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Dear Parents

Punctuality

Since last week's communication 'Attendance Matters', punctuality has improved and the vast majority of children are now arriving at school between 8.40 and 8.50. This means children are in their classrooms ready to start their day with less disruption caused by lateness. This really helps children and staff to focus on the morning routine and get started with daily spelling, which is the first lesson of the day.

We really appreciated your continued support in ensuring children are at school and on time.

Attendance Matters



Safer Internet Day In whole school assembly this week we reminded the children about the importance of sharing with parents what they're doing online and who they can talk to if they need help. Children have brought home leaflets reminding them to 'Talk about it' and get help, from a parent, teacher or trusted adult, if they're worried.

But sometimes things can go wrong online



Safer Internet Day website link for parents below:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>



**Our challenge to you:
Talk about it!**



https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

School Association

FRIENDS OF BOSCASTLE SCHOOL

**Raised £5,450.85 and Funded £2,587.82
with these exciting projects in the pipeline!**

Camera Bird Boxes with outside Wifi & Monitor
Outdoor Covered Seating & Learning

In the last school year 2021/22, the School Association funded a wide range of projects, transport and resources for us. We're so grateful to the committee and parent volunteers for all the hard work which goes into organising and running fundraising events which enables us to enhance our curriculum offer here at Boscastle.

Please see the attached page to see all that's been funded by the School Association.

The next meeting of the School Association is ... Thursday 02 March at 3.15pm

The committee welcome all parents to join the meetings and/or help out at fundraising events.

COCKTAIL MAKING PARTY WITH KAZ BAR

IN AID OF BOSCASTLE SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION

24TH MARCH @ 7PM
BOSCASTLE VILLAGE HALL

Our next fundraiser!!

Ticket sales are limited with a deadline of **Monday 6th March**. Payment in advance to Jeanette at the school office. Initially places will be sold to immediate parents/guardians of pupils, and then, depending on sales, may be extended to wider family and friends.



Tickets can be booked with Sarah Costello via email on sehancock@hotmail.com or via the Facebook page.

First Lego League - Innovation Project

<https://education.theiet.org/first-lego-league-programmes/challenge/about-first-lego-league-challenge/>

On Wed 08 March, Year 6 will be taking part in the First Lego League Regional Tournament competing against other Cornish schools at RNAS Culdrose. Each year, teams are set the challenge to conduct an Innovation Project in which they have to:

- **Identify** a problem based on the annual theme
- **Design** an innovative solution to the problem
- **Share** the problems and solution with others

On the tournament day, teams deliver a five-minute presentation to judges in which they demonstrate how they have identified, designed and shared across their project.



With this year's theme being 'Superpowered' and our class topic 'Sow, Grow, Farm' Class 3 have been considering how to find a solution to a horticultural problem we face here at school. We're looking to re-establish our raised beds to grow vegetables from spring through the summer and into the autumn term. However, in the past we've struggled to keep the garden irrigated at weekends, and during school holidays, when in the warm summer months plants have tended to fail due to lack of regular watering. This week, the children have worked with Generation Solar, a local business based in Bude, who specialise in solar power installations for domestic and business use.

A solar powered hydroponics system has been constructed which we now have in the outside area behind Class 3. We're exploring the idea of growing vegetables in water, known as hydroponics, using a solar panel to power a battery which pumps water round the system. Our first experiment is to grow a variety of different salad leaves and we're then looking to have a go at growing micro-greens.



**Generation
Solar**

To share their Innovation Project at the regional competition, Year 6 will be constructing a model of the hydroponics system and a powerpoint to present their work to the judges. The children are really excited to be working on this project and learnt lots from Eilidh and Tom (and their sons, Harry and Reuben) from Generation Solar, when they visited school on Wednesday.

<https://generationsolar.uk/>

A huge thank you to Generation Solar for their generous donation of the solar panel, also for their time and expertise – we really appreciated the opportunity to work with industry professionals.

WEAR RED DAY



On Tuesday, two representatives from the Cornwall Air Ambulance called in to drop off the collection bucket. As we were having whole school assembly at the time, we invited them in to join us and tell the children about the work of the air ambulance, and why it's so important to us here in Cornwall.

Vinnie in Class 2 also shared his story, explaining to the children that he was taken to hospital in the Air Ambulance when he broke his leg a few years ago.

Thank you for all your generous donations for the Cornwall Air Ambulance.



Take a 3-D tour of the helicopter: <https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=fyGD3T2jcAM>

BAKE SALE



TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

We had an amazing response to our request for baked items brought in for our Bake Sale.

So many thanks for all your support with this fundraiser which we were so keen to do before we finished for Half Term.

We raised an amazing £251.93 to be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which helps charities to get urgently needed aid to earthquake survivors in Turkey and Syria.

Have a great Half Term week – see you back at school on Monday 20 February!

Kind regards

Sara Haden

Acting Headteacher