



Newquay Primary Academy

NEWS BULLETIN

THE NAUGHTY BUS

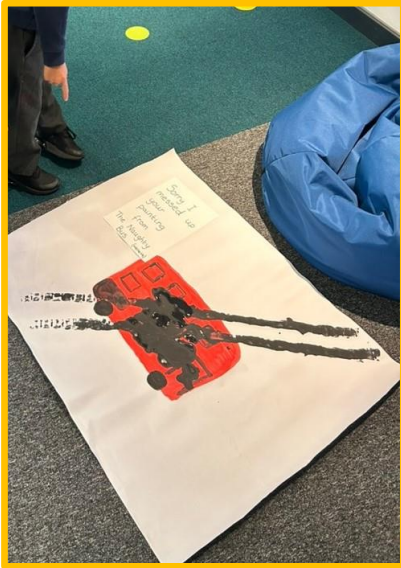
Tamar class is currently exploring the book, *The Naughty Bus*. As part of this learning, Tamar were surprised to find a real life *Naughty Bus* outside of Newquay Primary Academy. The children were extremely excited and decided that they'd love to go on a journey around Newquay.

They explored Newquay, listened to Mrs Parish-Meens read the '*Naughty Bus*' book for the first time and pointed out geographical features as they travelled around.

To top it off, they all had a go at sitting in the drivers seat and got some amazing bus related goodies. Massive thank you to the Bradshaw family for helping to organise such a terrific experience for Tamar class.



More pictures from the *Naughty Bus* trip can be found on our social media pages and website.



Back in the classroom, The Naughty Bus is causing trouble and not following the classroom rules!



Following on from what they seen from the bus, Tamar class Tamar class have been learning about where they live, their local community but also the four countries of the United Kingdom. The children have been using the working wall to help them remember the four countries and where they are located.

Great work Tamar class!



COMING UP IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

**JOSHUA
CLASS**

Joshua class will be continuing to look at traditional tales and explore how children live around the world. They will be asking 'how is your house different to mine?' The children will also be exploring nocturnal animals and continuing to learn their nativity songs! Watch out for lines coming home over the next few weeks, parts have been sent out via Tapestry!





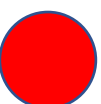
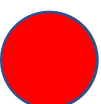
**TAMAR
CLASS**

In the next couple of weeks, Tamar class will be continuing to investigate where they live in geography and will begin to look at seasonal changes in science. Alongside this topic work, they will be preparing for their class Christmas production of 'Humph the Camel', by practising their lines and learning the songs. They will also be investigating the importance of giving to those less fortunate by learning all about the Shoe Box appeal organised by Samaritan's Purse UK.



Next week, Severn class will be starting their DT topic and designing and making a working replica of the London Eye. Please could they have any cardboard, tubs or other building materials brought into school. The following week the children will start their science topic on animals and their habitats including a trip to Newquay Zoo and building their own bug hotels.

Attendance for Newquay Primary Academy

	Severn Class: 97.1%		Joshua Class: 98.3% Tamar Class: 97.9% Severn Class: 98.8%
	Joshua Class: 95.6% Tamar Class: 94.8%		
			

Week of 30th October 2023

Week of 6th November 2023

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.

Enduio survey

Thank you very much to the parents and carers who responded to the Parent Experience Survey at the end of the summer term, especially those who left helpful and constructive comments. We take your points seriously and will be refining aspects of our work to address the areas you are telling us we need to improve. The highest satisfaction ratings were given to accessibility, communication regarding pupil attendance and the awareness that Newquay Primary Academy is part of a group of schools working together in a multi-academy trust:

- 92% of respondents felt well informed about their child's attendance.
- 100% of respondents knew about the work of Newquay Primary Academy as part of the Cornwall Education Learning Trust.
- 58% said they would be interested in receiving suggestions on how to support their child's learning and development.
- 92% said clear language is used in school communications.
- 85% felt well informed about their child's punctuality.
- 92% said it was easy to contact the school if you need to.
- 100% said it is easy to understand the reports sent by the school.
- 83% said the school's approach to attendance met their child's needs.
- 100% said they would recommend Newquay Primary Academy to another parent.

- 83% felt parents' evenings were useful.
- 85% felt well informed about their child's behaviour in school.
- 75% said the school expectations for parents were clear.
- 92% were confident that teachers can keep your child safe.
- 100% said they were confident in supporting their child's development at home.
- 83% felt welcome in this school.
- 100% valued our social events.
- 83% said the school's approach to behaviour meets your child's needs.
- 83% felt that your child was treated fairly by teachers.
- 90% said the school's approach to marking and assessment fits your child's needs.
- 92% said the school's approach to the learning process overall fit your child's needs.
- 78% found school reports helpful for understanding individual pupil progress.

We received very positive responses against the trust benchmarks. Respondents felt that it was easy to access and attend school events and, most importantly, would recommend Newquay Primary Academy as a school to other parents. We have been reflecting on all the feedback comments. The areas we need to get better at communicating with you about are:

- 58% said they would welcome suggestions on how to support their child's learning and development.
- 64% felt that school's approach to homework fits your child's needs.
- 65% said it was easy to attend school events.
- 56% said they see the impact that their feedback has had on the school

A key area for development is informing you about the work of CELT:

- 50% said the role of the trust in this school was clear.
- 67% said they were confident that being part of a trust is beneficial for pupils.

Following your feedback in the survey, we need to focus on two key areas going forwards:

- 44% said they don't often see that their feedback to the school has impact.
- 35% said it was difficult to attend school events.

Please remember that you are very welcome to come and see staff in person if you have anything at all that you'd like to discuss – you just need to make an appointment through secretary@newquayprimary.net.

Goodbye and good luck

It is with great sadness that we have to say a final goodbye and farewell to Mrs Amos. Although we said goodbye to her back in March when relocating with her daughters to Devon, Mrs Amos has continued to work remotely as our Office Manager. Sadly, Mrs Amos has found a job closer to home and her last day is today. So, from the staff, pupils and parents, I would like to wish Mrs Amos every success in her new job and thank her for being the most wonderful colleague and friend that we could have hoped for. We will miss you very much and please promise to stay in touch.

Exciting news!

This week, we have interviewed for Mrs Amos' replacement, and we would like to announce that Pippa Townley has been appointed as our new Office Manager. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Townley the very best in her new role. I am sure you will understand that there will be a period of transition between Mrs Amos leaving and Mrs Townley starting, so please forgive us if our communication is not as efficient as it usually is.

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 Tracey in the office, please contact between these hours.

Important dates to remember

Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2023: Academy closed for INSET days		
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023: Half Term		
Monday 13 th November	Deadline for donations for Tamar class's shoebox appeal	More information below.
Thursday 16 th November 2023	Lantern making workshop	Selected pupils from Tamar and Severn class – more information to follow
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children In Need	All
Thursday 23 rd November 2023	Trip to Newquay Zoo	Severn class
Friday 1 st December 2023	Trip to Crantock Lodge	Tamar class
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	Joshua class nativity performance	5.30pm @ Wave House Church, Newquay
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	Tamar class & Severn class joint nativity performance	5.30pm @ Wave House Church, Newquay
Thursday 12 th December 2023	Autumn Term Interhouse Sports Festival	All classes
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas cinema trip	All
Monday 18th December 2023 – Friday 5th January 2024: Christmas break		
Monday 8th January 2024: first day back after the Christmas break		



Tamar class shoebox appeal

TAMAR CLASS SHOEBOX APPEAL

We would like to collect items to create a shoebox for one boy and one girl. We will work as a class to create these valuable boxes for children aged 5-9 years old, who will truly appreciate every item that they receive.

We would like to ask for donations, if able to do so (1 item only from each child). It is going to be closely related to our RE and PSHE learning this half term, educating the children about the differences around the World and the emotions experienced from gifting.

The deadline for the one item, would need to be 13th November, in order for it to reach the child before Christmas.

What can I put in the shoebox

SPECIAL ITEM: Something to immediately capture the child's attention e.g. a cuddly toy, large toy car or truck, a rag doll, a dilapidated football and pump, a solar powered torch.

GAMES: Card games, small puzzles, puzzle cubes, jacks, mini board games, etc.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Tambourine, shaker, bells, sports whistle, recorder, harmonica, slide whistle, tin whistle, finger drums, maracas, triangle, mini xylophone, kazoo, castanets.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES: Pencil case, crayons, writing pens and pencils, colouring pens and pencils, child friendly pencil sharpener, ruler, eraser, glue stick (not liquid glue), safety scissors, small adhesive tape, notebook, drawing pad, colouring book, pre-inked stampers, pavement chalk, whiteboard and dry wipe pens, stencils, solar calculator, stickers.

TOYS: Skipping rope, tennis ball, building bricks click together, model boat kit, play people, animal figures, dinosaurs, ballistina glass mar, e.g. farm, zoo, city or race track, transport toys, plastic doll, board or finger puppet, play dough (ideally with cookie cutters and play tools), barbeque, slinky, yo-yo, dominos, spinning top, finger skateboard, wind-up or pull-back toy, bouncy ball, inflatable beach ball, small frisbee, small kite.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, bar of soap, flannel, sponge, washlet, chapstick, compact mirror, essential products.

DO NOT FORGET: Children's card and envelope from your class/term.

make it WOW



DO NOT INCLUDE: Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids, used or damaged items, war-related items, seeds, gum, chocolate or food items, religious or political literature, medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

