

Newsletter

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023



Hello Everyone,

What a week it has been! The heavy rains meant that we had to close school to the students on Tuesday as there was so much water in the corridors and playgrounds making it unsafe for students to be here. Students were glad to have some extra time at home and Staff appreciated the gained time to catch up on some admin jobs. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who so swiftly collected children. Your support as always is very valued.

This week we hear from our support staff, Kaylee, Alaina and Ursula. They have all settled in and are adding real value to the team. Thank You Ladies!

## Hello from new Staff at TBS



I'm Kaylee Young, Higher Level Teaching Assistant here at Two Boats School. I have been a HLTA at this school for 6 months, mainly in the Primary but also supporting secondary in their PE Lessons.

Before coming to

Ascension I worked with the Children's Social Care Department as a Social Care Officer, working and supporting children of all ages and their families within the community of St. Helena. Prior to becoming a Social Care Officer, I was employed by the education Department on St. Helena and have worked with both Primary and secondary students. During this time I worked as a 1:1 Teaching assistant and also as a Classroom Teaching Assistant, where on occasions, I had to cover whole classes.

Two Boats School was where I began my educational journey, having been born and educated here on Ascension up to the age of 10 years old, I feel as if I have returned home. I have thoroughly enjoyed my last 6 months as a HLTA. I was given the warmest and most supportive welcome from staff, students and parents. The motivation, inclusiveness and positivity to learning within this School, has been such a joy to see. I am proud to be a part of this very special team, who strives hard to provide the best possible outcomes for all students ensuring they have every opportunity for the brightest possible future ahead of them.



My name is Miss Alaina Crowie. I have been in education for the last 3 years. During this time, I have worked 6 months in a primary school and then went onto Teacher Training in St Helena.

Whilst undergoing teacher training, I completed a Diploma in Education Studies (Primary) and Level 4 in Teaching and Learning, which I can now successfully say brings me one step closer to becoming a locally qualified teacher.

I started as a higher level teaching assistant in Two Boats School at the beginning of March. Whilst working here, I hope we can work together with St Helena to obtain my teacher status, making me a qualified teacher. I thoroughly enjoy working at Two Boats School and cannot wait for the many more adventures that this education journey has to bring.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ursula Harris, my career in Childcare has spanned over twenty years. I've worked in Main Stream Schools and Special Education Needs Schools. I've also worked in Nurseries as a Practitioner.

I have a NVQ Level 3 in Children's care, Learning and Development. I am also ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) trained. I am confident that with my knowledge and experience I can contribute a lot to Two Boats School.







It is a pleasure for me to be back working at Two Boats School. I look forward to supporting the Head Teacher, Staff and Students who all are amazing.

## <u>Thank you</u>

Thank you to Hayley and Paul who have been in this past few weeks speaking to the Secondary students about various topics as a part of their PSHE lessons. To Carrie Allen for supporting the GCSE Art and to Cheryl for doing the afternoon Bus runs for us.

By the time we return for Term 3a Mr Arnold will be back off leave so it is fitting that I thank Damon for picking up the bus runs whilst Mr Arnold was away.

Thank you also to Mark. Your help has been much appreciated! Last but by no mean least Mr Mervyn, thank you for coming back to help us out, it has been lovely to see you back.

## Looking ahead to next week:

Secondary students will be bringing home their Term 2 Report cards so do look out for these. As always if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

On Wednesday afternoon our splash gala will take place at Two Boats Pool, this will be followed by our Inter House Swim gala at Travellers Hill pool on Thursday morning. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Following the Swim gala school will close for the Easter break, students are allowed to leave with Parents. We ask that you inform House Marshalls or their class teacher. EYFS and KS 1 students will finish school at 12.30 and normal pick up/drop off rules will apply.

Term 3a will start for students on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

All that is left for me to do now is to wish you all a very Happy Easter!

Tania Maggott Head Teacher