



Two Boats School

# Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Hello everyone,

It's that time again the end of another week.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March as a staff we took a few minutes to celebrate women's achievements and vowed to raise awareness of equality for women and to break the gender bias. In keeping with the theme for the day we wore purple, white and green and adopted the **#Break the Bias** pose.



## COBIS COMPLIANCE AUDIT

As you are reading this newsletter we will have started our compliance audit. This is a quality assurance audit working in partnership with us to see if we meet certain standards required for British International schools. There has been a tremendous amount of work gone into preparing for this audit. The next week will be intense as we carry out the many virtual meetings and observations with the Lead Improvement Partner. I would like to extend huge thanks to the staff, students, parents, governors, AIG and members of the wider community who have helped and supported us on this journey. More details will follow once the process has been completed.

## Splash and Swim gala

Swimming has started and will continue this term. Thank you to all the volunteer lifeguards who have supported us this year. Without your support our students would not have been able to swim. A head's up we have had to change the date of the Splash Gala to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 because of lifeguard shortages. The Swim Gala will be held as scheduled on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am, at the Travellers Hill pool. Details of both events will be sent out shortly.

## Reception and Office cover

As you are probably aware passengers from the last Titan flight are in isolation. This means that Natasha our new Administrator has been unable to start with us. Denise will continue to provide support to us but for mornings only. She will be in HR in the afternoons doing her own new job. Please can you bear with us if you have to wait, as the office will not always be manned in the afternoons for the next week.

## Meet Miss Easton:



*Having been here with us for a half term Miss Easton shares with you a bit about her.*

I first heard of Ascension Island back in 2010 when I was on my way to work in South Georgia (via the Falkland Islands) as a Museum Curator. This was back in the days when the plane landed for a refuel on the way to the Falklands. During my very short (2 hour) stop-over, I heard all about how wonderful the island is with its unique wildlife and fantastic hiking. Since then, it has been a dream of mine to return and experience the island properly (I have certainly not been disappointed!) After several years of working in museums and galleries, I retrained as a teacher in 2016. I began my teaching career at home in Scotland, where I taught P5 – 7 in the Highland town of Nairn. I then decided that I would like to experience teaching overseas and I returned to the Falklands to teach Year 6 for two years. Making the move to Ascension seemed like a natural progression as there are many similarities in the island way of life. Of course, the climate is a bit more pleasant here!

I have enjoyed meeting many of you over the last few weeks; the welcome I have received has been lovely. You will most likely see me out and about hiking and watching the rugby, supporting Scotland in the 6 Nations!

This week we hosted our inaugural **Two Boats Spelling Bee** and it was clear that we have a lot of competitive spellers in our midst! The Finals will be held during the week of 28<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April where we will crown a Primary and Secondary Champion Speller. Finalists will receive their new spellings from their class teacher next week.

Thanks must go to everyone in our community for supporting the children with learning their spellings and sponsoring them. Together we have raised over £700 for books for the new school library, so thank you all. If there are any sponsorship forms still lurking at home or in book bags, please bring them in to the school office as soon as you can.

Mrs Rachael Giles, Secondary English/ French

