The Boreham Beacon

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Boreham Primary School

A Friendship School

'Daring to aim high, scale new heights, spread our wings and fly far'

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

EYFS: Poppy
Year 1: Ben
Year 2: Megan
Year 3B: Harry H
Year 3F: Oscar
Year 4: Archie
Year 5: Isabel
Year 6: Alicia

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

The class with the best attendance for week beginning the 9th March was 3B, 3F and 6H all with 99%.

HOUSE POINTS

House points for this week are:
Ben Nevis: 142
Everest: 170
Kilimanjaro: 137
Olympus: 151

SPORT RELIEF WEEK

Thank you to everybody who made a donation last week. We raised £129.05 for a great cause. THANK YOU ALL!

TREE PLANTING

On Tuesday 17th March, the next batch of over 350 trees were planted on our field at Boreham. They already look fantastic, and over the next few years will grow into a wonderful hedge around the outside of our field. A **HUGE** thank you to our **wonderful team** of volunteers who assisted the children with planting on the day - a fantastic example of our community coming together to create something amazing. Finally, an extra special thanks to Mr Bishop, Deputy Head Teacher for organising this special event.

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HALF TERMLY SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

We have loved seeing the uploaded photos of the children completing science experiments out of school and here is our next one!

Complete the science experiment below and upload to the Science SeeSaw page.

Make an Easy Lava Lamp

Learn how to make an easy lava lamp with this fun science experiment for kids. Use simple household items such as vegetable oil, food colouring, Alka-Seltzer and a bottle to create chemical reactions and balls of colour that move around like a real lava lamp.

What you'll need:

- Water
- A clear plastic bottle
- Vegetable oil
- Food colouring
- Alka-Seltzer (or other tablets that fizz)

Instructions:

1. Pour water into the plastic bottle until it is around one quarter full (you might want to use a funnel when filling the bottle so you don't spill anything).
2. Pour in vegetable oil until the bottle is nearly full.
3. Wait until the oil and water have separated.
4. Add around a dozen drops of food colouring to the bottle (choose any colour you like).
5. Watch as the food colouring falls through the oil and mixes with the water.
6. Cut an Alka-Seltzer tablet into smaller pieces (around 5 or 6) and drop one of them into the bottle, things should start getting a little crazy, just like a real lava lamp!
7. When the bubbling stops, add another piece of Alka-Seltzer and enjoy the show!

What's happening?

The oil and water you added to the bottle separate from each other, with oil on top because it has a lower density than water. The food colouring falls through the oil and mixes with the water at the bottom. The piece of Alka-Seltzer tablet you drop in after releases small bubbles of carbon dioxide gas that rise to the top and take some of the coloured water along for the ride. The gas escapes when it reaches the top and the coloured water falls back down. The reason Alka-Seltzer fizzes in such a way is because it contains citric acid and baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), the two react with water to form sodium citrate and carbon dioxide gas (those are the bubbles that carry the coloured water to the top of the bottle). Adding more Alka-Seltzer to the bottle keeps the reaction going so you can enjoy your funky lava lamp for longer.

ONLINE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Choose to ask if it's okay

Always think about how your online actions might make others feel. Be a respectful friend online and remember to ask for permission before sharing something about someone else. This could include a picture, video or piece of their personal information like where they live or their full name.

HEALTHY HEROES TIP OF THE WEEK

Agent Lifestyle say's:

'Take responsibility for your health and hygiene as much as you can. Wash and dry your hands thoroughly before and after eating, make sure you ensure that you brush your teeth twice daily and check that you are wearing clean clothes.

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PARISH COUNCIL EASTER DESIGN COMPETITION

Thank you to all of the children who completed the Parish Council Easter competition over February half term. The children were asked to design the front cover for the Easter addition of the Parish Council magazine. Here are our top three winning designs.

Winning Design: Isobel Yr 6

Many congratulations to Isobel from our Year 6 class, whose design was selected by members of the Boreham Parish Council as the overall winner! Isobel's design will feature on the front of the Easter edition of the Parish magazine.

Well done, Isobel!

Runner Up – Sam Yr 6

Third Place – Orla P Yr 2

YEAR 3 VOLCANOES

Over the last couple of weeks Year 3 have been making volcanoes from paper mache, mod-roc and newspaper! We then painted them once they'd dried - we had great (although messy) fun!

3F making volcanos out of paper mache or mod roc!

SPRING TERM DIARY CANCELLATIONS

Monday 23rd March 2020

Book Fair Sale starts after school all week! **CANCELLED**

High Five Tournament 4-6pm at Great Baddow High School (Selected children) **CANCELLED**

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Parent Consultation Evening 3:30-5:00pm **CANCELLED**

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Quicksticks Hockey Tournament (Selected children) **CANCELLED**

Thursday 26th March 2020

Year 2 Class Assembly at 2:30pm **CANCELLED**

Parent Consultation Evening 4:30-7:30pm **CANCELLED**

Friday 27th March 2020

'Wild & Wacky' Hair Day / Non Uniform – Charity Event for The Sick Children's Trust **CANCELLED**

Rock Steady Concert **CANCELLED**

Yr 6 Endball Tournament at Boreham Primary School 3:30pm (Selected children) **CANCELLED**

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Easter Church Service 9:30am **CANCELLED**

Year 1 Class Assembly **CANCELLED**

PTA KS1 and KS2 Discos **CANCELLED**

YEAR 6 MINDFULNESS ART

YEAR 6 SCIENCE

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MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

We are all living in strange, unfamiliar and unprecedented times. I have been working in schools for over 50 years and have never experienced an occasion when children have been unable to attend school for an indefinite period. We are all using a new vocabulary such as 'self-isolating', 'social distancing' and 'lock downs' and much of this might well frighten younger children. We need to reassure them and work with them to help them understand the situation.

The school has had to implement sudden directives with sometimes little detail. The key workers, for example, were only listed late last evening and the school has had to adjust to the implications of this announcement. The teaching and non-teaching staff have been excellent in their approach to this crisis, ensuring that children are still learning whilst away from school and we as governors hope you support them in all they are trying to achieve. I would particularly like to thank the leadership team led by Mr Bowyer for rising yet again to the occasion and ensuring that we continue to have outcomes for children which are of the highest quality.

From all the governors we wish you well and hope to see you sooner rather than later.

Remember fresh air is free and doesn't need a bulk buy and children love it! We hope to see you all again very soon.

Roger Leeke
Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

FINAL MESSAGE FROM MR BOWYER

The current challenge we face is unprecedented but we also have the opportunity over the next few weeks to promote our seven school values and to help children understand respect, friendship, equality, kindness, tolerance, patience and resilience. It is time for communities to show strength. We are in exceptional times as a nation and I greatly appreciate your continued support, patience and understanding.

I would like to pay thanks to all of the staff at Boreham Primary School who have pulled together magnificently as a team this week to ensure a smooth running as possible of the school. Many of my staff have been working long hours well beyond the school day and many of us will be supporting key workers' children during the Easter Holidays too, enabling them to be out on the frontline.

We are now facing a national crisis and we must all pull together in such times, not least, in order to love, nurture, guide and protect our young people and children, who are the future of our society.

As part of my extended family, I shall miss you all **dearly,** not least the children, who keep us all going.

Over the forthcoming weeks I will continue to communicate with you on a regular basis.

For now, try to enjoy the weekend and please stay safe and take good care of yourselves and each other.

I do hope to see you all very soon back within the doors of our 'friendship' school.

Mr Bowyer
Head Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS

Today I had the opportunity to call into school and speak to staff and children about how they are handling the situation in which we all find ourselves. Firstly may I say what an amazing atmosphere! What determined and compassionate staff! What thoughtful and inventive children! What a community! As I walk around the community, pop into school, shops etc and speak to people self-isolating at home there is a common thread in all I hear. People are confused and uncertain and afraid of the unknown "we just don't know" seems to be a common refrain. At the same time they are determined to reach out, to offer help to do what they can to meet the needs of our community. This is a difficult time which will continue to throw us many challenges but it is also a time when we can grow together as a community, a time when we can ask important questions about what it means to be a community and think outside the box. It is a time for creativity and exploring new ways of doing things, it is a time of pulling together and looking out for one another.

As school closes to most of the children the church has also had to close its services and life seems very different! We are taking this opportunity to rethink how the church can be there for the wider community. Prayer continues wherever we are, the love we share continues whether we are together or apart. The church will be open from 10-11am, 12-1pm, and 5-6pm from Monday to Friday for private prayer, to light a candle, spend time in peace and contemplation or whatever you need and people will be asked to adhere to social distancing rules so that we can keep one another safe. Morning, midday and evening prayer will be being said by clergy at these times and all are able to join in from wherever they are either by saying their own prayers or by using the words provided in church or available in an email pack. Sunday services are no longer open to the public but will continue and we are working on ways to live stream. Early morning prayer at 6.30am and night prayer at 9.30pm are available on St Francis Community Church Facebook page – take a look!

In addition we are here for anyone who needs some support – a friendly chat on the phone or possibly co-ordinating practical help for those stuck at home. So **please do get in touch**. Let's look out for one another and take this chance to grow as a community!

You are all much in my prayers! Every blessing.

Rev Emma Wylie

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On our last day in school, six of our Year 5 class put together the most amazing stacking cup tower! The six children used all of our school values to do this and the tower stands for our school community right now – strong, tall, proud, amazing and unique.

HEAD TEACHER'S EASTER HOMEWORK CHALLENGE!

During this afternoon's assembly I have set the children an additional holiday challenge. The children are encouraged to research a well know icon / famous person either deceased or alive that they think best represents one of our school values. The children can create handwritten or typed fact files with illustrations.

Please hand in all completed work directly to your child's class teacher when we return to school.