

**Boyton Primary School**

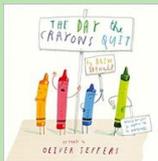
# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

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



Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week we've had! Despite horrendous weather, our Acorn and Birch children were a pleasure to take to the Woodland Skill Centre on Monday. We had a great time - playing team games, making bird feeders and decorating flags etc!



Everyone also looked fantastic yesterday for World Book Day! Thank you for your effort in helping with costumes! We had a great day – sharing favourite books, making reading superheroes, undertaking reading scavenger hunts etc!

Please read on for information about the Andaras 'The Art Big Picture' exhibition in Launceston Town Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>/ Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We are exhibiting our weavings – so do pop in and visit if you're in town. All are welcome!

We're introducing lots of new learning opportunities at the moment and the children are really enjoying it! 'Literacy Tree' is proving to be an exciting way to teach English – units are all linked to a high quality book and children get the opportunity to write daily in different genres....good stuff!

We've also launched 'Little Wandle' - our new phonics scheme this week. This is also proving to be super with daily reading opportunities for all. It's a real treat to have lots of new books and resources!! We will let you know a date for a parent session soon.

Just to remind you, **parent meetings will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** and will run all day for Chestnut's class and the afternoon for Acorns/Birch class. If the times available aren't convenient, please do chat to your child's class teacher and organise a different slot.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any worries 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

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

- Y5/6 Wild Tribe Leadership Award

- Y6 Meet with Mr Lyle from Launceston College

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Meetings from 9am

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 14<sup>th</sup> March – PGL day for all children!

*(All need to come to school in their PE kits please)*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day – where something red!

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch**

Martha Jacob Rosie



**Chestnut**

Logan Ryan Zara

<b>Whole School to Date</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
Acorns This Week	89.8%
Birch This Week	72.3%
Chestnut This Week	92.93%

## 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



# 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.

*together we nurture, together we achieve*

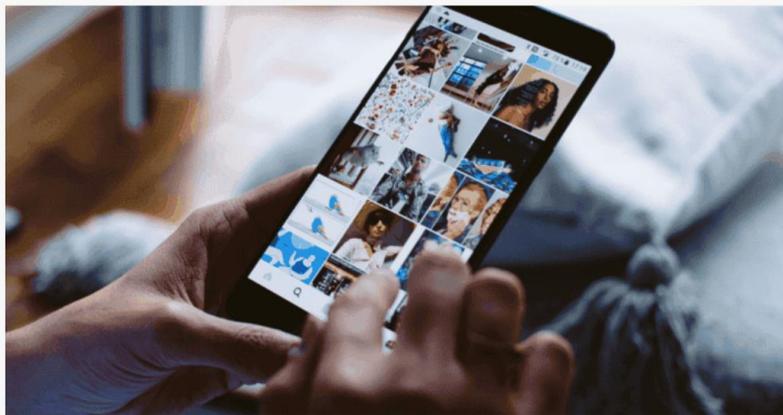
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# Online Safety – how to keep our children safe when sharing photos/videos online.



Internet Matters Team | May 28th, 2019

Internet Matters supports parents and professionals with comprehensive resources and expert guidance to help them navigate the ever-changing world of child internet safety.



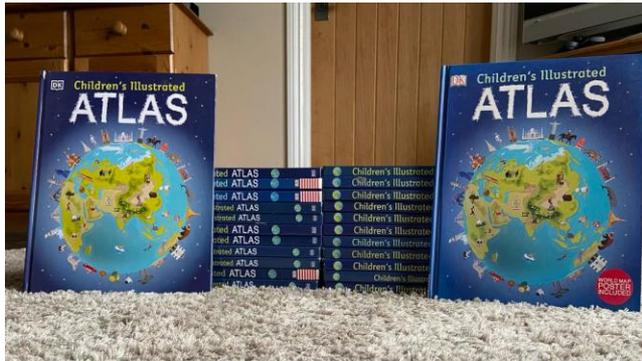
What is the best way to encourage young people to understand consent when it comes to sharing videos, memes, and images online? Antonia shares her experience and tips that have helped her support her teenaged daughters.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/parent-stories/online-consent-images-sharing-mum-shares-challenges-of-teaching-teens-to-share-safely/>

# 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**



**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation



Boyton Primary School  
Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

 PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

 When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 25th June 2024 by 9am

 01409 780 222  www.bag2school.com  info@bag2school.com

# 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

We have had a super week! It started with our trip to the Woodland Skill Centre at Lowtrenchard. We were so impressed with how confidently all the children embraced the different activities!! They played a great caterpillar game which encouraged them to work as a team.

The children are really enjoying our History focus. This week, we compared types of communication during WW1 and today. Inspired by this, we're also working on a wonderful dance with Caja. We would love to invite you to come and watch in a couple of weeks.

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 done some amazing learning in English this week! We have been identifying adverbials of time (such as *yesterday*, *last week* and *finally*) and have started using these in our writing to make links between our paragraphs.

In maths, the year 3s and 4s have been learning about the area of shapes and the year 5s and 6s have started to learn about the volume of 3D shapes.

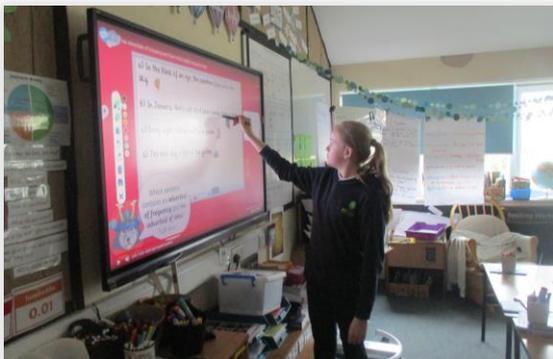
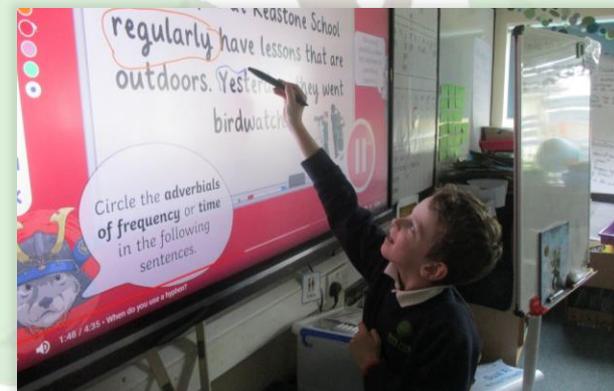
We have enjoyed learning about the Trojan Horse and been able to link this across our history, art and PE curriculums, which is helping to gain a deep understanding of the ancient Greeks.

Today, we had a special visit from two of Bella and Sybil's lambs; it was great to learn about how they are looked after!

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	1	8	15	22
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

October 2023				
Mon	2	9	16	23
Tue	3	10	17	24
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

November 2023				
Mon		6	13	20
Tue		7	14	21
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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

January 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
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
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
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

April 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
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
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
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
Sun	2	9	16	23

July 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
Wed	3	10	17	24
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
Fri	2	9	16	23
Sat	3	10	17	24
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.

## MARCH 2024

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Marie Curie Coffee morning</b> Bring & Buy Cake Stall, Books, bric a brac, Raffle At The Church Hall 10am-12md (Everyone welcome)
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Just for Fun Table Tennis</b> At the Church Hall 7.30pm (Everyone welcome)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> At the Methodist Church 10.00am (Everyone welcome)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mobile Library</b> Opposite the Methodist Church 11.50am -12.10pm
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Boyton Parish Council AGM</b> Church Hall 7.30pm (Everyone welcome)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> At the Church Hall 10.00am (Everyone welcome)
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ladies Skittles</b> At the Church Hall 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Just for Fun Table Tennis</b> At the Church Hall 7.30pm (Everyone welcome)
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Boyton Countryside's Trip</b> Lunch at Pandora's Inn (near Falmouth) Further details available from Denise 07976 327096 New members welcome
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> At the Methodist Church 10.00am (Everyone welcome)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Family Bingo</b> Boyton Primary School Fundraiser At the Church Hall Doors open 6.30pm (Everyone welcome)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> At the Church Hall 10.00am (Everyone welcome)
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Service</b> At the Methodist Church 11.00 Led by Sheila Burt (Everyone welcome)

## Dates for Boyton Community

Dates for April 2024 diary to [janetrolfe@gmail.com](mailto:janetrolfe@gmail.com) no later than 26<sup>th</sup> March please

Save the Date....

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** A BIG BREAKFAST EVENT MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

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