



St Newlyn East
Learning Academy

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'Growing Excellence Together'

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Dear families,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. It has been wonderful to see everyone back.

Reading

I conducted a learning walk on Tuesday morning. This was during reading time. All of the classrooms I visited were calm, settled and all the children were engaged. With our reading, we are aiming for the children to hear more of the stories each morning and the children seem to be responding positively to this approach. Reading is essential the foundation of our curriculum in school: if the children learn more vocabulary and reading skills, then their life chances improve. Thanks for your support at home with this.

Welcomes

I would like to take a moment to welcome some new faces to our team. Kieran Carthew, who has joined our teaching team temporarily to cover in Year 4 -he has made a great start and has really enjoyed getting to know the children. Also welcome to Amy Bray, who is on placement in Holywell class and Ellie Roberts who is on placement in Tolcarne. We are proud that we support aspirational teachers in our school and hope they enjoy their time with us, they have made a positive start!

Mental Health Accreditation

We are pleased to have been awarded Edu Pod's 'Excelling' accreditation for our whole school approach to mental health. We are very pleased to have been recognised in this way. You will be seeing this logo popping up on our communications going forward. This has been awarded for these reasons:

- ⇒ The 'TIS' (trauma informed schools) work we do. This supports our children with any concerns they may have linked to mental-health.
- ⇒ The aspirational-career assemblies we have successfully launched with your help—PLEASE come and see me if you would like to talk to the children about your career. We need to book you in!
- ⇒ Our neutral, calming new displays around school. This supports the children (and adults) with reducing cognitive overload.



Vicki Stavrou -SENDCo

Vicki steps into her role as SENDCo for the school as of today. Tanya Banks (SENDCo-lead for the Trust) has spent time with Vic today to talk through questions and queries she may have. Vicki's SEND day is Friday for this crucial work.

Have a great weekend everyone

Andy Watkins, Headteacher.

Our Persevering and Passionate Citizens:

Friday 15th December

Holywell - Sienna

Tolcarne - Albert

Porth - Artie

Fistral - Sophia

Watergate - Lucas

Crantock - Kenzie

Friday 12th January

Holywell - Indie

Tolcarne - Maui

Porth - Olivia

Fistral - Evie

Watergate - George

Crantock - Riley



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 **98%** We have exceeded our target of 96%. Well done to **Year 1** for achieving our highest attendance at **100%** this week! Please continue to fill out an Absence request form (available from the office or on our website) if you wish for your child to take an absence. We are 2nd in our Trust overall for attendance, let's aim for 1st!



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.

What's on at SNELA and in the Community

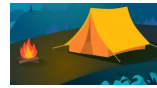
Coming up at SNELA

Please take a look at our website under the **Our School Day** page for a comprehensive calendar of school events. This will be updated regularly.

On **Tuesday 16th January** Key Stage 2 will be visited by the Cornish Caretakers, who are going to be running a workshop and show all about mining in the County.

On **Thursday 18th January**, Kelly Lloyd our school Family Support Worker will be in school. If you are interested in meeting with her, please see Mr. Watkins, Angela or Michelle.

On **Tuesday 23rd January**, Vision Screening will take place for Reception children. You will receive information about consent for this.



Reminders

Residentials 2024

We are delighted that our Year 3,4,5 and 6 residentials have all been scheduled and work continues on making these residentials as exciting and enjoyable as possible for the children.

Thank you for payments made towards the residentials so far. All of the residentials are live in MyEd and you can pay in instalments if you wish. We are available in the school office if you need any assistance with the MyEd system.

The dates of the residentials are provided below:

Residential	Dates
Year 4 Porthpean	8 th – 10 th May 2024
Year 3 Tomperrow	6 th & 7 th June 2024
Year 6 London	24 th – 26 th June 2024
Year 5 Pill Farm	1 st – 3 rd July 2024

There will be a Year 6 camp meeting on **Thursday 1st February between 3.15 pm–3.45 pm.**

News from across our Trust



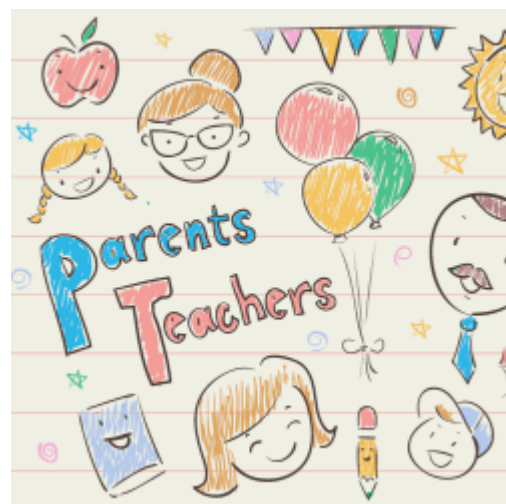
Following the Autism Awareness Family Café run at St. Columb Minor Academy on Monday 8th January, Emily Miles from the Autism Spectrum Team in Cornwall will be hosting Individual parent surgeries on Friday 9th February 2024.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please let Michelle or Angela in the office know. More details coming soon.



Friends of SNELA...

We are really looking forward to kicking of a new term of activities and events coordinated and hosted by our brilliant Friends of St. Newlyn East Learning Academy. Watch this space for the latest updates.



Here's what we have been learning...

Holywell

We're back in the swing of things in Holywell this week as we've been getting stuck into our new Geography topic all about Africa. We located Africa and the other continents on a world map. In Science we've been learning about materials and went on a materials hunt around our learning environment to find objects made from wood, glass, metal and plastic. We have begun a beautiful new text in Literacy called *Sulwe*, which follows the story of a young African girl. Year 1 will be writing diary entries as her character next week. In Maths we have been learning to take away in Foundation and learning to identify 2D and 3D shapes in Year 1.



Tolcarne

Year 2 have come back excited for the Spring Term.

We have welcomed Miss Roberts to our class this term and we are looking forward to getting to know her. As historians, we are learning about the Roman city of Pompeii, and in Literacy we are reading *Escape from Pompeii* so we can write our own historical narrative. As scientists, we investigated which material was best to use as a shoelace based on its properties. Welcome back!



Porth

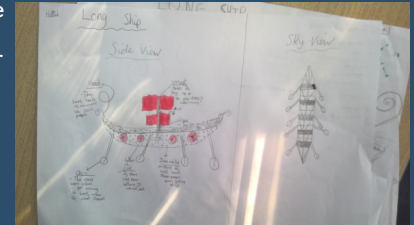


This week in year 3 we have been carrying out Science investigations to find out the effect of cars moving on different surfaces. We have looked at how the force of friction can act to slow objects down and reduce the speed of the travelling car. We worked in groups to test different materials and recorded our results.

We have also received a delivery of our brand new text *The White Horse of Zennor* which will be our new book for our Just Read sessions, this fits in perfectly with our new topic for this term 'Our local area'.

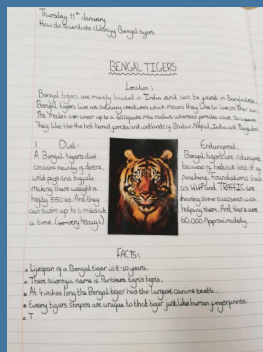
Fistral

Year 4 have settled in really well after their Christmas break, they are about to start reading *The Legend of Sally Jones* and begin writing an adventure story. In Maths, they've been working on building fluency in multiplication through factor pairs and being able to multiply 3 numbers. In the afternoons, we have been focusing on the Vikings and learning about the different parts and roles within their longboats. Alongside that, in Computing we have created our own front page newspaper headlines focusing on different fonts and styles.



Watergate

Year 5 have had a great first week back, they've been using *The Promise* – a dystopian book – as their writing stimulus and started to read *Cogheart*. In Maths, they've started to use the formal method to multiply 2 digit numbers together. In the afternoons, they have been learning about how India is trying to save the tiger, building 3d computer games and different lifecycles for plants and animals.



Crantock

Year 6 have made a brilliant start to the icy 2024. The children are hooked with our Literacy learning looking at the biography of Sir Edmund Hillary which is linked to our Geography learning on mountains and why they are so important. In Maths, we are well into our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages and the children are now confident in finding equivalents between these. We have begun looking into light in science and will be carrying out investigations into refraction, reflection, shadow and the light spectrum. I look forward to seeing you all at the camp meeting on 1st February.

