



## Friday 17th March 2023

### FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks at SNELA and children have shown excellent passion and perseverance at various events across the county. Last week our Year 5 and 6 Lego Leaguers represented the school at the Lego League Final at RNAS Culdrose, delivering a brilliant presentation about the learning they have been doing. A big thank you from us to Janine Bisson for all of her support with this - the team came 7th out of 30+ teams. Congratulations!

The success of our swimmers goes from strength to strength: children from years 3 - 6 competed in the Cornish Nipper Championships last weekend and did brilliantly. Well done Nellie, Edith, Amelie, Lily, Lowenna, Theo, Freddy, Leo and Ted.

Final sporting recognition goes to the latest Cross Country runners; everyone did really well and Tommy came third out of 70 children! Our Choir, led by Mrs. Coote, also did brilliantly at the Cornwall Music Festival workshop they attended. I am so proud of the way our children represent our school in our community and across the region. They are always recognised for their impeccable manners and that is largely thanks to you as guardians, for being super role-models.

I would like to remind you that the Magic Door story writing competition is still open. Please could children hand their stories to me by 31st March. I'm really looking forward to reading what you have all come up with; there are some great entries already.

I mentioned in my letter before half term that we are in the process of reviewing our attendance policy in line with our Trust. We will be releasing more information on this soon. But, in the meantime, I wanted to let you know that we will soon be moving to an absence request form which will need to be used for term-time holidays and other absence requests. These will be available both online and from the office.

Have a good weekend everyone.  
Andy Watkins  
Headteacher

### OUR CITIZENS



Friday 3rd March  
Tolcarne - Maisie  
Porth - Evie  
Fistral - Harry  
Watergate - Lowenna  
Crantock - Ava

Friday 10th March  
Tolcarne - Buddy  
Porth - Hattie  
Fistral - Clementine  
Crantock - Rubi

Friday 17th March  
Holywell - Sophie  
Tolcarne - Evie  
Porth - Ollie  
Fistral - Lucas  
Watergate - Finn  
Crantock - Ethan



### 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 96.5%. We have exceeded our target of 96%+.

Well done to Crantock for achieving our highest attendance at 97.6% this week!



# What's on at SNELA and in the community



St Newlyn East  
Learning Academy

## Coming up at SNELA

Year 5 will be going to Newquay Zoo on 20th March for a workshop about conservation. Please can children bring coats, lunch and a drink

Key Stage 2 will have their final 'Inspiring the Future' activity - an assembly with a Scientist working in the NHS.

Children will be taking part in the Science Olympics on 28th March - watch out for this soon

Club information for the summer term will be released in the last week of term ready for after Easter.



Our Spring term Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March from 3.30 pm - 6 pm. Appointment sheets are available at classroom doors. Alternatively email or call the office to book a slot. Ms Richards dances classes will continue as usual.

As a reminder, clubs will be cancelled during the last week of term with the exception of Ms. Richards' dance classes Bell Dance Academy classes and Go Active club which will go ahead in the hall as usual.

We look forward to seeing you all.

## News from our across our Trust

We were delighted to welcome The Bishop's Academy Year 5 and 6 boys football team to school last week for a friendly football match. Our SNELA team was victorious. We are enjoying the chance to connect with our fellow 'Gannel cluster' school for a little friendly competition! We look forward to hosting the girls team on 23rd March.

Thank you to Faye Chandler for her support with a DT review this week.



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## 'Friends of SNELA'/Community news

The Friends of SNELA will be running an Easter Trail for children on Friday 31st March during the afternoon.



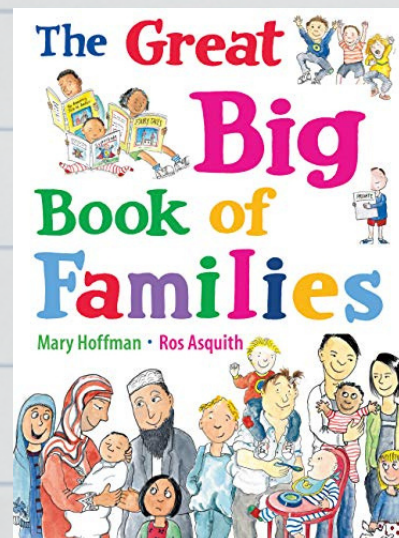
We have had 'Bags for Schools' delivered to school. Our collection day is on Thursday 30th March. Donations can be dropped off in the car park on the morning of that day, by 9 am. Thank you for your support.



## Reading at SNELA

Mrs. Tierney has chosen 'The Great Big Book of Families' by Hoffman and Ros Asquith as this week's recommendation.

She says: "We have been enjoying this book in Holywell. It's a great multicultural exploration of how different family life and schooling can be for all children. The class are always intrigued by differences they can spot between their family, school life and those of others explored in the book."





# Class News

## Here's what we have been learning...

### Holywell

In Holywell this week both Foundation and Year one have been writing about our fantastic trip to Pendennis Castle! The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to see for themselves many of the features of castles we have been learning about throughout our topic. They were also expert climbers by the end of the trip as the castle provided lots of very steep, narrow and winding stairways for us all to negotiate! Despite these physical challenges, their behaviour was impeccable throughout the entire day - we are so proud of them all. Well done Holywell!



### Tolcarne

Tolcarne have had a great couple of weeks. We had World Book day where we enjoyed mixing in our house teams and reading our books to each other. In Science, we have planted our bean seeds so we can observe and record over time how they are growing. In ICT for E-safety week, we have been learning about the SMART safety rules and having discussions about keeping safe online. In RE, we enjoyed acting out the events of Palm Sunday.



### Porth

This week Porth Class continued their RE learning around the question 'What kind of world did Jesus want?'. For this weeks lesson we were joined by Reverend Chris who brought the story of the Leper to life. The children asked some fantastic questions and wrote brilliant diary entries in the role of the thankful leper showing empathy for the feelings of others.

The class have shown fantastic perseverance and participated brilliantly in our Maths lessons this week while we have focused on dividing with remainders - well done Porth Class!



### Fistral

A busy time again in Fistral with a musical rendition we are working on with our ukuleles! Our new Geography topic has begun on 'Rivers'. We have been locating rivers of the world and in the UK using atlases. In IT, we have looked at what a newspaper reporter has to do in order to complete a story ready for printing. The highlight of the week has been learning new techniques from an artist using a variety of mediums such as sand and artists gel.

A huge thank you to Mr. Ed Flood for his time in delivering this workshop.

### Watergate

Year 5 have had a great couple of weeks, they have been focusing on manipulating fractions and using this to answer worded questions. They have planned a narrative using 'Cloud of Tea Monkeys', however, they have enhanced the story. In the afternoon, they have been focusing on Science and Art, learning about different forces and the artist Henri Rousseau.

### Crantock

As Scientists we have completed investigations into reflection, where the children made periscopes to see around corners. With refraction the children had to write coded messages to each other warning of the Nazi invasion; these would only be readable when flipped round and read behind a glass of water.

In Literacy the children are in the final stages of editing and improving their persuasive speeches on an area that interests them - the children are excited to deliver these speeches to Mr. Watkins.

In Maths, we are now exploring ration and proportion. Children have enjoyed looking at scale factors and how ratio can be used to change shapes.