

St Newlyn East Learning Academy



'An Inspiring community of happy, lifelong learners'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two weeks, I have been proud to see our happy community continue to flourish. Children and staff came together to demonstrate our learning last week when Matt Middlemore and Pamela Waters, from our Kernow Learning's School Improvement team, came to visit. We had a positive two-day review. Some areas we continue to work on and develop are Maths, Music and the arts. One thing they really liked was our focus on 'speed times tables' each day—any support you can provide at home for this would be most welcome. A huge positive from the visit was the exemplary behaviour and attitudes to learning shown by our children—personally, I am so proud of our school.

We are very lucky to belong to the Kernow Learning family of schools. A special shout out to Adam Richards, Headteacher at the Bishop's Academy, for sharing a set of laptops with us. We would also like to thank Phil Rowe, also from The Bishop's for his continued support in helping develop our RE curriculum.

At SNELA, we have been delighted to welcome Alison Brook as our new SENCO. Alison is taking over the role from Tanya Banks who is moving to a role within our wider Trust. Tanya is still with us for the next month or so as the transition work continues. We would like to say a *huge thank you to Tanya for all of her support* and wish her the very best of luck on her new adventure. If you have any questions, or would like to meet with Alison, please come to the school office.

The children have also shown excellent team spirit this week. I saw the children in action at the netball festival at Treviglas on Wednesday and was very pleased to see them working with passion and perseverance to win. They won two matches and we are very proud of them. A special thanks to Katie Block for helping to prepare the children with her expert netball skills and coaching. We're really thankful, not just to Katie, but to all our parents and Friends of SNELA who support us each week. If you're interested in running a sports club, please let me know.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Andy Watkins
Headteacher



Celebrating our Citizens of the Week

20th January

Holywell – Archie
Porth – Josh
Fistral – Amelie
Watergate – Harlowe
Crantock – Ted

27th January

Holywell - Sienna
Tolcarne—Erin
Porth – Lettice
Fistral - Noah
Watergate - Zane
Crantock - Amelia

Attendance

Thank you for everything you are doing to get children, *'In school, on time, every day and learning ready.'*

Our whole school attendance this week is 95.4% We appreciate your support in helping us reach our target of 96%+.

Well done to Watergate for achieving our highest attendance of 96.5% this week!



Our newsletter is changing

We'd like to let you know that the first newsletter of next term will look slightly different. We're exploring a new piece of software called Canva which is being used across our Trust. Our new template will allow us to share even more good news from our school and across our Trust community. The newsletter will be viewable as a link or PDF. We'd love to know what you think!



Reminders and notices

- A reminder that the Trevilon Trust here in the village is accepting applications from people within our Parish to support the provision of educational resources, including trips such as camp. More details [here](#). The next panel is taking place in February. Come and see us in the office if you have any questions.
- Deposits for Year 4 and 5 camps are due on Tuesday 31st January. These can be paid via Parentpay. Please pop in to the office if you have any questions. There should be some exciting news about Year 6 camp coming out next week.
- Next week we have some exciting visits planned for the children. Foundation are visiting Newquay Library and Year 3 are visiting Geevor mine. On Thursday, years 4,5 and 6 will have a virtual visit from children's author Clare Povey, where they will learn about 'how to build a villain'.
- We wanted to let you know that Ms Bentley and Mrs. Phillips have swapped classes. Ms Bentley will now be supporting Year 4 and Mrs. Phillips will be supporting Year 3.
- World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We will be marking the day in classes but will not be dressing up.

What we have been up to...

Holywell

For Literacy both year groups have been enjoying *Jack and the Beanstalk*, with Foundation children practicing their caption writing, whilst Year 1s have been creating their own version of the tale! The Children have all been continuing to enjoy our topic '*Castles, Knights and Dragons*'. We have been taking a closer look at Knights and as part of our learning have been designing our own family 'Coat of Arms'. For Science this week we have been identifying different materials such as wood, metal, rock and plastic - thinking about what objects are made from these materials and exploring where we might find these around our classroom and outside area.



Tolcarne

In Literacy, Tolcarne have begun to write their own fantasy stories about a faraway land. In Maths, Year 2 have begun to add pounds and pence together. To continue their learning on what it takes to be a great explorer, we went to the National Maritime Museum to learn all about Sir Francis Drake and the mission Queen Elizabeth I sent him on. We were shown old portraits, maps and treasure chests. We also had the opportunity to make our own Tudor boats, sail them and explore the different areas of the museum. A fantastic day out, helped by our parent volunteers - thank you!



Porth

Porth class have been thoroughly enjoying their weekly ukulele lessons. So far the children have learnt the functions of the elements of a ukulele, they've experimented with varying the dynamics while playing and have learnt to strum their first chord. In our Science lessons the children investigated the strength of different methods and if magnets can act at a distance.



Fistral

This week in Fistral, we have been looking at how to change fonts and word texts for different genres. In Literacy, we are writing a ship's log in preparation for our final piece of writing. The highlight of the week has been the whole class learning chords on the ukulele all at the same time to play a piece of music!



Watergate

Year 5 have been working hard, they have been focusing on using the 4 operations in Math to complete worded problems and manipulate number. They have writing argumentative and emotive non-fiction texts about endangered animals. In the afternoon, they have been focusing on their Geography topic '*How is India saving the tiger?*' and doing cross-curricular Math to understand the different climates around the world. They have also been learning about asexual reproduction in plants and acting this out.



Crantock

As artists, our dramatic remembrance art has been completed, with the children creating some wonderful pieces containing mono and block prints.

Our Literacy is now narrative based again, focusing on the story *War Horse* the children are building up to writing their own animal hero stories.

In Maths, we have completed a unit on converting measures and looking at the relationship between miles and kilometers. We are now starting to explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

As historians we have begun to look at WW1, focusing firstly on the events that led to the start of the war - the children have had to think about the range of sources and who they think is in the wrong/right and make justifications for this.