



## Friday 24th February 2023

### FROM OUR HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to our new-look newsletter. We wanted to give ourselves more space to celebrate what's happening in school and within our community, we hope you like it. Any feedback welcome.

As the weather (hopefully) improves, we're looking forward to a spring and summer of outdoor activities. One of the highlights in our calendar is our annual Sports Day. Following parental feedback from last year, we would like the younger children to get to know the older children in their houses a few times before the big event. That's why, this year's World Book Day celebrations (next Weds 1st March) feature an afternoon spent with our house teams.

Children will be working together on a range of book-themed activities and sharing stories. Miners will be in the Year 2 classroom and the hall, led by Mrs. Coote and Mr. Watkins, Tinnars will be in the Year 4 and 5 classroom led by Mr. Iliffe, Fishers will be based in the Year 6 classroom and the library led by Mr Shepherd and Mrs Jones, whilst Farmers will be in the Lodge, led by Mrs. Tierney and Mrs. Stavrou.

Our Year 6 children will be introducing themselves to the children early next week in readiness for Weds.

I'm really looking forward to a day of celebrating our love for reading and seeing the participation and kindness within each house.

Best wishes,  
Mr. Watkins  
Headteacher

### OUR CITIZENS

24th February  
Holywell - Willow  
Tolcarne - Eilla  
Porth - Monty  
Fistral - Quayah  
Watergate - Zane  
Crantock - Anastasiia



Football fun this week at SNELA!

### 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%. Thank you for your support in helping us reach and exceed our target of 96%+.

Well done to Tolcarne for achieving our highest attendance of 99.6% this week!



# What's on at SNELA and in the community



St Newlyn East  
Learning Academy

Coming up at SNELA...

Wednesday 1st March - For World Book Day, we are running our 'Dress a potato as a book character' competition (deadline 1st March at 9 am) and our Extreme Reading photo call out - send your photos or videos to [stnewlyn-east@kernowlearning.co.uk](mailto:stnewlyn-east@kernowlearning.co.uk) by no later than Monday 27th February.

Please could children also bring in one of their favorite stories from home to share on Weds afternoon with their house-mates.



Our Year 5s will be running a cake sale after school on Friday 3rd March. These will be available from a stall outside main reception for 50p each. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the environmental projects the class are working on, including building wildlife hotels.



We will have the Scholastic Book Fair in school during the week commencing 13th March. Books will be available to browse and buy after school in the hall.



Mr. Watkins launched the Magic Door story competition yesterday.

We are seeking stories that start with the discovery of a magic door. Where will yours lead? Stories should be a maximum of 250. Entries should include children's name, age, class and school. Please hand them to the office by 31st March. There are £15 Amazon vouchers available for the winning stories. Find out more about the competition [here](#).

Any questions, come and see us in the office.

News from our across our Trust

We are delighted to be part of 'The Gannel' cluster of schools including The Bishop's, Trenance and St. Columb Minor Academies.

Thank you to our fellow Gannel school for joining in friendly football matches for Year 5 and 6 over the last few weeks. We're having so much fun and looking forward to hosting The Bishop's next week!

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## 'Friends of SNELA'/Community news

### St Piran's Day Tea



2-4pm Sunday 5th March  
St Newlyn East Village Hall  
All welcome

Cornish Arts and Crafts  
Cream Tea Refreshments:  
cream teas, saffron  
buns and heavy cake

Live music from the CBirds



Save the date. Friends of SNELA Easter Disco  
Thursday 20th April. Details to follow.

## Reading at SNELA

We love reading at SNELA. Each fortnight, we will be sharing a book that as adults, we love sharing with children.

This week, Mr. Watkins would like to recommend *The Girl of Ink and Stars*.

He said, 'I finished this book last week - I loved it! It's a story full of adventure with mystical demon-dogs, an underground labyrinth and a dad who is a cartographer. Probably only suitable for years 5-6 though!'



# Class News

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

### Holywell

In Holywell, for Literacy, Foundation children have been enjoying 'Owl Babies', whilst Year 1 have been reading 'Dragon Post' and writing predictions about how they think the story could end. We were also very excited to have a visit from 'Blast from the Past' Knight 'Hugo the Heroic' as part of our topic learning. 'Hugo' was very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and knowledge of Knights!



### Tolcarne

Tolcarne had a fantastic return to school with a visit from Neil Armstrong! To end our 'Explorers' topic, the children learned further about the life of the first man to walk on the moon. We watched a rocket launch, ordered a timeline of key events in Neil's life and enjoyed some space themed games. A massive thank you to 'Blast from the Past' for this amazing experience. In Literacy, we are continuing to read the Owl and the Pussy Cat and will begin to plan our own poem. In PE, we had our first dance and movement lesson with Miss Katie Bell. A great start to the term!



### Porth

In our Science lessons, the children have been exploring magnetic attraction. In groups the children decided on a question related to magnetic attraction that they wanted to explore and carried out an investigation, ensuring to carry out a fair test.



Before half term we have a fantastic visit to Geevor Tin Mine, the children learnt about the history of mining Cornwall. A highlight was the children having the opportunity to speak to a miner that worked at Geevor when it was a running mine, and the class took this chance to ask some fantastic questions.

### Fistral

A busy week back in Fistral. Brilliant printing designs based on rainforests to close our topic. Ukulele playing is going extremely well using the fret board- preparing for a final piece of music. A 'Conscience alley' debate in literacy allowed the children to think about the harsh decisions Ernest Shackleton had to make in order to keep his crew safe.



### Watergate

Year 5 have had a fantastic return to school, they have been focusing on converting equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed number fractions. They have started reading 'Cloud Tea Monkeys' and written a set of instructions on how to taste tea. In the afternoon, they have been focusing on their History topic 'Why did the Indus civilization come to an end?' and have been comparing it with Britain 3000 years ago.



### Crantock

As Scientists we are now exploring light, we will be carrying out investigations into refraction, shadow and colours as well as looking at what scientists understand about light. Our Literacy is now non-fiction based, focusing on the Suffragette movement. The children will create pieces of writing around this before building up to write their own persuasive pieces. In Maths, we are now exploring the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and will then be looking at algebra. As historians we will be beginning to look at World war 2 and the Nazi invasion of Europe.