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## Newquay Primary Academy NEWS BULLETIN

### Joshua class



Joshua class has had some new visitors this half term... class caterpillars. Each child is keeping track of the changes that happen during the caterpillar life cycle in their own diary.

In the observation station, Joshua class are watching how the caterpillars move and eat. The children can't wait to watch the metamorphosis!





This week, Joshua class had a go on the academy bikes as part of their P.E. Some of the children enjoyed zooming around on the pedal bikes straight away. Other children were so close to pedalling independently. Whereas some of Joshua class enjoyed learning to balance on the balance bikes, navigating the course successfully.

If the children have a bike at home, please help them practice when you can. We hope all the children will progress to pedal bikes this half term.

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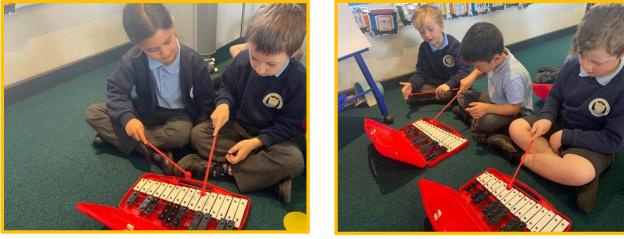
In Science, Tamar class has been exploring seeds and bulbs. They looked at the similarities and differences between a variety of seeds and bulbs and thought about questions they could ask about seeds and bulbs.

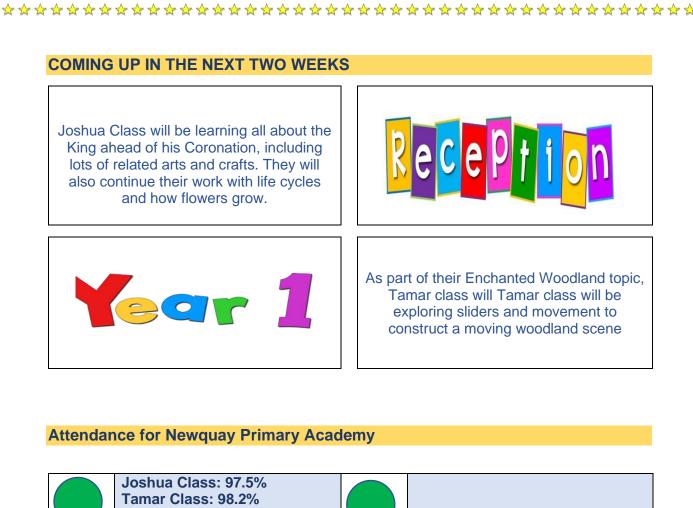
The children then planted their own sunflower seed, which they will look after and observe growing over the next few weeks as part of their continued learning. Tamar class learnt that seeds need sunlight and water to grow, so they have placed their sunflowers in a sunny spot in the classroom and will water them regularly.



In this week's music lesson, Tamar class focused on a song called "Getting Dressed". This song is in a pop-style song and you can hear the sound of the guitar guite clearly in the music. The children discussed how the guitar is played in lots of pop and rock music worldwide. The children then learnt to sing the song and practiced playing our instruments with the song.

Tamar class made lots of "music" and had even more fun doing so!





Joshua Class: 97.5% Tamar Class: 98.2%	
	Joshua Class: 95.1% Tamar Class: 94.9%

Week of 17th April 2023

Week of 24th April 2023

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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.

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#### Year Two

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Alice Bailey as our Year Two class teacher from September 2023. Miss Bailey will be working closely with Miss Cowell over the summer term to ensure a smooth transition from Tamar class into Year Two. We will share more details of our transition plans shortly, including a chance for parents to meet Miss Bailey.

Miss Bailey will also be joined by Miss Harrison in September, who will be our Year Two class TA. Again, Miss Harrison will be spending time with Tamar class this term ahead to joining full-time in September.

We are very excited to welcome Miss Bailey and Miss Harrison to the Newquay Primary Academy family.

Finally, we can also reveal the name of our new Year Two class.... Drum roll.... sticking with tradition, our new Year Two class will be called Severn class. Severn is a type of RNLI lifeboat, which can be seen at Falmouth lifeboat centre – and no doubt the pupils will be paying a visit to their namesake at some point next year.

#### Sun cream and sun hats

With sunnier days (hopefully!) on there way, we are asking all parents to bring in a named sun hat and labelled high factor sun protection for their child to keep in the academy.

Please can we also ask all parents also apply a high factor, waterproof sunscreen to their child before school to ensure they are protected, and the protection will be re-applied during the day as required.

#### **Avocado seeds**



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Request from Miss Cowell... if anyone enjoys any avocados this bank holiday weekend,

please can you keep the seeds and send them into Tamar class for an activity they will be doing as part of their science topic next week. They will need as many as possible by next Wednesday (3rd May).

#### **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 Hannah or Tracey in the office, please contact between these hours.

#### Important dates to remember

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April: first day back after Easter holidays							
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Swim School	Joshua & Tamar Class					
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Swim School	Joshua & Tamar Class					
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Swim School	Joshua & Tamar Class					
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Trip to the Eden Project	Joshua & Tamar Class –					
		more information to follow					
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Swim School	Joshua & Tamar Class					
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Swim School	Joshua & Tamar Class					
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June: May half term							
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June: first day back after half-term							

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#### Note from the NPA PTA

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# SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

### Spring clean for a good cause!

Donate outgrown uniform for resale. Accepting all items in good condition (including shoes), with or without NPA logo

Drop off at NPA front desk.

### BOOK DONATIONS



### Spring clean for a good cause!

Donate any used children's books (in good condition) for resale, with proceeds going to learning opportunities and resources for the kids of NPA.

Drop off at NPA front desk.