



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to all our pupils and families! We've had an exciting start to 2025, filled with exploration, discovery, and hands-on learning across all year groups. Here's a look at what our students have been up to over the past two weeks since returning from the Christmas break.

Joshua Class: A Mystery Visitor!

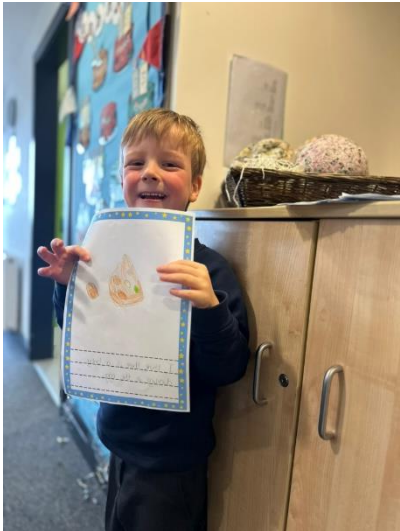


Joshua Class have been on an out-of-this-world adventure as they discovered that an alien had visited the academy! The classroom was filled with excitement when the pupils found pairs of pants scattered around. Could this be a clue from the alien visitor? The children have been using their imaginations to solve the mystery and enjoy some creative activities based around their extraterrestrial encounter, such as making planets and pictures of the stars. It's been a fantastic way to inspire curiosity and critical thinking.

Tamar Class: Dinosaur Discovery!

Tamar Class have been digging into the distant past with a fascinating topic on dinosaurs. But things got even more mysterious when the students discovered a set of mystery eggs in their classroom! The class has been investigating the eggs, speculating what could be inside, and learning more

about these incredible creatures. It's been an exciting way to bring their studies to life and spark a passion for paleontology!



Severn Class: African Call and Response with Drums 4 Fun

Severn Class has been embracing the rhythm of African music with a fantastic lesson from Drums 4 Fun. The students had the opportunity to experience traditional African call-and-response patterns, learning the significance of music in African culture. It was an engaging, energetic session where the children got to drum along, making music, and learning about the importance of rhythm and community through this cultural tradition.



Trent Class: Ancient Writing, BSL and Indian 'Rag' Music

Trent Class has been diving into history with a study of the Indus Valley, and the students put their creativity to work by creating clay slabs with ancient writing. The class has also continued their journey into British Sign Language (BSL), learning how to finger-spell their names and greetings. In addition, they've been exploring the world of Indian music by learning about the 'rag.' The word 'rag' means colour and passion in India, and it refers to a specific set of notes played in a pattern. The Year 3 children had a wonderful time practising these notes on the Glockenspiel, adding a musical dimension to their studies!



COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

JOSHUA CLASS

Joshua class continue learning about Space over the coming weeks. They are creating planets, rockets and solar systems in Making Kingdom. Chad our friendly alien also needs help to get back to his planet. What will Joshua class create to help him!

TAMAR CLASS

Tamar class will continue their exciting learning journey about dinosaurs, exploring both prehistoric creatures and the remarkable paleontologist, Mary Anning. Students will have the unique opportunity to participate in their own dinosaur dig at the beach, where they can unearth "fossils" and gain hands-on experience in paleontology!

SEVERN CLASS

Severn class will be starting their Art topic next week, looking at the Sistine Chapel and Renaissance artist, Michaelangelo. The children will look at a selection of famous artworks, recreating these, and even practice painting whilst lying down in the style of Michaelangelo himself. The following week, Severn will start their Science learning on "Living things and their Habitats". As part of this we will be visiting Newquay Zoo for a "Playful Penguin" workshop, looking at the habitats of penguins and how they have adapted to these.

TRENT CLASS

In the next two weeks, Trent class will be diving deeper into the fascinating world of the Indus Valley, focusing on solving puzzles related to this ancient civilization. They will also learn about different types of settlements found across the UK. In music, the class will explore the rich sounds of Indian music, while in English, they will be reading *Leon and the Place Between*, a captivating story that sparks imagination and wonder.

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 Chartwells on Monday, so timely bookings are essential. Thank you for your cooperation.



Newquay Sports Network Event – Multi Skills

On Wednesday 8th January we took 10 enthusiastic Year 2 pupils to participate in the NSN Multi-Skills event, where they applied their skills and demonstrated teamwork and resilience – even in the chilly weather!

It was a fantastic opportunity to get active, learn new skills, and have fun together.

There will be more sporting events throughout the rest of the academic year, we endeavour to get as many of our pupils as involved as possible.



Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Joshua Class: 100% Tamar Class: 97.3% Serven Class: 98.8% Trent Class: 100%		Joshua Class: 98.9% Severn Class: 99.2% Trent Class: 99.4%
			Tamar Class: 95.8%

Week of 6th January 2025

Week of 13th January 2025

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 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.

Important dates to remember

Wednesday 22 nd January	NSN Indoor Athletics	6 children from Trent
Friday 24 th January	Orchard Trip	Joshua
Monday 27 th January	Newquay Zoo Trip	Severn Class
Monday 3 rd February	Dino Dig at Porth Beach – details TBC	Tamar
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day – details to follow	All Classes
Friday 14th February	INSET Day	All classes
Monday 17 th February	Start of February half term	All Classes
Monday 24th February	INSET Day	All Classes
Tuesday 25 th February	First day in new academy building	All classes
Thursday 13th February: Last day of Spring Term 1		
Tuesday 25th February: First Day of Spring term 2		