

**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024**



Dear Parents,

Wow – what a treat to have this lovely weather this week. The children have loved being able to play on the field at lunchtime again. It's been great seeing lots with sun-cream and hats, but please encourage your child to bring some in (labelled) if the weather continues to stay good.

We have had a super week. Miss Parker has been working with Mrs Billing to help develop the outdoor area this week. The children have been fantastic! They have really been embracing their new zones, the expectations within them and we have been observing some really imaginative play in the mud kitchen, water play, den building etc etc!

Chestnuts have been inspired by a new text this week for their writing, 'Paradise Sands' by Levi Pinfold. This is another cracking with really powerful illustrations and imagery inspiring some great figurative writing.

I've also been really impressed with the enthusiasm children are showing for their learning. Amongst other ways, this has been demonstrated through the wonderful models/ research brought in by Chestnut children over the past few weeks, plus some incredibly detailed power points created by Bella and Zara this week!

We have also been really reflecting on our learning behaviours. It's been super seeing children using the language for example, 'I've been a 'resourceful red squirrel' as I've been using resources around the classroom to help me with my learning!

Finally, next week, our lovely Year 6s will be starting their KS2 SATS. They have worked incredibly hard in preparation and we wish them all the best. They are all welcome to come to breakfast club for free – for extra breakfast next week!

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

## Dates for Your Diary

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

12<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day

15<sup>th</sup> June – School Fete

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y1,2,3,4 Swimming – Bude Leisure Centre (Note change of date)

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

### 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATS week – please can all children be in school. Thank you.

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch** Lauren, George & Sofia



**Chestnuts –** Zara ,Bella & Reeva

<b>Whole School to Date</b>	<b>97.73%</b>
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	79.59
Chestnut This Week	100%

## 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

# Chestnut Class Update

In Chestnut Class this week in English, we have started a new text and explored how the pictures can help create images. Children have made predictions and inferences, plus used wonderful figurative language to write an introduction..

In Maths, the children have been learning about bar charts and how to interpret line graphs. They have compared and contrasted different graphs to solve word problems relating to the data. Their use of mathematical vocabulary has been really strong.

In Science the Year 3s and 4s have investigated how shadows are formed and the impact of a light being shone through opaque, translucent or transparent materials. During their focus on forces, the Year 5s and 6s have been investigating the impact of air resistance on parachutes. They gathered data and drew conclusions from this.

We have loved our Computing focus! We have continued to learn how to code 'sprites' to make their characters move and make a sound. We've also been investigating websites to identify key features. Lots of budding website designers this week!



# Acorns/ Birch Class

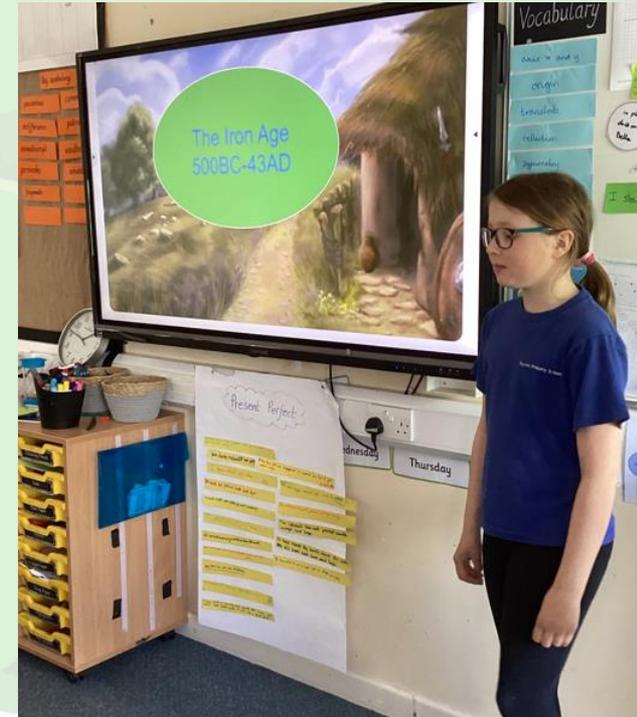
The Reception children have demonstrated great learning in their outdoor classroom this week!



Bella and Zara presentations on Iron Age Britain – so informative and such a confident use of PowerPoint from both!

• Iron Age hill forts were made to house people. The forts had a flat top surface and there were huts on top of it. The people of Iron Age Britain did live in huts on top of hill forts. The hill had a big wooden fence on top, it was made from tree trunks

# Hill Forts



## SEN Corner

Some of our children struggle with Proprioception.

This is the body awareness sense, it helps us understand the position and movements of our limbs and trunks, the effort, the force and the heaviness.

Here are a few activities you could try with children to improve proprioception.

### What is Proprioception?

Proprioception is the **body awareness sense**. It helps with:

Knowing where our body parts are



Scratching an itch and knowing where to scratch without looking



Touching hands to feet, also known as "finding your feet"

Understanding how much force to use



Using a pencil with the proper amount of force



Holding a delicate item without breaking it

Coordination between body parts and senses



Riding a bike and coordinating the movements to stay on track



Using hand-eye coordination to catch a ball

#### Proprioception activities

Marching



Running



Sit ups



Crab walking



Stack chairs



Blow bubbles



Water plants



Climb stairs



Play catch



Rope tug



Bounce on a hopper



Push a wheelbarrow



Ride a bike



Bubble wrap walk



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

## RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction – which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

# JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

**Create a play in a day!**

**Work with professional directors, choreographers,  
a musical director and makers to turn Jason's  
valiant journey into a play on the Minack stage!**

**June 22nd 10am  
Ages 7-11  
Performance 5pm  
Free to participants**



**For more information or to book visit  
[Minack.com](http://Minack.com) or email [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)**

Play in a Day on June 22nd,  
it's free to participate in and  
the day will be based on  
Jason and the Argonauts.  
For more information,  
please head to [Jason and  
the Argonauts - PIAD |  
Minack Theatre](#)

EMAIL: JOSHUA.CHALK@PAFC.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION

# ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

## 2024-2025 SEASON

**UNDER 10 | UNDER 11 | UNDER 12 | UNDER 13**



Be part of it.

**PAFC Girls Advanced Development Centre Open Trials:**  
**Wednesday 7th August - Under 10's & Under 12's.**  
Launceston College 3G Pitch, PL15 9HH.  
**Thursday 8th August - Under 11's & Under 13's.**  
Launceston College 3G Pitch, PL15 9HH.

# 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	31	

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
Thurs			2	9	16	23
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	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		

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	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

#### AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

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

#### SPRING TERM (56 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)

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.