



Marvellous Music at St Neot Primary School

At St Neot, we are proud of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities we provide for our children and one of these is music. This academic year has seen many exciting musical activities take place.

Whole School

All of our children receive an hour's music lesson per week. We have begun to follow the Kapow scheme which has proven popular with our pupils. All of our children have a weekly singing assembly where we practise a wide range of songs for enjoyment and for upcoming events such as Harvest, Christmas and Easter performances.

Former pupil, Samantha Rowe, recently came to perform in an outdoor concert on our playground with her woodwind ensemble from university.

All of our children are invited to join the school choir which rehearses throughout the year, both in school and at our local church.

We are incredibly lucky to have volunteers such as Nick Hart and Norna Taylor come to school to share their musical expertise.

Classes

Our nursery children received 6 weeks of specialist music sessions, including staff CPD. They enjoyed listening to music from a range of cultures.

Loveny received 10 weeks of tuition from Miss Tidball, playing the gamelan and performing in a whole school assembly.

Treverbyn have just finished 10 weeks of violin tuition with Mrs Bartholomew and performed in a whole school assembly.

Fowey Class will be starting samba drum tuition next week and we hope that they will perform for us all too.

Groups and individuals

We are lucky to have the expertise of peripatetic teachers Miss Taylor, Mr Arundell and Mr Howarth who teach small groups and individual children to play the keyboard, guitar and drums respectively.

It is our hope that next year we will continue to provide whole class instrument tuition on a termly basis, more information to follow.

Our staff have not been left out, with 5 hours of music CPD being provided by the Cornwall Music Hub for our staff this year.

If you wish to see more photographs of our music assemblies then please head to our website.

Kassidy said 'I love the songs that we sing, especially 'You shall go out with joy', Florence said 'I really liked learning the gamelan. I loved banging the big gong', Jake said 'Some of the songs were tricky to learn, I loved the gong too'.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Well done to James, Abbie, Matty, Harley, Neave and George G who took part in the South East Cornwall tennis tournament this week, representing the school.

The children played really well with KS1 finishing 3rd and KS2 finishing first, they will now compete in the finals of the Cornwall School Games in St Austell in July.

Our thanks to parents for transporting their children to the event and supporting them throughout.

STORYTIME EVENING-CHANGE OF TIME

On Monday 13th June we will be having a storytime evening from **5.00-6.00pm**. Staff will be reading summer themed stories to children and the PTA will be providing refreshments. £2 per child. Stories will begin promptly at 5pm so please arrive in good time.

This will be outside, weather permitting, please wear something summery. Nursery to Y6 welcome.

NURSERY NEWS

Next week we will be reading 'Catch me if you can' and the letter sound will be 'a'. Children can bring in an item for Show and Tell, this can be anything related to 'beside the sea' or the letter sound of the week.

We would like to have a tyre rope swing outside, we have a tyre but are in need of a strong rope. If you have one you are able to donate we would appreciate it.

Please complete and return your Sports Day form which has gone home today, so that we know how many children will be attending, thank you.

KS2 INTER TEAM FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday we had an inter house team football tournament for KS2-more news next week. The star of the tournament was Brandon for his honesty, great skills in goal and fair refereeing. Well done Brandon.

CONGRATULATIONS to former pupil

Amy who scored 2 tries in the winning performance for Cornwall Ladies Rugby last weekend in the Women's County Championship in Richmond. Amy began her rugby playing while at St Neot, helping the school team win the 2011 tag rugby league. Amy came in to school to tell the children about her experience-the photo shows Amy with both trophies.



VIOLIN ASSEMBLY

The children in Treverbyn Class have been having violin lessons this term, and this week performed at an assembly for their families. Mrs Bartholomew, the violin teacher, praised the children for their enthusiasm and behaviour. It was wonderful to see all of the children able to play an instrument they had previously had no experience of. Abbie said 'I enjoyed learning lots of songs and thought it was harder to use the bow than plucking', Reuben said 'I loved using the bow and leaning to play tricky notes like D1 and D2'.



CHANGE OF SCHOOL HOURS

From **September** the school day will begin at 8.45 and finish at 3.15. Please ensure that your child is at school in time for lessons to start promptly as late arrivals cause distress and disturbance.

ST NEOT INDEPENDENCE DAY 4TH JULY

We do encourage all our children to show resilience and be as independent as possible as a life skill. On Monday 4th July we will be having an Independence Day in school, we hope parents can support us by encouraging their children to carry their own bags and coats, get their own uniform ready for the day, dress themselves, pack their own bags and remember to read at home, older children to make their own packed lunches and drinks.

We have been requested by local organisations to include the community events detailed below. These are not endorsed by St Neot School.

LIVE MUSIC AT JOPES MILL Some of the children in your school have had First Access recorder or violin classes with me and I wondered if they and their families might be interested in **Music at Jopes Mill 22** which takes place on 2nd and 3rd July. This is a weekend of professional classical and folk music performed in the beautiful riverside gardens at Jopes Mill. The atmosphere is very informal and it is an ideal place for children to see some great music being performed live, and to see a range of instruments up close. I will be playing a bassoon concerto by Vivaldi on one of the days and in the orchestra on the other. There will also be an amazing virtuoso recorder player. More information about the event is available here: www.jopesmill.co.uk/mjm22 Sally Bartholomew (First Access violin and recorder teacher)