



Two Boats School

Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022



Hello Everyone,

Last Friday slightly later than planned and a bit too late for World Democracy Day we held our election for our Head and Deputy Head students. Three of the five Year 11 students put themselves forward as potential candidates. They prepared their speeches and presented these to the whole school in the assembly. All students and staff members then had the opportunity to cast their vote via a secret ballot. The total percentage of the school population exercising their right to vote was 90%. Well done TBS! Great job!

At 1pm the count was conducted and the chosen candidates announced:

Head Student - Adele Thomas with 36 votes

Deputy Head Student - Georgia Meth with 27 votes

Narrowly missing out was Shon-Tay Williams with 20 votes.

Well done to all three students, it takes courage to put yourself forward and we are proud of you all. Next week we will introduce you to the full student council and the newly appointed House Captains.



Farewell

Today we said farewell to Mr Higgins our Deputy Head Teacher. In the short time that he has been here Mr Higgins has been a hardworking and dedicated member of the team. He has added real value to the school and has been a great support to staff and students. There is no doubt that he will be greatly missed by all at TBS. I am sure you will all join me in wishing him the very best of wishes for the future. Best wishes Mr Higgins and please keep in touch.



World Teacher Day

Wednesday 5 October was World Teacher Day and again this year we were overwhelmed with the many gifts from students and parents. From all of us here at TBS thank you to you all. Your generosity and support is just the lift we needed in these challenging of times.





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Upcoming events/activities:

Next week we will have painters on site carrying out some much needed decorating. As stated in the letter sent out last week we will ensure that all the necessary safety and safeguarding processes are in place.

The bus pick up times for Secondary students in Georgetown will return to the normal earlier pick up times (7.40/7.45am) from Tuesday 11th October 2022.

Wednesday 12th October we will have Priscilla Brown the Optician in to carry out the routine eye screening for all our students.

Thursday 13th October the US Base Fire teams are coming in to run an afternoon of activities, briefing and training around fire safety to coincide with Fire prevention week.

Friday 21st October we will have our annual Harvest assembly. More details about this and Sports day to follow.

That's it for this week.

Tania Maggott
Head Teacher



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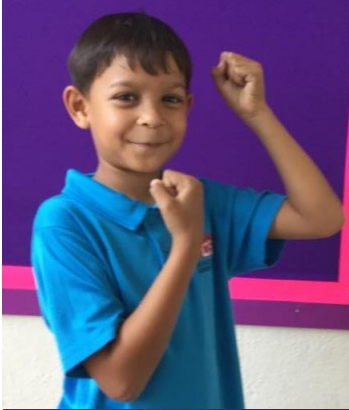
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Year 3 and 4 Newsletter



Hello everyone. We are class 3 and 4 and we would like to tell you about some of the work we have enjoyed doing this term.



Caleb

I have enjoyed writing in my topic book about the Vikings. We've been learning all about where the Vikings came from and what their daily lives were like.



Kiana.

I have really enjoyed Fast Maths this term. I have been trying to answer all my maths questions correctly as quickly as possible. Also in maths we've been working on comparing numbers, ordering numbers and adding and subtracting multiples of 100.



Tanzi.

In PSHE this term we've been writing about ourselves and making a poster titled 'This is Me'. I have really enjoyed that. In art we learnt how to blend black and white to create varying shades of grey and how to create a poster with a silhouette of a tree. That was interesting too.



Breckin

Learning all about the Vikings in history has been great. We learnt about their boats and where they came from. I also enjoy reading in class.



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Kaliese

French this term has been fun for me. We have been learning the French phrases for describing how well we are feeling. We played a dice game and depending which number came up on the dice, we had to say that phrase in French.



Gabi

This term we have been studying Hinduism. I liked watching a video of the story of Rama and Sita. After we watched the video we created our own story maps to help tell the story to our partner.



Myles

This term in literacy we studied how to write a newspaper article. Everyone was able to write their own story using the past tense. I really enjoyed working on my article titled 'Dangers of the Sea'.



Ziontai

What I have liked this term is going to the ICT room and practising speed typing and touch typing. We also did a fun word search activity in history, where we had to find lots of vocabulary about the Vikings.



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Talia

I love all the French lessons and I also like Fast Maths. It's great when you can beat your score or time taken from the day before. In science we have been measuring our plants regularly to see if they have grown.



In science this term we have been doing an experiment to see how important soil, sunlight, air and water is for the growth of plants. We kept three small tomato plants in different conditions – one in a dark cupboard with no air, light or water. Another we kept in the store room with some light, air and water. The third one was on the windowsill with plenty of sunlight, water air and soil. The first two withered but the third grew from 11.5 cms to 27.5cms.



Meet the School Governors:

Mick Hill - Chair of Governors



I have worked for Interserve/Mitie since leave the military in 2008 after a 35 year career. I was posted here for 2 years with my family in 1996; my daughters went to TBS. I live in Cyprus and have been the Account Manager on Island since 2017. I have been the Chair of the School Governors since 2018.

Georgina King - Teacher Rep



My name is Georgina King and I am the Year 1 and 2 primary school teacher. I have worked at Two Boats School since September 2021 and absolutely love my job. This is my fifth year as a teacher, however I have worked extensively in education, having been a teaching assistant for five years and an early years practitioner for 7 years, where my roles included; Special Educational Needs Coordinator, health and safety officer and acting manager. I enjoy being part of the school governor's committee, as school can be a really busy place and the position allows me to take the time to gain a better insight into any concerns, upcoming plans, the overall aims and achievements of the school. It also means I am able to contribute my opinion, provide support and offer my services should they be required. It has been wonderful seeing the school achieve COBIS compliance and I look forward to supporting and sharing in the exciting journey, positive direction and future successes of Two Boats School.

Miss G. King
Year 1 and 2 Primary Teacher

Rick Lutman - Business Rep



I have been on the Island since June 2017, and I'm the Station Manager at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station.

I live in Two Boats Village with my Wife Helen and two daughters Isabella and Savannah who both attend the school. I have enjoyed seeing the school develop and improve during my time on Island and I'm excited to assist where I can with any business related matters



Paul Bridgewater – Designated Safeguarding Governor



My Name is Paul Bridgewater, and I am the new social worker here on Ascension Island. I am also on the school Governor's board, and am responsible for safeguarding. I have been in post on Ascension since September 2022. I have been working in social care since 2002 and moved into Social Work in 2006. My professional background includes senior Social Work and safeguarding roles within Saint Helena Government (SHG) as well as the UK Ministry of Defence. My most recent Social Work role involved working in a clinical setting within UK NHS community mental health services. I am here with my wife Jenna, and children, Myles, (9), Roman, (6) and Autumn, (4).

Mrs Casey George - Parent Rep



My initial decision to become a School Governor stem from skills I've developed while volunteering with the Rainbows Unit, and my role on the Safeguarding Children's Board.

Fundamentally, I hope my presence on the School Governance board is evident in supporting our school to provide the very best education to our children.

Contributing to my local community through school governance is something that I feel very privileged to be a part of, I hope in time that I can have a positive impact helping students reach their full potential, and aspire to fulfil their individual ambitions.

Miss Jodi Joshua - Parent Rep



I've previously lived on Ascension Island from 1997 - 2011 and attended TBS (1997 – 2003), many may recall my mum was also Head Teacher. I returned with my family in 2019 and my daughter now attends Foundation Stage.

I've always had an interest in the Education Sector and previously worked in Education on St Helena. I hope to play a positive role as a School Governor contributing my knowledge and experiences as a previous Inclusion Coordinator for SEND, Mental Health and Safeguarding. In addition sharing my experiences as a parent and liaising with the wider parent body.

It is an absolute pleasure to be involved at Two Boats School, contributing now and for the future, and to continue building on the fantastic achievement of becoming a COBIS compliance member.

I am happy to share anything I can, listen and equally learn more as I need to in this opportunity, effectively giving something back for the wonderful years I too had at Two Boats School.

Vacant – Parent Rep (Contact the School for a nomination form if interested)



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AIG'S ANNUAL BEACH CLEAN

LET'S GET OUR BEACHES READY FOR TURTLE SEASON!



JOIN US ON THE 22ND OF OCTOBER

HELP US REMOVE MARINE LITTER AND
INVASIVE WEEDS FROM IMPORTANT GREEN
TURTLE NESTING SITES.

10 AM: MEET OUTSIDE CONSERVATION

10:30 AM - 12 PM: BEACH CLEAN

12 PM - 3 PM: FREE FOOD AND SOFT DRINKS, LIVE MUSIC AND FUN ACTIVITIES AT
TURTLE PONDS. BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE FOR WATER REFILLS.

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