

Newsletter  
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# Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb Dobwalls Primary School



**"Books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination and the journey. They are home." – Anna Quindlen**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday saw the Cothelie Cross Country run. 28 Dobwalls children took part in the Cross-country league at Cothelie Estate. There was a superb performance by all with many gaining personal bests. We had our first time ever 1st and 2nd place - huge well done to Ebony and India. Bring on the next race!

On Monday, we welcomed Sarah from the Liskeard & Looe Foodbank who did a cookery demonstration for a quick easy meal called Cowboy Beans and shared a range of ideas to vary it e.g. bacon, pork, different beans, fresh sausages, adding BBQ sauce and more! If anyone is interested in hearing more about the Foodbank either to volunteer or would like some advice, please do contact Sarah on [Lfb.schoolcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Lfb.schoolcoordinator@gmail.com) or get in contact with us and we can share your number with Sarah for her to call you.

On Wednesday evening, the boys football team played a brilliant game showing great teamwork resulting in being the winners 4 - 1 in the second round of the cup. On to the next round! Go Team Dobwalls!

We have two competitions which have been launched this week - one by the School Council to name the road and the Safer Internet Day competition. I can't wait to see all the entries!

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes. Mrs Pipe, Headteacher

## Diary Dates

28 Jan	Toasty Tuesday
29 Jan	Governor meeting
31 Jan	Y3 Wild Tribe
7 Feb	Y2 Wild Tribe
12 Feb	Little Cherries
13 Feb	Coffee Morning
14 Feb	EYFS/Lerryn trip to Theatre Y1 Wild Tribe
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM
24 Feb	Non-pupil day
6 Mar	Books & Bacon World Book Day
10 -21 Mar	Y5 & Y3 swimming lessons
10 Mar	Governor meeting Photographer in school—teams/classes
1st April	Little Cherries
7-21 Apr	EASTER BREAK
5 May	BANK HOLIDAY
14 May	Governor meeting
12-15 May	KS2 SATS week
26-30 May	HALF TERM
2 Jun	Non-pupil day
23 Jun	Governor meeting
22 Jul	Children finish at 1:00pm
23 Jul	Non-pupil days
24 Jul-31 Aug	SUMMER BREAK
1 Sep	Non-Pupil Day

## Learning Cornish at Dobwalls!

As you know, we are all learning some new words in Cornish along with our brilliant singing.

This is Dobwalls Primary School in Cornish. *Skol Gynsa Fosow Dobb*

Na wra ankevi!

## Bags2School

Bags2School will be collecting on Tuesday 11th Feb. Please have your bagged (black bin bag) items in school by Monday 10th. Please do not bring in sooner as we do not have the space to store. Thank you on behalf of our Events team!

Clothes, paired shoes, handbags, hats, bags, scarves/ties, bras, jewellery, socks, belts.

## Wanted!

- Our Buildings & Premises team are asking if anyone has any garden pots they no longer need. They would like them for our memory garden. The larger, the better!

- Lerryn and Fowey Classes are asking for any children's pants, socks, tights that you no longer need, preferably ages 4-7. They have completely run out of their 'spares' needed for those little 'accidents'. Thank you

## Last week's SECRET Skills Powerful Learners

Lerryn	Phoebe & Juno	Tamar	Theo & Nathan
Fowey	Hendrix & Freddie	Lynher	Violet & Evelyn
Loveny	Darcie & Delilah	Camel	Shay & Arthur
Valency	Leah & Alfie		

## Toasty Tuesday

Don't forget we are having another Toasty Tuesday next week—Tuesday 28th January in support of the British Heart Foundation. Details on P4

## Safer Internet Day Competition

Our Dobwalls Digital leaders are holding a competition! Can you spot an online scam? If so how do you do it? Lets us all know by designing a poster—details on P4.

PE Kits Please see our [website for uniform](#) reminders.

## PE Days

Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. Long hair should be tied back. Please wear their usual school jumper/cardigan.

Monday	Y3/Y1
Tuesday	Y4
Thursday	EYFS/Y6/Y5
Friday	Y2

A reminder of the school PE Kit...


Black shorts/leggings/skorts with plain coloured t-shirt (team colours) or white t-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. (No team football kits, running gear or other attire should be worn for P.E. or after school clubs unless specified by the teacher in charge of that club.)

## Attendance Stars


Lerryn	Fowey	Loveny	Valency	Tamar	Lynher	Camel
96%	87%	98%	97%	94%	94%	96%



The star learners this week are from Y6. Camel Class have been exploring the Mayan civilisation. They have looked at where and how they lived as well as delving into the fascinating world of the Mayan gods. Once they had learnt about some of the over 150 gods the Maya had, they were tasked with designing their own. Here are some wonderful creations which have been carefully thought about so that they might fit into the already packed roster of Mayan gods. Well done Y6 and especially Connie, Crystal and Noah for such amazing work!


Name of Mayan god? Ix'Hi Manbiiz	Drawing of your god? 
Meaning of the name? My slithering friend	Connie
God of what? Animals	
What do they carry/wear? Spiky dinosaur-like head-dress made of peacock feathers	
What sacrifices have to be made to this god? You have to leave a pot of animal blood out at night	Any other information? If you do not leave the animal blood out at night your slithering friend will come from above and put a curse on hunting on the



Name of Mayan god? Kukichel	Drawing of your god? 
Meaning of the name? Influential and loyal	Crystal
God of what? Animals and good	
What do they carry/wear? wear vibrant colours has animal teeth has tattoos and jewelry made from fangs	
What sacrifices have to be made to this god? Blood sacrifices and good sacrifices to show their devotion	Any other information? good sacrifices mean you will give up all of your food to the gods for 3 days Blood sacrifices is when you choose someone and drain the blood out of its body



Chac

Name of Mayan god? Cham-I	Drawing of your god? 
Meaning of the name? a Death.	Noah
God of what? Death and Human Sacrifice	
What do they carry/wear? They carry a skull and a black headdress	
What sacrifices have to be made to this god? Humans and blood sacrifice.	Any other information? He lives in the underworld and comes to earth as a Jaguar

Kukulcan



Ix Chel

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# WANT THE BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?

Kids Matter is a free, friendly group for anyone with children aged 1-10 years. We discuss how to build strong families and help our kids do their best in life.



**During the 6 weeks, we cover the following:**

- Taster – Come and see what it's like to be in a Kids Matter group
  - Session 1 – Building a strong family
  - Session 2 – Loving our children well
  - Session 3 – Play, encouragement and listening
  - Session 4 – Routines and rewards
  - Session 5 – Family rules and consequences
  - Session 6 – The bigger picture
  - Booster – Checking in 3 months later
- Every session will have tea and cake and a free crèche.



**Kids Matter will be running for 6 weeks for parents and carers in your area soon!**  
For more information contact:

Registered charity in England & Wales 1163617



## Kids Matter Parenting Programme

### What is Kids Matter?

Kids Matter is a charity with a vision to see every child in need to be raised in a strong family. Kids Matter engage local churches to equip parents and carers facing disadvantages with confidence, competence and community, through accessible and effective parenting programmes.

### What does a Kids Matter parenting group look like?

- For mums, dads and carers of children aged 1-10
- Lasts for six weeks (with a taster session before and a booster session three months later)
- Small groups of 6-8 parents in the community
- Led by a trained peer facilitator
- No flipcharts or experts
- Free crèche provided
- Working together with our user-friendly and evidence-informed booklets
- Sitting together around coffee, tea and food

"The Kids Matter programme has been transformational for the families that have been part of it, and it is an integral part of our school community. When asked about Kids Matter, there was a chorus of: 'It saved my life, it saved our family.'"

Fiona Headteacher in Boston



### The programme:

- Taster session – Come and see what it's like to be in a Kids Matter group
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"I'm not a confident person, but Kids Matter has helped me be more confident in myself; it's helped me to realise that I'm not on my own and it's made me feel stronger. There's a big difference in me, a lot of difference, and I'm a lot happier now. I want to do the programme all over again!"

Kerrie Kids Matter parent



"Kids Matter has been really enjoyable, the group has been welcoming and I've made some good friends. My son's got better at doing his teeth from sticker charts, and we fight less which has made things a lot better."

Richard Kids Matter parent

### Impact from the programme

We are keen to ensure that our parents are more confident in their parenting and are able to improve their own well-being, as we know both of these are key to bringing about change in family functioning, parent-child relationship and consequently child behaviour. Our pre and post evaluation shows that parents improve in both parental confidence and parental well-being (to see all latest data visit [kidsmatter.org.uk/impact](http://kidsmatter.org.uk/impact)).

In Session 6, all parents also complete a 'My Parenting Journey' survey which showed that:

- 99%** say coming to a Kids Matter group has helped them
- 68%** say they can listen and encourage better now
- 60%** say they are playing with their children more
- 98%** say they would recommend going to a Kids Matter group to a friend

### How do I become a Community Link for Kids Matter?

There is no cost to your organisation and the lead facilitator will provide all the materials. All you need to do is personally invite the parents to attend the programme.

### How do I get in touch?

To find out more or refer any parents contact:

# Toasty Tuesday

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January



40p



In aid of  
**The British Heart Foundation**

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Charity chosen by the children of Dobwalls Primary School

## Online Safety:

### Parent/Carer information session LINK

Please find below the link to access the parent/carers session scheduled for **Wednesday 29th January 2025 – 9.30am – 10.15am**. *This session is a repeat session (last delivered September 2024) so if parents/carers attended that session, then they don't need to attend again.*

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MjdmMjIwZTQ0MjkyZC00MGJhLWI0OWQ0ZmMzMDIhY2Q3MzFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dadb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjdmMjIwZTQ0MjkyZC00MGJhLWI0OWQ0ZmMzMDIhY2Q3MzFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dadb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%7d)

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

**The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:**

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If they don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

**Safer Internet Day 2025**

The theme for 2025 is 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'.

**Are You A Scam Detective?**

Our Dobwalls Digital Leaders would like you to research and create a poster on 'How to spot an online scam'.

Entries to Miss Gaskin by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

KS1 winner and KS2 winner will get their posters published in the newsletter and on the gate outside of school. Winners will also receive lunch time hot chocolate and iPad free time!

Winners to be announced in assembly on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025!