



Two Boats School

Newsletter

Monday 13th May 2024



Hello Everyone,

Only a four day week this week, I hope you all enjoyed the Friday Public Holiday and the long weekend.

Some of our Year 11 students weren't as lucky as they had to be in school for History and Physics GCSE Examinations. Sorry guys, it was outside our control I'm afraid.

The staff team would like to thank Rick Lutman (Encompass) and Mick Hill (Mitie) for allowing us the use of your training room facilities so that we could carry out some online training on our INSET day. We are very grateful to you both and as the training course we are signed up to is for a year, I am sure we will be calling on you both again in the not too distant future. The lunch at the mess was a nice touch too. Thanks Mick!

COBIS Accreditation Week

The second part of our audit is imminent and will take place from 8th – 12th July 2024. This will be an onsite visit and not a virtual one like we had for our compliance audit. For our staff team it is now full steam ahead as we prepare for this. More details of the visit will be made available nearer the time.

Year 9 Options evening will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 5.45pm at the school. We look forward to seeing all Year 9 students and their parents at this evening. This is an important time for our Year 9 students as they consider their option choices and decide on which subjects they will study at GCSE.

In conjunction with the school council we are looking to create a TBS kindness/positivity rock garden at the front of the school. We will be asking all students to paint/decorate a rock with a slogan or picture of their choice to place in the

garden. The garden will be opened on Year 11's last official day of school on 7th June and then all the children will place their rocks in the garden. It is hoped that we will have a selection of rocks that students and parents can then take away to paint/decorate and bring back. If you have any rocks you would like to donate decorated or not, that you would like to add to our garden then please feel free to send them in.

School Uniforms

Letters regarding uniform orders were sent out last week; please could I kindly remind all parents to make payment at your earliest convenience to allow for this order to go through and for the uniforms to be here in time for the start of the new school year.

That's it for this week!

Tania Maggott
Head Teacher

World Donkey Week (7th – 14th May)

Hello from year 7 and 8. We wanted to use our newsletter this week to pay tribute to an often overlooked member of the Ascension Island community – the humble donkey.

What is World Donkey Week? By Savannah and Bella

Donkey Week began in 1983 as a celebration of the roles that donkeys have played throughout history. Lots of organisations come together to celebrate donkeys and to spread awareness of their needs. We must work towards protecting donkeys. Donkeys cost roughly £75.00 to buy.



Where did the Ascension donkeys come from? By Riley and Matteu



Donkeys were introduced to Ascension Island in the early 19th Century to help carrying water and building materials up and down the mountain. They now roam wild and wake you up at 3am in the morning. A donkey's bray can be heard by other donkeys up to 60km away!

Most of the donkeys are usually found in and around Georgetown. The donkeys on Ascension Island travel in packs of 3-5 and are usually friendly as long as you do not harm them or disturb them; they also do not care about where they use the toilet so while you walk around Georgetown make sure to watch your step!

Facts about Donkeys by Aisja and Kaya

- If you challenge a donkey to a memory game, chances are you'll lose. These gentle animals are able to remember places they've been to before and recognise donkey pals they haven't seen for 25 years.
- Donkeys are safety-conscious. If they fear a situation might be dangerous, they do their very best to stay away from it. This is often mistaken for stubbornness when, really, they're just careful and cautious.
- Like humans and our fellow primates, donkeys love to clean and groom each other. These herd animals are all about looking good.
- They are nothing if not hygienic and refuse to drink water if they deem it too dirty.
- Donkeys like to be in dry, warm places. Their natural habitats are deserts and savannahs.
- The world is home to over 44 million donkeys, and they come in all shapes and sizes – there are over 186 breeds of





donkey!



Dangers of Donkeys by Mitchell and Dane

Did you know, donkeys can kick in all directions? They are basically ninjas compared to horses, who can only kick backwards.

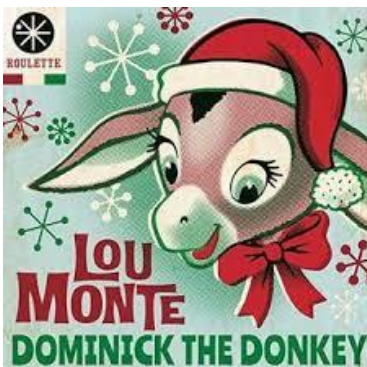
However, there have only been 2 recorded cases of a donkey killing a human, and both of these were in very extreme circumstances! Donkeys are not aggressive unless they feel threatened. Stay away from their babies and give them space

and you will be fine.



Famous Donkeys

From the Bible to modern movies, here are some of our favourite famous donkeys!



Mrs Giles says: "Have you read *The Wonky Donkey* by Craig Smith? A brilliant rhyming story about a mischievous donkey. Suitable for younger readers (age 2-6) but parents will also get a giggle out of it!"

