. Veggie Burger in a Bun  Strawberry Mousse				Southern fried Chicken Goujons Diced Herby Potatoes, peas, Baked beans Cheese & Tomato Pizza  Choc Chip Cookies			
T U E S D A Y	Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake  Ice Cream & Fruit Salad				Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with spaghetti Peas & Sweetcorn. Quorn mince in rich tomato sauce with spaghetti  Homemade Chocolate Brownie				Sausage & Mash Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.  Chocolate Mousse			
W E D N E S D A Y	Roast Gammon, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage , Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.  Homemade chocolate crispie				Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg Quorn Chicken Pieces.  Jelly & Fruit salad				Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal veg Quorn Sausage Toad in the hole  Ice Cream & Strawberry sauce			
T H U R S D A Y	Homemade Sausage Rolls New Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Quorn Sausage Roll  Jelly & Cream				Homemade Cheese & Onion quiche or Cheese & Ham quiche New Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn  ice cream & Toffee sauce				Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza curly Fries, Baked Beans, sweetcorn.  Vanilla Muffins			
F R I D A Y	Breaded Fish Chips , baked beans , peas Cheese and tomato pizza  Choc Chip Cookies				Fish Fingers Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn Pasta Bake  Choc chip cookies				Chicken Goujons & Chips Quorn Sausage & Chips Baked beans, peas.  Homemade Chocolate Brownie			

# School Calendar 2023/2024

## Cornwall Council

### 2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2023						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

#### School holidays

#### Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

December 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

#### AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023  
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

#### SPRING TERM (55 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024  
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

#### SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024  
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

March 2024						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
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April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tue	4	11	18	25		
Wed	5	12	19	26		
Thurs	6	13	20	27		
Fri	7	14	21	28		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.