



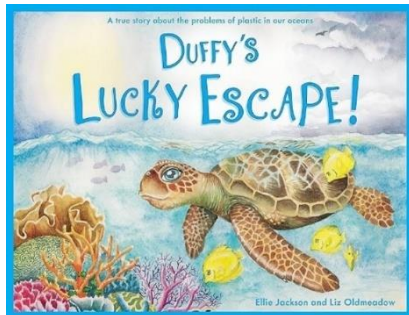
Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

HIGHLIGHTS

Ellie Jackson's Visit

Tamar and Severn class were excited to have a visit from a local author, Ellie Jackson, on the 25th January. Ellie shared one of her stories 'Duffy's Lucky Escape' with the group and explained how she became an author. The children were then set the task of making their own sea creatures out of rubbish that had been found on the beach – we had some amazing creations! The children were lucky enough to receive a signed copy of one of Ellie's beautiful books, kindly paid for by the Newquay Towan Bylstra Lions



Extra-Curricular Clubs

This term's extra-curricular, after school clubs, are proving to be a huge hit with the children. They have been enjoying learning new skills from archery and frisbee with DT Sports at Multi-Skills Club, to exploring Adventure time with Ms Wilson and team building with Mrs Parish-Meens. Miss Bailey's art group have been learning about artists from around the world and getting the chance to explore different materials and techniques. We are also excited to announce that Miss Southerland's newly formed choir will be representing the academy at community events, we can't wait to see them perform.



A reminder that all clubs will run until the week before the Easter holidays, so there won't be any clubs on the week commencing 25th March.

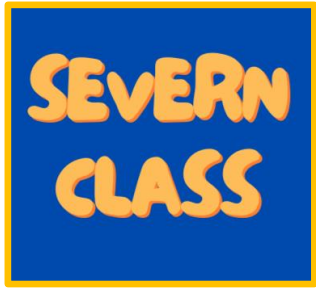
COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**JOSHUA
CLASS**

Next week Joshua class will be exploring the eggs and foot prints they have found in the classroom and discovering more about dinosaurs. They will also be finding out about Lunar New Year, and exploring the similarities and difference about this festival and how it is celebrated around the world.

**TAMAR
CLASS**

Tamar class will be busy Brontosaurus for their last week of their current topic!
They will be taking their learning down to the beach to learn how to be a palaeontologists, mirroring the work of the famous Mary Anning. They will also be finishing off their paper-mâché volcanos ready to explode in their recreation of the Big Bang!



Next week Severn class will be starting their RE topic on Judaism where we will be making our own Mezuzah's and learning about Shabbat. We will also have a Design Technology day on Thursday where we will be making pouches inspired by the rainforest and will have parents in for the afternoon to help up sew these together.

The Big Dig – Wednesday 7th February – Tamar Class

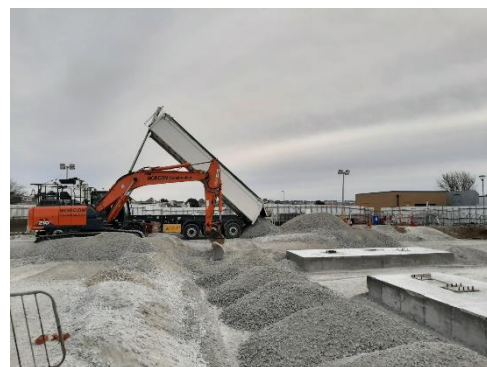


Tamar class will be going down to Porth Beach for the Big Dig on Wednesday 7th February (weather dependent). They will be searching for fossils, bones and dinosaur remains like Mary Anning, a famous palaeontologist. An email has been sent to parents, please make sure you have followed the link to give consent for your child to go.

Update from Department For Education

This week we received an update from the Department of Education on the new school building.





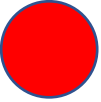
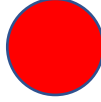
'Generally, the works to the new school are progressing really well although the recent wet and windy weather has caused some disruption to progress. Since the last update, Kier have cleared the site of the unforeseen existing basement structures and have completed the engineered fill up to foundation level. The new concrete foundations have started to be constructed and will be complete in time for the new structural steel frame to start to be erected w/c 29/01/24. Steel erection should take c.4 weeks and will include the installation of the pre-cast concrete stairs to the first floor, which will form the access to allow the metal decking and concrete first floor to start to be installed as soon as the steel frame is complete'



Within this last period Kier have also completed and handed over the new tractor store and the new goods-in building, which are now in use by the school. It is currently anticipated that the new primary school will be completed by mid-December 2024, however, until the building envelope is complete the risk of disruption due to adverse weather still remains. The project team remain committed to trying to improve on this date wherever possible.'

We will keep you updated as and when we can.

Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Tamar Class: 98.3%		Tamar Class: 96.1%
	Joshua Class: 95.6%		Joshua Class: 91% Severn Class: 91.8%
	Severn Class: 88.2%		

Week of 22nd January 2024

Week of 29th January 2024

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

Wednesday 7 th February	The Big Dig	Tamar Class
Thursday 8 th February	Parent Sewing Session	Severn Class
Friday 9 th February	Porth Trip – Marble Treat	Tamar & Severn Class
Thursday 22 nd February	Eden Trip – email sent	Tamar & Severn Class
Thursday 7 th March Friday 8 th March	Parent Consultations – info to follow	All classes
Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024: Spring Half Term		
Monday 19th February 2024: first day back		

