



Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers

There has been so much to celebrate in school over the past week and it is wonderful to include so many sporting celebrations in the Newsletter also.

The Year Five children had a fantastic camp at BF Adventures and took part in many activities such as quarry steering, catapult, climbing, problem solving as well as the Temple Run. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and impressed the staff and residential staff with their manners and super resilience. This has been quite the week for Year Five, as they have been working hard on their Greenpower car also, so we will do a bumper edition of photos next week of both camp and the Goblin Greenpower event that the children will attend tomorrow.

As we are creeping towards the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to check ParentPay and ensure that your child's residential has been paid for. There is a lot of money still outstanding, and **school is unable to absorb the cost of this**. No child will ever be excluded from attending a residential because of funds, and we always offer the opportunity to speak with the Headteacher about this before your child goes on residential should you find the amount challenging to pay. Unlike other trips and visits, it is the expectation that the full amount of the residential is paid by all parents. If we don't collect sufficient payments for the residentials by the summer term, it puts future residentials at risk which is the last thing we want for our children. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Best wishes
Miss Lock

Year Four have been learning about the essential skills needed for different careers. This week we were looking at 'Team work'. The children enjoyed working with each other to create a poster detailing how important it is to listen, share and encourage each other in all tasks.



Community Acts of Kindness – Pacific Cycles

A few weeks ago, we were delighted to received 80 helmets and 15 new scooters that were donated by Pacific Cycles who are sadly removing their business from the UK. They wanted all unsold stock to go to good causes and schools. We are very grateful for this incredible donation and we will certainly make good use of the new equipment in school. Thank you to Mr Green for letting us know about this and for arranging delivery of the new gear.

Family Learning Opportunities

We are excited to tell you that we have a new programme of 'Family Learning' courses starting in the new academic year - relaxed, informal sessions for parents and carers to attend here at the school on topics to help you support your child's learning and development. Some sessions will be parents and children together, some will be just for the grown-ups.

Do you want the chance to chat, learn, share ideas and ask questions about your child's schooling, as well as drink coffee/tea, eat biscuits and socialise?

We can arrange family learning sessions on computer coding, literacy skills, ways to wellbeing, outdoor activities, maths methods...and more. All we need is YOUR interest!

What other parents said:

"We have learnt lots of ideas on how to make maths fun"

"I have gained a shared hobby and interest with my son" (computers)

"I have more confidence when helping my child"

"Thoroughly enjoyed learning again"

Case Study - Robotics in the Sunshine!
Mums of children at Boscastle Primary School have been having fun building computer-controlled robots and writing code to enable the machine to move about an area, using ultrasonic sensors to avoid collisions. This is based on the sensor technology found in cars, robotic lawnmowers and vacuum cleaners. Adult Ed's Family Learning Tutor, Ian Barnes, takes them patiently through each stage of the construction and coding process, then once the core skills have been established, the learners can get a bit creative. In the



photograph, the mums have designed their robots to move back and forth using the sensors to avoid the walls, eventually causing them to escape the compound created out of playground Lego. Here they have been joined by their children, who are shown by their parent how it is all done: there's nothing like teaching someone else to consolidate your own knowledge and understanding! One mum admitted that coding and robotics, "is not my thing...I didn't know anything to start...but now I understand it and can help my kids." These children could be the coders, designers and engineers of the future – and it all started with their mums on a 'family learning' course in the sunshine at Boscastle.

Reading

“ Today’s discussions have helped me to understand how children read and I feel more confident in being able to help my child with reading. ”

Writing

“ I have gained loads of information to help me support my children with improving and developing their writing skills. ”

Maths

“ Such an excellent course, with some great resources to take away with us. We have learnt lots of ideas on how to make maths fun. ”

Computers

“ I have gained a shared hobby and interest with my son. He has now learnt how to use the laptop responsibly because of this course. ”

“ The Family Learning courses that took place on Beacon ACE Academy school site were enormously beneficial for our parents and carers. To have courses on the school site was easy and convenient - it also encouraged people to attend who might otherwise not have felt brave enough to walk through the door for the first time. This led to bonding among the group so attendees were more likely to go on to other classes successfully. Parents/carers that attended Family Learning classes moved from groups such as Story Sacks on to studying English and maths; in one instance, a learner participated more in school life and now is a valued member of the school governing body. In our experience and from verbal feedback from our parents and carers, facilitators have been friendly and welcoming ”

Beacon ACE Academy

“ My daughter has been proud of me doing this course. ”



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What is Family Learning?

Family Learning is part of Cornwall Council Adult Education Service and as such, **adult learning is our focus.**

Engaging parents and carers in English and maths to support their children’s development is our strength and priority.

Our courses are often the springboard to further learning; we believe learning never stops!



In schools and family hubs we work with parents and carers, providing learning opportunities which promote language, literacy and numeracy skills through practical, easily-resourced activities. Our team of experienced tutors deliver **interesting and interactive courses** while nurturing a **safe, supportive and enjoyable learning environment.**

“ We have run successful Family Learning courses here at Archbishop Benson for 12 years and continue to commit to working with Cornwall Adult Education in order to support our families in supporting their children academically, socially and emotionally. Over the years our children have benefited from working in small groups and with their parents. Parents have benefited from gaining ideas to support their children at home, learning how the curriculum is taught and accessing further education for themselves. The sessions are always informal and fun, and fuelled by tea and biscuits! ”

Carolyn Power, Deputy Headteacher,
Archbishop Benson School

“ You can never have too much knowledge about parenting. ”

“ I have more confidence when helping my child. ”

“ Being able to discuss numbers and patterns with my child has been fantastic. ”

“ Thoroughly enjoyed learning again, especially out of my comfort zone. ”

“ I’m more able to support my child with letters and numbers. ”

“ Amazing and empowering to discover different ways of calculating. ”

Careers Survey – Can you help?

We have been lucky enough to be part of the Start Small, Dream Big project which focuses on careers linked to our learning in school.

The project's main aim is to expose children to a variety of jobs from all walks of life, so that they can make informed decisions and feel inspired about their future.

We would be very appreciative if you could take a few minutes to answer some questions about your own work and career and if you would be happy to come into school to support the children's learning, linked to your areas of expertise, in any capacity. This could be from holding an Assembly, to doing a small workshop with children, to even a chat with the class teacher so that we can be more informed on the topic.

Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions.

The link to the survey can be found [here](#).

Online Safety

Online safety remains at the forefront of our minds when we speak with children and find out what they are playing and accessing on devices outside of school. Here are a few helpful guides that we thought we would share with you:

Guide to generative AI for families and Upper KS2

<https://civility.roblox.com/resources/pdfs/genai-teens>

How to spot when a child has had too much screen time

<https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Screen-Time-and-Healthy-Balance-Quick-Activities.pdf>

WhatsApp guide for families

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Parents v Y6 Netball Match

Year 6 had their final netball session last Wednesday which had a little twist, as their parents came along to play against them.

The children warmed up their adults and gave them a quick run through of the rules before heading onto court. Mrs Polglase was very impressed with the Parents team, and believes that they did just clinch the win, however it must be noted that the Year 6s definitely had the cleaner game; the competitive sides of the adults came out for sure (not mentioning any names)! It was so much fun to watch and play. Thank you to all the parents for coming along.

A big thank you to all the Year 6 netball players - you have been wonderful. A huge thank you to Mrs Polglase for running the netball after school club and taking our children to various matches in the league, and a thank you also to Nina Wallace who has helped with netball club. It's been a brilliant couple of years!

Keep playing 😊
Mrs Polglase



Year 3 Cricket

On 11th July the Year 3 cricket team headed to Redruth Cricket Club. They had a great day of cricket and the Year 3s were all very keen to show off their cricket skills!

The children played 3 games and were unbeaten, meaning that they are now through to the finals. Go Devoran!

This is what the children said:

"It was super cool, we had so much fun and my favourite bit was bowling" by Elowyn

"Super cool! We did so well taking part and we are now going to the finals!" by Eddie

"We had fun and our highest score was 96 runs" by Arthur

"I liked batting so much" by Elodie

"It was a hot day and we never gave up" by Jess

"We hit the ball really far" by Toby



Quad Kids – Year 5 & 6

On 14th June we went back to Carn Brea Running Track with the Year 5 and 6s for their Quad Kids Event. The distances were slightly longer with the long distances at 600m, sprint at 75m

The children did brilliantly, and it was a great experience for them to run on the track. Our Devoran pupils represented the school well, with some children winning their races and events.

"It was very fun and I enjoyed it, everyone cheered each other on" by Megan

"It was really fun and my favourite was the sprint" by Henry

"It was hard but fun at the same time" by Elsie

"It was very enjoyable and it doesn't matter who wins as we just like taking part" by Alice

"It was fun no matter what place you came" by Joe

"It doesn't matter what place you come we enjoyed the day, it felt good coming 2nd in the sprint and 1st in the long jump" by Edie

"I think everyone that went did superbly and I hope the Year 5 do it again next year" by Jude

"I did better than I thought" by Edward





Y6 Cricket

Our Year 6 girls and boys cricket teams headed to Camborne Cricket Club to take part in the Cricket Open on Monday 17th June.

Both teams did brilliantly and came away with lots of wins by showing their great cricket skills and teamwork. The way the children organised themselves and supported each other was lovely to see. Milo was Team Captain for the boys and organised the team on the pitch brilliantly. The Year 6s always represent Devoran School exceptionally well when out on competitions and this event was no different. It was well deserved that both teams got through to the finals. The girls will play their County Finals at Mount Ambrose Cricket Club and the boys will play at Truro Cricket Club.

"We all had such an amazing time. We are very glad that we won our fixtures. I'm so glad I said yes to this opportunity - we had an awesome day!!! It was such a fun day everyone was so supportive, and it was great weather. We all enjoyed today and got some great hits, even though one of the teams we played was hard we played though and ended up winning.... We are going to compete in the Country Finals!!!!" By the Girls Team

"We won most of our games, so we are though to the finals. Everyone had fun even if they got caught or bowled out. Everyone should be happy they came. Everyone was so supportive" by Joe

As captain, I was very proud of Devoran's performance. We all worked well as a team, we all stayed positive and we are all looking forward to the finals" by Milo



Netball League

We are excited to announce that the Year 6 Netball Team with the addition of Isla Bell Year 5, achieved 2nd place in the Netball League this year!

This was a whole squad effort as we have so many players, which results in different people playing in various matches. All the team brought their absolute A-game to every game.

A particular proud point was when we played Archbishop Benson, having previously being thrashed by them the year before, the Devoran team gave them a really tough match and, although we didn't win, the score line was so close. It was a sensational game!

We are very proud of everything the team have achieved this year and we all wish you the best with your netball journeys as you leave for Secondary school. We hope you continue with netball!

We are looking forward to continuing the netball success with the current Year 4s and 5s next year. We will be welcoming new recruits in September so keep your eyes peeled for information in the new term!

