



**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**



Dear Parents,

We've had a great week. The Year 5s/ 6s had a super time at the Woodland Skill Centre on Monday and came back buzzing! Clare, who runs it, is always so complimentary about the Boyton children. **Acorn and Birch** children are looking forward to their visit on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Please can they wear several layers and really warm clothes/hat etc. Thanks.

On Wednesday we had another visit from Neil Swait. Neil is an Ofsted inspector and has been visiting us as part of our school improvement journey. This time, his focus was on RE, Science and Design Technology. He was impressed with the depth of knowledge children displayed in his discussions with them about their learning - plus complimentary about what he saw books. Well done all!

Our contributions are nearly completed for the Andaras 'The Art Big Picture' exhibition in Launceston Town Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to visit. Read on for more information.

#### **Dates for the diary**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**– Reception/ Year 1s and 2s will be visiting the Woodland Skill Centre. Please can all children bring warm clothes/hat/ scarf / wellies and a packed lunch.

**World Book Day** is also coming up on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. This year, we're going to base it on the story, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt. Instead of dressing up as favourite book characters, this year, we would like the children to dress (head to foot – if possible!) in their favourite colour.

**Red Nose Day** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March (more information to follow)

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any questions or concerns. We wish you a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mrs Davies [head@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk)

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Acorns/ Birch trip to the Woodland Skill Centre

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parent Meetings from 1.10pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – PTA Easter bingo!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – last day of term

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term resumes

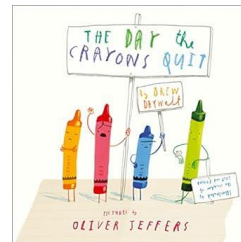
13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATS week

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

## Forthcoming events

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day!!



## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch**

Percy George Edith



**Chestnut**

Ella

Liv

Riley

**Whole School to Date**

**94.5%**

Acorns  
This Week

**87.04%**

Birch  
This Week

**96.43%**

Chestnut  
This Week

**97.3%**

## 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 Ms Walker. 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 Davies know.

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

### After School Clubs Spring 2 Term 2024:

#### Monday

Film Club

#### Tuesday

Craft Club *Limited to 12*

#### Thursday

Cycling / Mountain biking

# Managing Screen time from Internet Matters

Are you worried your child has too much screentime or would like more advice on how to support your child in managing their screen time? Internet Matters have a wealth of information on their website to help support you.

This first link discusses how to get the most out of screen time and how to talk to your child about screen time based on their age:

- <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/protect-your-child>

## Online Safety

For more information, read our monthly online safety newsletter!

## Does your child need a mobile phone?

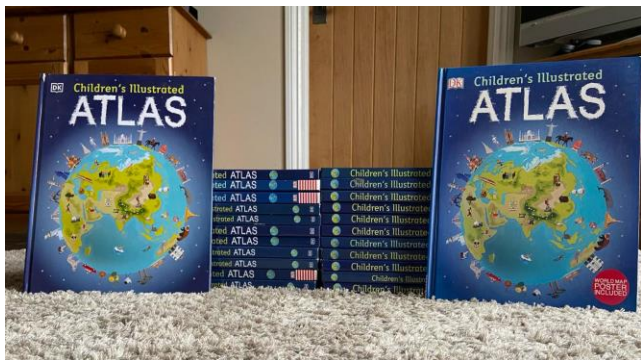
If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find this article from Family Lives useful as it discusses things you need to consider:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/health-and-development/does-your-child-need-a-mobile-phone>

# PTA Update

## Round-up

Thank you for your continued support and generosity in fundraising for the PTA. This week we have supplied the school with 24 Atlases.



## Future Events

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00 p.m. Bingo!

June – Bags2Schools – Start collecting!!!

**For more info visit our Facebook Page:  
Boyton PTA Events**





# The 'Art' Big Picture

A Schools Together Event

Hosted by An Daras Trust



Launceston Town Hall

Tuesday 12th March 2024

FREE PUBLIC ENTRY 1.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 13th March 2024

FREE PUBLIC ENTRY 9-3PM

Tavistock Parish Hall

Wednesday 24th March 2024

FREE PUBLIC ENTRY 1.30-4.30pm

Thursday 25th March 2024

FREE PUBLIC ENTRY 9-3PM



## FREE TODDLER ART EVENT

Tuesday 12th March 10-11am at Launceston Town Hall

Wednesday 24th March 10-11am at Tavistock Parish Hall

Sign up via Eventbrite.

*ther we nurture, together we achieve*

Boyton Primary School

# PTA Update

## Round-up

We had a good turnout of parents at our AGM on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January. Lots of fundraising ideas were discussed.

Roles:

Chairperson:	Justine Rolfe
Vice Chairperson:	Louise Cann
Treasurer:	Gemma Horrell
Secretary:	Lesley Martyn-Uglow

## Future Events

Next Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. Boyton (Venue TBC) Please let someone know if you would like to attend.

Everyone welcome!

Please come along and help us draw up a plan of events and fundraising goals for the coming year.

**Please see our Facebook Page for further details of each event:**

**Boyton PTA Events**

# Make a Difference Become a Parent Governor



## Why become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Head of School and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all the children.

As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come.

This voluntary role can be challenging yet extremely rewarding and is a great way to build on your personal and professional skills. You will be supported in the role through training and mentoring allowing you to use your knowledge and experience to the full extent.

## What will you do?

You will work with the Local Governing Body (LGB) to develop the school's vision and priorities, review educational performance and make strategic decisions.

Parent Governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to Governors meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

Local governor meetings are held three times a year and may be combined with school visits focused on school priorities. You will receive reports from the headteacher and senior leaders and need to be able to question, challenge and support decisions. You will also be expected to visit the school as a governor which can be a quite different experience to visiting as a parent!

The governing body operates a code of conduct which sets an ethos of professionalism and high expectations of governors.

## What are we looking for?

We need enthusiastic and committed parents from a variety of backgrounds. You do not need leadership or education experience; just a desire to give back to the school and its community and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

## Next steps

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Julia Stoneman Clerk to the Governors at [clerkjstoneman@gmail.com](mailto:clerkjstoneman@gmail.com)

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

There has been some great learning in Acorn and Birch Class this week! We are loving using 'LiteracyTree' as the stimulus for our writing. Children are writing everyday and it's great seeing their confidence and stamina growing!



Reception children have also been loving Drawing club! They have been using 'Supertato' as their stimulus. They have demonstrated wonderful imagination! This week, we have been encouraging the children to write simple captions. It's been super seeing them beginning to apply their phonics in writing several words.

We have also had a very exciting delivery of Little Wandle phonics resources this week! We're really excited about introducing it next week and we will let you know a date for a parent session to share it with you!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any concerns or queries. Wishing you a lovely weekend. Miss Cartmell and Mrs Davies



# Chestnuts Class Update

Chestnuts have had a great week of learning! We have used the book "FARThER" as our writing root and have been producing some great descriptive pieces, using noun phrases and relative pronouns.

In maths, we have been measuring lengths accurately and finding the perimeter of 2D shapes, as well as drawing our own shapes from a given perimeter.

We had a great music lesson with Mr Harrison and have continued our dance in PE with Kaja.

As you can see from the photos, the year 5s and 6s enjoyed their day at the Woodlands Outdoor Learning Centre on Monday!

Thank you for your continued support with listening to your children read at home. Please add a comment or your initials in their reading records when they have read at home – thank you.

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

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Gilman



# 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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	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	8	15	22	29		

November 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed		8	15	22	29	
Thurs		9	16	23	30	
Fri		10	17	24		
Sat		11	18	25		
Sun		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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	10	17	24	31		

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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	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	1	10	17	24	31	
Sun	2	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.

# School Lunch Menu Second Half Spring Term

Everyday there is also the option of a **Jacket Potato** or **Tomato Pasta**