

SCHOOL MATTERS

THE FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER FROM NEWTON POPPLEFORD SCHOOL

Friday 12th May 2023

A Message From Mr Pope

Dear Parents and Carers,

This last two-week period has seen some highs and lows for our school and the wider community. Firstly, we want to extend our sympathies to those affected by the recent flooding. This has seen some terrible damage to many people's homes and businesses, we want to wish them all the very best. To show our support, some of our students are writing cards to deliver to the affected areas through our pupil ambassadors next week. We also want to thank everyone who attended our Coronation Tea Party before the Bank Holiday. The children had a great time, and we hope the community enjoyed the event as well. We want to specifically thank our PTFA for providing the funds for the children's enjoyment.

Last week, our KS2 SATs took place, which can be a stressful time for students. To help them feel supported and relaxed, we provided bacon baps, jelly babies, and a supportive environment. Our students' hard work and dedication make us extremely proud. The KS1 SATs are upcoming, and Miss Gaston conducted a live parent meeting via Teams to provide information and answer any questions. If anyone was unable to attend or has further questions please do not hesitate to ask. For all children we will always try to make this as comfortable as possible and in KS1 adopt strategies to prepare them that focus as little attention as possible on the testing aspect. Children's well-being is always central to our approach.

We are excited to announce our upcoming Stride to School campaign, which coincides with National Walk to School Week and Mental Health Awareness Week. To make things easier for parents, The Canon Inn car park has kindly agreed to let parents park there each morning. Physical exercise and spending time outdoors can help reduce stress and anxiety, which is why we have a special theme for each day of the week. We will share these themes in assembly today and every morning next week to raise awareness for the children. If you want to participate, please look for the walking logs that your child will bring home with them. Sign or initial each day to show your child took part, and they will receive a sticker. If they continue to participate, they will receive a sticker for every further week, and there will be rewards like a badge for those who participate over a longer period.

Finally, we want to extend our thoughts to those who have been affected by the recent floods.



Best Wishes,
Mr Pope

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For any Twilight after school club matters, please phone the main school number.

The King's Coronation Celebrations

We hosted a community tea party on May 5th to celebrate King Charles III's coronation. Fortunately, the weather was good and we had an excellent turnout of parents, carers, family members, and community members. We would like to share some photos of the fantastic celebration below.



Coronation Canvas King Charles III

The Art Leaders collaborated with Year 4 students last week to create a beautiful canvas in honour of the coronation of King Charles III.



Pre-School Boo To A Goose

Last Friday, the theatre company Boo To A Goose performed "Storm in a Teapot" for the pre-school students. The children had a great time watching the performance and even participated by dancing and sharing story ideas.



Reception & Year 1's Trip To Paignton Zoo

Last week, the students from Reception and Year 1 went on a trip to Paignton Zoo. They thoroughly enjoyed their time there, exploring the zoo and observing all the different animals.



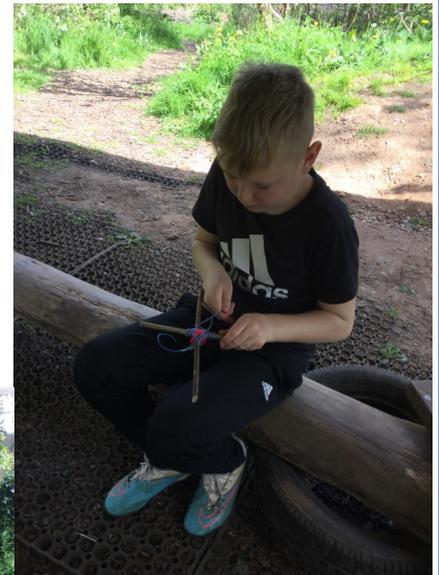
Year 3 Trip To RAMM Museum

Year 3 students had an exciting day on Tuesday, April 25th when they visited RAMM in Exeter to learn about life in Ancient Egypt. Divided into four groups, they were guided by the museum's volunteers who provided hands-on experiences and answered their questions. They explored the tomb of Shep-en-mut, examined Ancient Egyptian animals, participated in a mummification process, played Senet, and handled numerous Ancient Egyptian artefacts. The students gained a deeper understanding of Ancient Egypt and were eager to continue exploring the topic in class.



Adventure Island

Over the past few weeks, we've been busy exploring crafting and woodworking in our classes. We celebrated the King's Coronation with lots of beautiful willow crowns and had fun making tree cookie necklaces using a bow saw. We also took time to connect with nature by pond dipping, where we discovered pond snails and tadpoles, some with legs! Our Year 3 and 4 students created rooms for the bug hotel, which we're almost ready to construct. Meanwhile, our Year 1 and 2 students worked hard to mulch the young trees on the field, getting them ready for summer!



Job opportunities at Newton Poppleford Primary School

We are looking for an organised and competent individual to provide administrative support and advice to our Governing Board and Chair of Governors in the role of Personal Assistant. This is a fantastic role for the right candidate looking for flexibility in their working hours and the ability to manage their own time. This role allows working predominantly from home (there is a requirement to attend half termly governing body meetings and occasional ad hoc committee meetings) and the successful candidate will be provided with equipment to enable them to do so. Further information can be found on the school website. If interested, please submit your application by Friday 2nd June.

Monday 15th May



Care Café

On the first Monday of every month come and share our warmth, hot drinks, and cakes. Support is available if needed from our Parent Support Advisor, Pastoral Lead & SENDCO. With or without reason we welcome you to our Care Café. The next one will be held on Monday 15th May. The changes to dates are due to upcoming Bank Holidays. Then the Care Café will run on 12th June & 3rd July 2023.

Dates for Your Diary Up to Half-Term

Monday 15th May:	Care Café
Monday 15th—Friday 19th May:	KS1 SATS Week
Wednesday 17th May:	Year 5 /6 Quad kids (selected children only)
Friday 19th May:	Year 3 Swimming
Saturday 20th May:	Exmoor Challenge
Thursday 25th May:	Year 5 & 6 Finance and sustainability workshop PTFA Pre-School Cake Sale
Friday 26th May:	Last Day Of Term Year 1 trip Year 5 & 6 Finance and sustainability workshop Year 3 Swimming (Last one)
Monday 29th May– Friday 2nd June:	Half Term
Monday 5th June:	Inset Day
Tuesday 6th June:	First Day Back For Pupils