



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

Lantern Making Workshop

What a wonderful afternoon welcoming Blystra Arts to our academy for the lantern workshop in preparation for tonight's lantern parade.

Our children and their adult helpers had lots of festive fun designing and making their lanterns with the help of Blystra Arts volunteers who were fabulous as always.

Thanks you to our grown up helpers for coming along to help the children during the afternoon. It looked like you all had a super time with lots of laughter and getting very very sticky with the tricky glue.

Gathering for the parade starts from 5.30pm at Trenance Carpark (look out for the blue and white umbrella) and spectators can view it from either Trenance Gardens or the Boating Lake (the Rose Garden end). The parade starts at 6pm, and is followed by Trenance Cottages Light Switch On event.



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Tis the season for many exciting events in school, and we're delighted to be entering this joyful time together. Over the coming weeks, the children and staff will be busy preparing for nativity performances, welcoming the school Christmas tree, our festive carol concert, Christmas crafts with families, an energetic Santa Dash, a special pantomime performance (oh yes we have!) to name but a few. It truly is one of the most magical times of the year in school, and we can't wait to share these moments with you.



With so much happening, please do keep an eye on this fortnightly newsletter, your emails, and our social media updates so you don't miss any important information about timings and arrangements.

After being unwell myself this week, I'm also reminded that 'tis, unfortunately, the season for nasty germs. A few small habits can make a big difference over the winter months; regular handwashing, plenty of rest, staying warm and dry, eating well, and keeping hydrated all help support children's wellbeing during this busy time of year.

Wishing you all a healthy, happy, and festive few weeks ahead.

Warmest regards,
Miss Hildyard

Newquay Sports Network – Yr 3 & 4 Football Festival Round up from Miss Elsey



Some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils recently took part in the NSN Basketball event, and what an incredible experience it was! For many of the children, this was their very first time. They showed fantastic teamwork, energy, and enthusiasm throughout, and it was thrilling to see them scoring points and celebrating together. While we came away with participation certificates rather than trophies, the smiles and confidence gained were worth so much more!

A special shout-out goes to Reggie, who bravely stepped up for a shoot-out challenge against a player from each team. With everyone watching, he had one minute to score as many hoops as possible and he absolutely smashed it! Well done, Reggie!

We're so proud of all our pupils for their effort and sportsmanship

A message from Ms Geach...



We are very proud to introduce our beautiful little daughter, Elyra Blaine Barr. Elyrah has a couple of different origins, with one meaning including "light" or "to shine" and Blaine meaning "yellow". Very fitting as she arrived on the November 5th Beaver super-moon and Guy Fawkes night. She was born at 4:16am, weighing in at 2,8kgs.

Congratulations to Ms Geach and her husband!

Parents and Carers Craft Session – Friday 28th November – 1.30pm



All of our children will be busy creating a special craft item to sell at the Christmas Fair, and we would love to welcome parents and carers into school to help with the making. If you're able to join us on Friday 28th November, we'll be getting started from 1.30pm and carrying on until our Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm.

Please don't worry if you're unable to make it – there will be plenty of grown-ups on hand to support the children.

Club Cancellations

With so much going on over the next few weeks we would like to highlight some changes to the after-school clubs that we offer.

As usual, there will be no clubs running on the last week of term week commencing 15th Dec.

Construction Club – Monday 1st December will be cancelled due to our 'Welcome the Christmas Tree' event taking place

Book Club – Thursday 11th December there will be no book club due to Christmas performances

Dance Club – Thursday 11th & Friday 12th December there will be no class

Friday Football Club – Friday 12th there will be no Football Club due to our Christmas Fair

No changes to Football Fun Factory or Imagine Outdoors

Welcoming the Christmas Tree – Monday 1st December



Join us as we officially welcome the Christmas tree to NPA and switch on the lights for the very first time! Each pupil has created a special decoration, and we can't wait to showcase their wonderful work on our beautifully dressed tree.

Our school choir will be spreading festive cheer with a selection of Christmas songs, and the PTA will be selling light refreshments to help everyone stay tasty and enjoy the occasion.

We'd love for you to come along, share the magic with us, and celebrate the start of the festive season together.

Santa Dash - Tuesday 2nd December



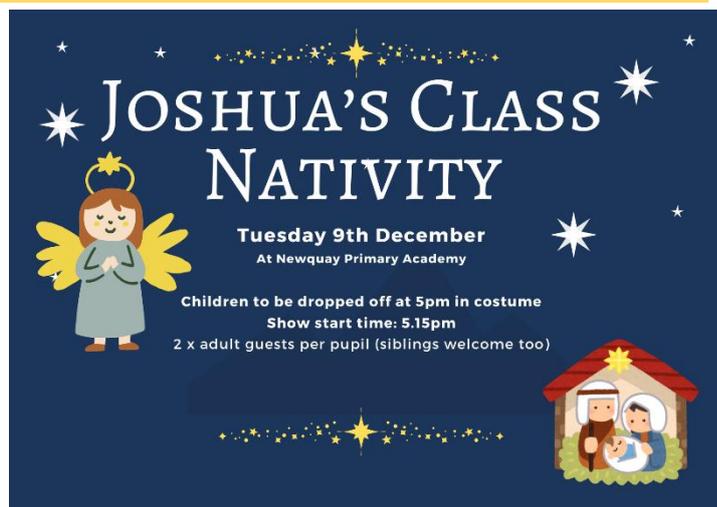
We're excited to share that the children will be taking part in a festive **Santa Dash** on **Tuesday 2nd December** to help raise money for our PTA! Over the next week, each class will have a donation jar, and children (and families!) are invited to pop in any coins—big or small—to help support our fundraising efforts. Then, on the day, the children will take part in a fun, energetic run around the school grounds, spreading plenty of Christmas cheer along the way. Children are welcome to wear antlers or Christmas headbands for the occasion. Thank you for your support, and we can't wait for a fantastic festive fundraiser!

Christmas Performances



TRENT & SHANNON'S
Christmas Concert
THU 11TH DECEMBER - 2.15PM
NPA HALL

2 X ADULT GUESTS PER PUPIL
(SIBLINGS WELCOME TOO)



**JOSHUA'S CLASS
NATIVITY**
Tuesday 9th December
At Newquay Primary Academy

Children to be dropped off at 5pm in costume
Show start time: 5.15pm
2 x adult guests per pupil (siblings welcome too)



YOU ARE INVITED TO
**TAMAR & SEVERN'S
Christmas Nativity**
Tuesday 9th December at 1.30pm
At The Wave House, Seymore Avenue TR7 1BL
Wednesday 10th December at 5.15pm
At The Wave House, Seymore Avenue TR7 1BL

Children to be dropped off at 5pm in costume for the Wednesday performance.
2 x adult guests per pupil, per performance (siblings welcome too)

St Austell Festival of Children's Literature Writing Competition



The St Austell Festival of Children's Literature is launching an exciting writing competition for children under 12s!

WIN A FAMILY TICKET TO THE WHITE RIVER CINEMA

Children are invited to write a movie idea in just 100 words or less. The winning entry will receive a family ticket to the White River Cinema to see the film "Maybe Not: A Squirrel's Story."

EXPERT JUDGING PANEL

Our expert panel includes actress Jill Greenacre, who will select the winner and announce the winning entry on the day of the festival.

SHORTLISTED ENTRIES READING

The ten shortlisted entries will be read out by Jill on the Saturday of the Festival at 1pm, ahead of the Matilda The Musical screening.

HOW TO ENTER

Email your Movie Idea to: info@austellfestivalchildrensliterature.com or drop it into the cinema.

Competition is open to under 12s. Submissions close on Thursday 27th November at 5pm. Please ensure your name, age, and contact details are included on your submission.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to spark your child's creativity and love of storytelling!

Coming up over the next few weeks...

**JOSHUA
CLASS**

Next week Joshua Class will be inspired by the story of the Jolly Postman. They will go to work in the post office wrapping gifts, writing letters and using stamps for their special envelopes. They will also be learning about the Christmas story and starting to rehearse their nativity.

**TAMAR
CLASS**

Over the next two weeks, the children will be exploring the season of winter in Science—learning when it begins, spotting signs of winter, and discussing events that happen at this time of year. In RE, they will be learning the Christmas story and continuing to practise our nativity. In Geography, the children will be finding out where in the world we live by exploring maps, atlases, and globes.

**SEVERN
CLASS**

Severn Class have an exciting couple of weeks ahead! They will be visiting Geevor Tin Mine to continue their learning about Cornish mining history, bringing their classroom work to life with a real hands-on experience.

The children will also be practising their nativity play, which they'll be performing together with Tamar Class. They're already showing great enthusiasm, and we can't wait to see their hard work come together on stage.

**TRENT
CLASS**

Trent have got lots of exciting things coming up in class! The children have been busy getting creative as they work on some special Christmas crafts for the Christmas Fair and we really look forward to welcoming parents into class next Friday to lend a hand. Rehearsals are well underway for our Christmas concert, too! The children are practising with so much enthusiasm, and we can already tell it's going to be a wonderful performance. Alongside all the festive fun, we're continuing our exciting topic work on mountains. The children have loved discovering how mountains are formed and are now exploring fascinating facts about Mount Everest. They've had lots of great questions and are really enjoying becoming mountain experts!

**SHANNON
CLASS**

Shannon planned and started an experiment to discover which drink causes the most wear on an eggshell (because we can't use real teeth). The children chose their own drinks to test from and we're leaving the eggs (teeth) for a whole week to make it a fair test. Next week... we finally get to see what happens and which drinks are better or worse on our teeth. Well then move onto exploring life cycles and what animals eat and drink. On the 4th we are hoping to visit the aquarium to see some animals and ask experts some big questions based on our topic - Animals including humans.

Attendance

Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Joshua Class: 99.7%		Joshua Class: 98.7% Tamar Class: 97.9% Severn Class: 99.3% Trent Class: 98.8%
	Severn Class: 97.4% Trent: 93.8% Shannon: 94.8% Tamar Class: 93.8%		Shannon Class: 95.2%
			

Week of 10th November

Week of 17th November

The academy works closely with the Education Welfare Officer to support families who have low attendance figures. When a child's attendance drops below 90% it is identified as 'persistence absence' and the EWO will contact the family to offer support. Please ensure that your child is in school on time. Arrivals after 8.50am are marked as late in the register. Please contact the academy office if any support is required – we are here to help.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court. Please see our website for more information on our attendance policy:

[Newquay Primary Academy - Attendance](#)

Office Opening Hours

The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Friday. If you need to speak to Mrs Payne or Mrs Townley in the office, please contact between these hours.

Our teachers are available at the start and end of the academy day at your child's classroom door, please do not hesitate to talk to them if you have a query.

ACADEMY LUNCH BOOKINGS




This is a gentle reminder that lunches need to be booked on ParentPay by Sunday for the following week.

We must submit the numbers to Caterlink on Monday, so timely bookings are essential. Thank you for your cooperation.




Important dates to remember

Date	Event	Class
Fri 21 st November	Newquay Lantern Parade – 5.30pm Trenance Valley	Open to all classes
Mon 24 th November	NPA Panto Time! Will take place in school time.	All Classes
Fri 28 th November	PTA Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate donation	All classes
Fri 28 th November	Parent/carer Christmas Decoration Workshop – 1.30pm	All classes
Mon 1 st December	Welcome the Christmas Tree 3.15pm	All classes
Tue 2 nd December	NPA Santa Dash – more info to follow	All classes
Wed 3 rd December	Severn Trip to Geevor Tin Mine – info TBC	Severn
Wed 3 rd December	CELT EYFS Trip - Joshua Santa by Steam – Info TBC	Joshua
Thu 4 th December	Tamar Santa by Steam	Tamar
Mon 8 th December	PTA Non-Uniform Day – Bottle donation	All classes
Tue 9 th December	Joshua Nativity – Hayes Hall 5.15pm	Joshua Class
Tue 9 th December	Tamar & Severn Class – The Wave Project 1.30pm	Tamar & Severn
Wed 10 th December	Tamar & Severn Class – The Wave Project 5.15pm	Tamar & Severn
Thu 11 th December	Trent & Shannon Carol Concert – Hayes Hall 2.15pm	Trent & Shannon
Thu 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All classes
Fri 12 th December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm	All classes
Wed 17 th December	Rocksteady Christmas Concert	Rocksteady club
Friday 19th December: Last day of term		
Monday 5th January: Start of Spring Term		



Community News



Imagine Outdoors will be running their fantastic outdoor adventure club during the Christmas holidays.

Children will have the chance to enjoy activities such as den building, bug hunting, campfire cooking, tool use, seasonal crafts, games, and much more – all while learning to respect themselves, each other, and the environment. Every session also includes refreshments and a tasty snack cooked on the fire.

For more details or to book, please visit: [Holibob Clubs - Imagine Outdoors Together CIC](http://www.imagineoutdoors.co.uk)




School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ FLU - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ MMR - Catch-up
- ✓ HPV - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ Meningitis ACWY - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) Year 9 - Year 11

FLU

MMR

HPV

MENINGITIS ACWY

DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on
01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net



Don't be Late! Come along to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

scan for tickets




1pm - 30th November - Room Five

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