



**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



Dear Parents,

Wow, what a fantastic first week back we've had! There has been a really industrious atmosphere around the school and I've been really impressed with how quickly children have settled into slightly new routines with their new teachers.

We started the week with an assembly around '**What makes a good learner**'. Working in groups, there was lots of really super discussion. This theme is something that we will be developing this term and embedding into our classroom routines. The top five characteristics chosen by the children so far include: 'curious, reflective, resilient, resourceful and likes a challenge' - great stuff!

On Wednesday, the Year 6s attended an online meeting about 'Sustainability and Climate Education' with several other schools in the Andaras Trust. Again, I was really proud of how confidently all contributed. We have decided that our Year 5s and 6s are going to be our 'Sustainability Ambassadors' and, amongst other jobs, are going to be involved in leading a 'youth action' project which promotes sustainability in our school. I'm sure you will be hearing from them soon! We are also going to run a Sustainability club after school on a Wednesday – which will be open to all ages.

Today, in the hope of some sunny days ahead, we had a visit from the RNLI to learn about beach safety. The children made some really well considered contributions to the assembly.

We have a great term ahead with exciting events to look forward to – one of which includes working with Sophie, a local artist who will be working with all the children on a whole school printing project! Huge thanks again to the PTA for contributing to this (and for purchasing books for our Writing scheme!)

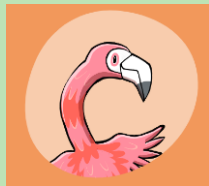
Finally, with our merge to AnDaras Trust, you will notice that our emails will change. We will still receive any emails sent to the old email address for the time being.

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)





We're teaching  
every child to  
read with



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A complete SSP validated by  
the Department for Education

# Parent Workshop

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm

All parents of children in Reception,  
Year 1 and 2 welcome!

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Beach safety assembly (RNLI)

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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Little Wandle Parent meeting – 2.30pm

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

Please can consent forms been returned asap. Thank you



## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch** Edith, Nathan and George.



**Chestnuts** – Logan, Zara and Riley

Whole School to Date	93.77%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	83.33%
Chestnut This Week	96.88%

## 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

### 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

It's been a fantastic first week back for Acorn and Birch Class! Acorns have started the summer term off with a new approach to their learning! We are making every opportunity an adventure by trying to use our imaginations (described as "lots of pictures floating around in our heads" by Edith) to take us on a journey to wherever we want to go! George made a dragon and put it into a dark cave (the toy microwave) and Nathan made a special golden basket (a plastic container) to store his dragon food (a pile of sticks) in! What great imaginations! We're looking forward to seeing where our adventures might take us over the weekend!

Birch children have been looking for hiding dragons and then using positional language to describe where they found them, such as behind the door, under the table and above the soap, inspired by the book 'The Dragon Machine'.

In maths, Acorns have been building numbers beyond 10 and Birch have been learning about clockwise and anti-clockwise turns.

Please ask us about Reu-bin and Shush, two new members of our class!

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Gilman



We  
found  
a toad!

Shush  
time!





# Chestnuts Class Update

Mrs Kinver and I have been really impressed with Chestnuts this week. The hook for our new Literacy Tree text, 'The Baker by the sea', started with cooking on Tuesday! This week they've been investigating using persuasive devices in their writing, plus using role play/freeze frames today to develop their understanding of the context of the story. They have written super 1<sup>st</sup> person accounts, using cohesive devices and wonderful detail.

In Maths, we've been looking at angles. (Y3/4 – types of angles and Y5/6 – angles in a line and in a triangle. Check out this website to investigate it more. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zb6tyrd>

We've also introduced our new History topic, 'Iron-age hill-forts'. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's research on this. This can take any form; a powerpoint, a film, a model, a factsheet.

We have also started a new Art focus this week, 'Telling stories through drawings and making'...it's going to be a good one! Today we have been looking at the work of the illustrator; Inbal Leitner and Rosie Hurley – a sculptor.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any questions or queries.  
Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs Davies



# Online Safety



PARENTS HELPSHEET: PRIMARY

**Thinkuknow: keeping your child safe online while they are off school**

Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from CEOP, the online child protection command of the National Crime Agency.

[https://school-learningzone.co.uk/documents/%5B405524%5DThink\\_u\\_Know\\_-\\_Parents\\_Help\\_Sheet\\_-\\_Primary.pdf](https://school-learningzone.co.uk/documents/%5B405524%5DThink_u_Know_-_Parents_Help_Sheet_-_Primary.pdf)

- 1. Explore together:** Ask your child to show you their favourite websites and apps and what they do on them. Listen, show interest and encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.
- 2. Chat little and often about online safety:** If you're introducing them to new learning websites and apps while school is closed, take the opportunity to talk to them about how to stay safe on these services and in general. Ask if anything ever worries them while they're online. Make sure they know that if they ever feel worried, they can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust.
- 3. Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried:** This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.
- 4. Be non-judgemental:** Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm, loving support.
- 5. Supervise their online activity:** Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as in the living room or kitchen where an adult is able to supervise. Children of this age should not access the internet unsupervised in private spaces, such as alone in a bedroom or bathroom.
- 6. Talk about how their online actions affect others:** If your child is engaging with others online, remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something. If they are considering sharing a photo/video of somebody else, they should always ask permission first.
- 7. Use 'SafeSearch':** Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.
- 8. Parental controls:** Use the parental controls available on your home broadband and all internet enabled devices in your home. You can find out more about how to use parental controls by visiting your broadband provider's website.



# **The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) invites you to book your place on our Peer Mentoring Workshop**



**A single, hour-long workshop aimed at parents/carers  
to introduce the MHST Peer Mentoring scheme to help  
Year 6 students with their transition to secondary  
school in September**

**Upcoming Sessions online**

**Monday 29th April at 9.30am**

**or**

**Thursday 2nd May at 11.00am**

**Please note: This group is open to parents of children in  
Year 6 only**

**To request a place, complete  
the online form or scan the  
QR code provided:**

**[https://forms.office.com/e/u  
SYYuwwzVqM](https://forms.office.com/e/uSYYuwwzVqM)**



**Sign up will close on Tuesday 23rd April**



# ALL ABOUT ME

My Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname? \_\_\_\_\_



Three words that describe me.

1-

2-

3-

Things I like to do outside of school  
(Hobbies and Interests)

Things that worry me about  
starting at my new school...

My Family

Something that winds me up is

Questions I have about  
starting at my new school

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My Favourite

School subject:

Book:

Food:

Sport:

Place to visit:

Colour:

Thing about school:

Music/singer/band:

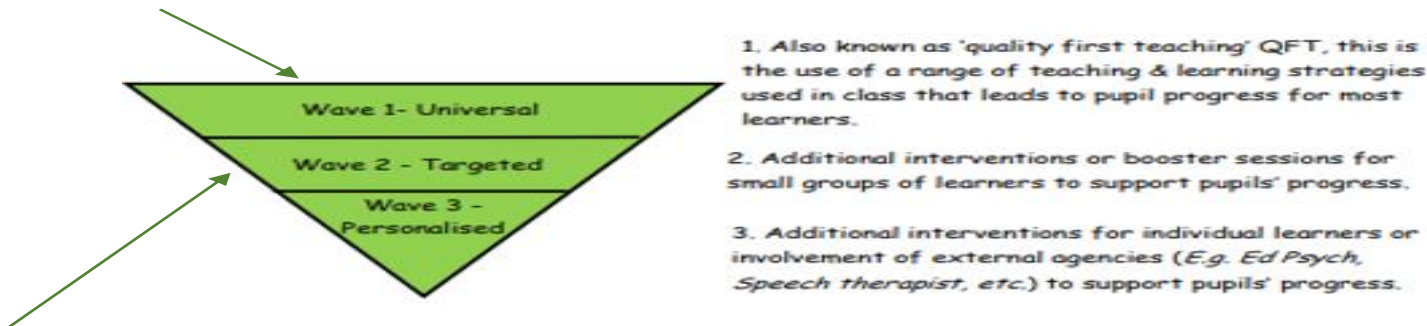
Others things you might like to  
know about me.



## SEN Corner

This month I wanted to share some information on the provision we offer and explain the different levels of support.

This is for all of our children



Some children will need wave 2 and will be in intervention groups.

Children who require a significant level of support from wave 2 and some wave 3 support which may include external professional support will be on the SEN register and part of the Assess, plan, do, review cycles which happens termly.

Information on support that we provide at each wave is on the school website in the SEN section.

# 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	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

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		8	15	22	29	
Fri		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.