



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

Tamar's Zoo Trip

On Monday Tamar Class braved the weather and went to Newquay Zoo. Throughout the day, the children enjoyed observing animals around the zoo and practising classifying them into their correct groups. A real highlight was watching the penguins being fed. It was a fantastic day that brought learning to life and deepened the children's understanding of animals and their habitats.



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a challenging start to the term. The combination of winter weather and seasonal illness has, at times, made things difficult for our school community, and I would like to thank you for your continued understanding and flexibility during this period.



I would also like to extend my thanks to those of you who have taken the time to share feedback regarding parking and our end-of-day arrangements. We really value your thoughts, and your comments help us to reflect carefully on how we can continue to keep our children safe while ensuring the school day runs as smoothly as possible for everyone.

As part of this ongoing reflection, we would like to begin an initial consultation with parents and carers regarding the end of the school day. Specifically, we are exploring the possibility of moving the school finish time to 3.10pm. At this stage, no decision has been made. We are keen to gather your initial thoughts, questions and any potential implications this change may have for your family before considering next steps. Please email any comments you wish to share to npasecretary@npa.celtrust.org

Parental feedback is incredibly helpful in shaping how we move forward as a school, and we are always keen to improve the way we work in partnership with you. To support this, I will soon be sharing a link to a short survey focused specifically on communication between home and school. I would be very grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete it, as your responses will help guide future improvements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. We are very grateful to be part of such a thoughtful and engaged school community.

Warm regards,
Miss Hildyard

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March



We will be celebrating World Book Day with a whole day dedicated to reading and sharing our love of books. Children will be invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book (not a film) and are encouraged to bring the book with them to share during the day. There is absolutely no expectation to buy anything new – homemade costumes, existing outfits or simple props are more than perfect.

As part of World Book Day, each child will also receive a £1 book voucher, which can be used to purchase a special World Book Day book or as £1 off another book at participating bookshops. We are pleased to let you know that Clemo's Books in Newquay town centre is taking part in this scheme.

CELT National Year of Reading Newsletter



We have also attached the 'CELT National Year of Reading Newsletter' this week. This celebrates the importance of reading every day and explains how just 10 minutes of reading can make a big difference. It also includes a fun quiz and some great book recommendations to help inspire and support reading at home.

Menu Change – Chinese New Year



To celebrate Chinese New Year, Caterlink will be offering a special menu of Chinese chicken curry with rice or vegetable noodles. As Chinese New Year falls during half term on 17th February, this themed lunch will instead be served on Wednesday 12th February.

An email will be sent out asking you to confirm your child's lunch choices.

St Piran's Day



On 5th March, alongside our World Book Day celebrations, we will also be marking St Piran's Day. To celebrate, lunch on this day will be a Cornish pasty or a vegan pasty. A booking link will be sent out shortly for you to make your child's selection.

PTA Events

Sponsored Packcake Flip



On Tuesday 10th February, our classes will be testing their skills in pancake flipping (unfortunately Pancake Day falls in half term!). To help raise funds for the PTA, we

will be asking families and friends to sponsor the children to see which class can flip the most pancakes, with a prize for the winning class. Sponsorship can be paid via ParentPay.

PTA Valentine's Disco

The PTA are excited to invite all classes to our Valentine's Disco on Thursday 12th February.

Tickets are £3 per child (adults go free!)

Tickets can be purchased from the school office (Tuesday–Friday) or from a PTA representative after school by the gate on selected days.



Important dates to remember

Date	Event	Class
Tue 3 rd February	Partnership Meetings	All classes
Wed 4 th February	Partnership Meetings	All classes
Tue 10 th February	PTA Sponsored Pancake Flip	All classes
Tue 10 th February	Severn Beach Trip – info to follow	Severn Class
Thu 12 th February	PTA Valentine Disco	All classes
Friday 13th February: Last day of half term		
Monday 23rd February: Start of Spring Term 2		

Coming up over the next few weeks...

JOSHUA CLASS

Joshua Class will be saying goodbye to our friendly alien next week and discovering some strange eggs. What could they be! We will finish the half term by learning about dinosaurs and how people celebrate Chinese/Lunar New Year around the world.

TAMAR CLASS

Tamar class will be completing their beautiful hand-stitched bunting in DT, showing great care and creativity in their sewing skills. They will then be stepping back in time to become palaeontologists like Mary Anning, exploring fossils and learning about her incredible discoveries. Alongside this, the children will be developing their writing skills by creating a clear and thoughtful set of instructions on how we can all help to care for our Earth, linking their learning to sustainability and responsibility for our planet.

SEVERN CLASS

Over the next few weeks, Severn Class will continue their learning about the Great Fire of London. In History, the children will be comparing life in the past with life today and within English the children will have the opportunity to write a diary entry as if they were living during the time of the Great Fire. In Science, the children will be visiting the beach to further develop their understanding of habitats and animals. In Maths, the children will be counting and using money developing their knowledge of both addition and subtracting using coins.

TRENT CLASS







In English, the children will be writing diary entries in role as Leon from *Leon and the Place Between*, using their recent circus experience to support and enrich their writing. In Art, they will continue working on their dragon drawings, inspired by Jackie Morris' illustrations in *Tell Me a Dragon*, developing their creativity and attention to detail. In Spanish, the children will be learning how to give simple classroom instructions to their peers, such as standing up, sitting down and passing a pencil, and will practise these with increasing confidence.

SHANNON CLASS

Shannon class have begun a new unit based on Lewis Carroll's *Jabberwocky*, exploring the meaning of the text and preparing to write their own poems next week. In Maths, they have been learning to divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by 1 digit and are showing great confidence. In P.E., racket skills continue to improve as children work towards their bronze, silver and gold challenges. Learning in Science and DT will continue with electricity and torch-making, while in Spanish the children are moving on to *My Family*. In Music, they are composing rainforest-inspired pieces based on the different layers of the rainforest.
Over the next two weeks, we will also be welcoming Mrs Hughes back for some visits to support a smooth handover.

Attendance

Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Tamar Class: 98.6% Trent: 97.5%		Trent Class: 100% Joshua Class: 96.3% Severn Class: 98.6%
	Severn Class: 95.7%		Tamar Class: 94.1%
	Joshua Class: 90.7% Shannon: 89.5%		Shannon Class: 85.2%

Week of 19th January

Week of 26th January

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:



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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.

Community News

Imagine Outdoors Holiday Club

Imagine Outdoors OFSTED registered Holibob bookings are open NOW for their community based outdoor clubs based within the magical grounds of Newquay Orchard in their magical "den" space!



🔑 Age range 5-11

🏠 Clubs cost £35

🕒 09 30 - 15 30

🐱 Activities include :
mini bushcraft skills ,
nature art ,
games ,
campfire cooking,
Axe skills ,
And much much more .

Want to join the wilding Revolution click the link below to join.

Enter this code at checkout for an Early bird discount
(runs out January 31st) **RJT741**

Link- <https://imagine-outdoors-together-cic.classforkids.io/term/107>



TODDLER & PARENT YOGA



STRETCH AND STROLL

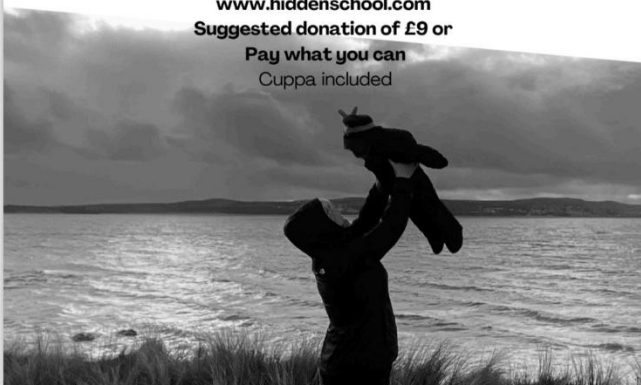
45 min yoga session for Toddlers and their parents
followed by a local stroll

Come as you are — this is about movement, connection
and community.

Perranporth
Family Hub

Friday's
11am - 12.30pm

To book, scan code or visit
www.hiddenschool.com
Suggested donation of £9 or
Pay what you can
Cuppa included

Advertisement for The Football Fun Factory. The top part shows a young boy in a yellow jersey jumping joyfully. Below this are several smaller photos of children playing football. The text includes 'Tots Football Fun', 'Football Fun and Development', 'Football Fun Camps', 'Birthday Parties and Events', and 'School and Nursery Events'. The main logo is 'The Football Fun Factory' with a soccer ball in the center. Below the logo, it says 'Truly Unique Football experiences For Children 18m-12 Years old'. At the bottom, it says 'Book a 3-week Free Trial at: www.thefootballfactory.co.uk'.