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All three classes have been getting outside and making the most of the lovely Spring weather – when it has made an appearance!

Joshua Class went looking for signs of Spring at the Orchard. As well as their usual bug hunting ventures, they drew Spring pictures and foraged for edible plants. Tamar class put their green fingers to the test, each getting the chance to pot two plants. They got to choose between flowers, peppers and herbs, which are now safe in the green house. We look forward to watching them grow



Severn Class have also been busy planting. They have potted some lovely strawberry plants, as well as sunflowers. We can't wait to see how big the sunflowers get, and hopefully we'll get to sample some strawberries before the year is out.





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Next week Joshua class will be inspired by the story of Handas surprise. They will be learning about how children live in East Africa, trying some exotic fruit, making Maasai necklaces and learning about forest habitats.



Over the next two weeks, Tamar class will be becoming budding artists! They will be looking at creating artwork based on fairies and woodland animals. The children will be using specialised books which have been ordered in by Newquay Library to enthuse them with their creations. The children will also be looking after their flower and vegetable plants daily and making sure that each plant is growing along nicely!



Severn will be learning all about the artist Frida Kahlo and will be creating their own portraits including symbolism inspired by her work. These will be exhibited on tapestry for all to see. They will also be looking at pictograms within their computing lessons including gathering data and displaying this along with internet safety.

# **Carpark Safety**

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Over the past week the car park area has been monitored. The speed at which parents are driving along the driveway has increased. This poses a significant safety hazard to both pedestrians and other drivers using the area.

A number of the speeding vehicles belong to parents and carers dropping off or picking up their children at Newquay Primary Academy.

Please could we kindly remind you all of the importance of driving sensibly in the car parks, especially in the vicinity of the sports centre entrance. This area has been identified as increasingly unsafe due to the high volume of traffic and speeding vehicles, and we would encourage you not to use this area.

We hope this will create a safer environment for everyone using the car park and we thank you for your continued cooperation.

### Update on the new academy build from the Department for Education

'The project is still on track to be completed by the 20/12/2024, however the recent bad weather has eaten into the buffer within the programme, so Kier are looking at ways to claw this time back.

As can be seen on the photos below, the new steel frame has been completed together with the ground and first floor slabs. The new roof is well advanced, and the external wall framing has started to be constructed and will start to be boarded this week with window installation next week. Now that the inside of the building is becoming weatherproof, the risk of weather delays will now start to diminish whilst the areas in which following trades can work will now increase thus providing increased opportunities to improve the programme.

Regarding the temporary accommodation, further discussions have been held with Portakabin. Once approved, instructions will be issued to allow the temporary accommodation works to commence in good time to be completed by September.'

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# **Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy**

| Joshua Class: 98% Severn Class: 100% Tamar Class: 98.6% | Severn Class: 98.8%<br>Joshua Class: 97.7% |
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|                                                         | Tamar Class: 92.6%                         |
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Week of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

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Week of 29th April 2024

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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 £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 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.

#### **Office Opening Hours**

The academy office opening hours are 8.00am until 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00am until 1.30pm on a Friday. If you need to speak to Mrs Payne in the office, please contact between these hours.

#### Important dates to remember

| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May                                                        | Lifeboat Station Visit     | Joshua Class |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                                                      | Afternoon Tea with Parents | Severn Class |  |  |  |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                                        | Sports Day 1.15pm          | All Classes  |  |  |  |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024: May Half Term |                            |              |  |  |  |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024: first day back                                   |                            |              |  |  |  |