



Germoe School

Newsletter

3rd November 2023

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

What a week for weather! Thank you for your patience with the late opening on Thursday, it's always such a hard decision to make but the safety of all of us is first and foremost. If you have not joined the federation Facebook page then please feel free to do so. You will find it in a FB search for The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools, just request to join and I will authorise it.

All of our teaching staff had a twilight training session this week on the importance of introducing new vocabulary and closing the vocabulary gap. Basically, the main thing we can all do to improve the vocabulary of our children is to READ, READ, READ! Encourage reading but also, read to you child as often as possible. I will share some stats with you to highlight the importance of reading to your child:

Here's how many words that children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old

- NEVER READ TO – 4662 words
- READ TO 1-2 TIMES A WEEK – 63,570 words
- READ TO 3-5 TIMES A WEEK – 169,520 words
- READ TO DAILY – 296,660 words

You'll be pleased to know, we share a class book daily and read to the children for at least 15 minutes a day. We also encourage reading for pleasure through book reviews, having comfy reading corners, sharing books and lots of other methods.

Wishing you a calm, rain-free weekend!

Paula Blackburn

Please note all afterschool clubs will start on Monday 6th November except football club as there is a football league at Helston Community College

POLITE NOTICE

It has been brought to our attention that some people are parking on the pavement, below the playground, at drop off and collection times. Please can we ask that you refrain from doing this as it means parents and children have to go into the road to get around the parked cars and this week an ambulance struggled to get past. Thank you

Look no further for a reception place for
your child for September 2024

Nysgerrig

Kindergarten and Forest
school

welcomes you to our

open afternoon on 6th
November 2023

From 1.30pm – 3pm come and join in with our inquiry
led learning in our rich, vibrant, indoor and outdoor
learning environment, near Fraa Sands.

Learn all about our Reggio Emilia inspired and unique
Nysgerrig approach to Early years education. School
reception places are available for this year and for
next. We also take children from 3 years old, funded
places available.

CALL US NOW on 01736 763310

To book a free place for you and your child



GODREVY CLASS UPDATE

This week in assembly we met a dog called Shakespeare who is a Therapy Dog that helps make people happy.

We had a late start on Thursday because of Storm Ciaran. It led to several branches coming down but we came in to school when it was all safe for us. In maths we have been learning short multiplication in Year 5 and long multiplication in Year 6. In English we write Fireworks Poems using onomatopoeia, your 5 senses, a simile and a metaphor.

From Godrevy Class.



DIARY DATES 2023/2024

Monday 6th November

Nysgerrig Open Day 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Friday 24th November

Wednesday 6th December

Christmas Play Y2-Y6 - 2pm and 6pm

13th December 2023

Christmas lunch

Helston Community College

Monday 17th June 2024

9.00am to 3.00pm – Invite only for selected Year 6 students

Tuesday 18th June 2024

9.00am to 3.00pm – All Year 6 students

Wednesday 19th June 2024, 9.00am to 3.00pm – All Year 6 students

Tuesday 18th June 2024 – New parents' information evening

Wednesday 19th June 2024 – New parents' information evening.

Coffee and cake meetings: all parents welcome

30th November 9am

23rd January – 2.445pm

29th February – 9am

23rd April 2.45pm

20th June 9am

24th June 2024 @ 1:45pm

Sports Day

22nd July 2024 @ 2.30pm

Leaver's service

24th July 2024

Break for Summer

Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn term (72 days)

- 4 September – 19 December 2023
- (Half term 23–27 October 2023)

Spring Term (56 days)

- 3 January – 28 March 2024
- (Half term 12–16 February 2024)

Summer term (67 days)

- 15 April – 24 July 2024
- (Half term 27 May – 31 May 2024)
- INSET 3–7 June 2024

Football League – Y5/6

The dates for our league fixtures are as follows:

- 06.11.23
- 20.11.23

Football club will not happen on these dates for year 3/4 but children in year 5/6 will be playing in the league on these days.

Please speak to Mr Conway if you have any questions or problems.

fconway@fbgschools.co.uk

Please could I remind you to park respectfully if using the school car park and to always be on the look out for children and other parked vehicles. There was a bump last week which has caused considerable damage to another car, if you know anything about this then please could you contact Cheryl Richards, Y4 parent.



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



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The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro-active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21st century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email



Germoe Well-Being Borrowing Library

We have a few resources that are now available for you to borrow, relating to supporting wellbeing, emotions, anxiety, Autism, bereavement, trauma and activities to support wellbeing. The box will be available in the Office. Please use the 'sign out' sheet and return the item within two weeks. If you have books or resources that you no longer need or use, we would be very grateful for them, to support families further. Many thanks



Headstart Kernow

For children in Y5/6 and older – Headstart Kernow, have developed a mental health site for young people, made by young people with lots of helpful advice. If your child is in Y5 or 6, this may be something you would like to look at with them:

<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk>

School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually. The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone

Twitter and Instagram

The Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are on twitter and Instagram!

Twitter: @BoskenwynGermoe

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

Feel free to follow us and spread the word to encourage others to hear about the wonderful things happening in our schools.

COMPETITION TIME!

Sleeping Beauty

**WIN 2 TICKETS TO HELSTON THEATRE
COMPANY'S PANTOMIME, SLEEPING BEAUTY!**

DESIGN A POSTER FOR 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

THE 4 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

**~ 1 X ADULT TICKET AND 1 X CHILD TICKET
TO OUR PERFORMANCE ON WEDNESDAY
24TH JANUARY, 7:30PM**

**~ THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN OUR
PROGRAMME**

TO ENTER:

**~ DESIGN YOUR POSTER AND HAND IT IN TO
YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER**

**~ ON THE BACK, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE,
SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENT/CARER'S EMAIL
ADDRESS SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU**

GOOD LUCK!

Together for Families

Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Need help?

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 033 123 1116.

Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. More information about our parenting support on offer can be found at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

The programmes currently available are:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years** – 1-3 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Being Passionate About Parenting** – 4-11 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Take 3** – Supporting Teenagers 12-17 years (5 x 2-hour virtual sessions or 10 x 2-hour face to face sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **Understanding your child with additional needs** – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull: <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>

To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR

Solihull Online



FREE access to self-guided parenting courses for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. www.inourplace.co.uk Free Access Code: TAMAR

SPACE

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as our own? Why not attend FREE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally (SPACE) sessions. For more information and/or to register your interest please email: space@cornwall.gov.uk

Supporting Healthy Relationships

Reducing conflict between parents is one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of their children – including mental health and emotional stability, behaviour, helping them to do better in school, and improving the quality of their life long-term.

To find out more on Supporting Healthy Relationships including helpful resources and future courses, please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Family Information Service

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Social Prescribing Cornwall

Linking people with non-clinical sources of support within the community.

www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk

Hunrosa



Sleep is essential for our children to grow, learn, promote immunity and good mental health. Children with neurodiversity are likely to find sleep more difficult. Hunrosa have experience and expertise in supporting families, so come to our friendly sleep session to learn about ways you can help your child to sleep better. Please contact your Healthcare Provider should you wish to have them refer you for sleep services. <https://hunrosa.co.uk/>

Kooth & Qwell



Kooth offer free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people aged 11-19 years. <https://www.kooth.com/>

Qwell offers mental health support for ALL parents and carers of all ages as well as 19-25 years. <https://www.qwell.io/>

Headstart Kernow



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

www.headstartkernow.org.uk

Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads

[DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

Homestart Kernow



Parents can struggle at one time or another, you are not alone. Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

www.homestartkernow.org.uk

Reconnect/The Susie Programme



Giving children the time, space, and skills to have a loving relationship with themselves and others following Domestic Abuse. As well as providing adults with a support programme to enable you to positively move forward with your life.

www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/

Citizens Advice

Giving people the knowledge and confidence, they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem - Adviceline: 0800 144 8848 or text the word ADVICE to 78866 and they will call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo

Walk in My Shoes:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

www.pdasociety.org.uk

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

www.autism.org.uk

www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: **0300 1234 100**



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School information finder - Germoe

What information do you need?

Where to find the information

I need to contact school urgently

Phone on 01736 763310

I need to contact school non-urgently

Email secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)

I need to find a list of teachers

School website

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Our school – Meet the staff

School website

I need to know term dates

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Parent info – Term dates

I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework

See saw

Reading records

I want to report my child absent from school

Phone call before 0900 on 01736 763310

I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc

School website

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Calendar

School website

I want to read a school policy

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Our school - Policies

School website

I want to see the school development plan

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Our school – school development plan

School website

I want to see what is on the lunch menu

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Parent info – Menu

School website

I want to find out about clubs

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Parent info - Newsletter

I want to look at a past or present newsletter

School Website

www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk

Parent info - Newsletter

Phone or email

01736 763310

I need to report a safeguarding matter to school

Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk

Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk

Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk

Money Management Course

Every Thursday in November 10am–12pm Helston Methodist Church are working in association with Christians Against Poverty to run a free of charge money management course. The venue is Helston Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston, TR13 8EL. The course is for anyone who wants the chance to learn and develop essential money management skills such as:

- how to build and balance a household budget
- how to differentiate between essential and optional expenses
- how to use credit wisely
- how to navigate debt
- understand the importance of personal savings
- how to use helpful money saving resources

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has existed for 25 years and is widely recognised as a charity that offers practical, reliable and professional help to tens of thousands of people across the UK and is authorised and regulated by the FCA. All of CAP's services are free of charge

To book onto the course please go to

<https://refresh.capmoney.org/join-course/651c19a81eb2c7ec06097086>

St Germoe PCC recognises the likely problems that people will face over the winter months and in an effort to provide help and support has decided that the Church Hall will be open to anyone between the hours of 9am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Packet and tinned foods will be available and also the option for people to cook their own food. The Hall will be heated and it is hoped that full use will be made of the facilities. In addition Wi-Fi has now been installed in the Church and can be accessed free of charge by anyone, the details are on the notice board inside the Church and to the left of the door.

Reminder – use of the Germoe Village Hall is free Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. There is a donation bowl for anyone who wishes to contribute