"It sure is a term ahead that's jam-packed with events':

National Youth Week:

Last week was National Youth Week, with this year's theme being "Celebrating Art and Culture in TCI". Throughout the school as part of National Youth Week, the children looked at this time of celebration through assemblies and class activities. We hope you enjoyed seeing the younger children's ideas being displayed on their

classroom doors. As advertised at school last week, a 'Jazz in the Garden' event took place at the National Stadium on Friday and we hope that families got to go along and enjoy the entertainment. Unfortunately, we did not have time to prepare and join in as we are very busy practicing performances for our upcoming National Heritage Month celebrations. Last year our Year 3-6 children learned all about Jazz and its history in their music lessons. As part of their learning, they created jazz musician biography posters. We have offered to donate some of these to exhibit at the Public Library as our contribution to the celebrations.

Footsteps 4 Good

This is an annual charity walk which is hosted by Jill Beckingham. Congratulations to our Year 6s who joined in with the walk on Friday. They completed the full length from Clement Howell in Blue Hills to the National Stadium on Venetian Road! Thank

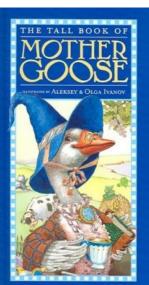
you to everyone who supported them with donations of small change for the 'Food for Thought' Charity. Thank you also to the Youth Department who provided much appreciated refreshments, to Joan Whent who kindly gave everyone breakfast afterwards and of course to Jill and her term for organising this worthy event.

Week of the Young Child (Rescheduled to 10th - 14th October)

The Early Childhood Education Department's 'Week of the Young Child' is being celebrated this year under the theme, "Investing in Our Young Learners for Great Rewards". During the week our Early Years classes will focus on a variety of 'Mother Goose' nursery rhyme activities. Come join the celebrations with our Toddlers, Preschool and Jnr. and Snr. Kindergarten!

On **Tuesday 11th October** it's **'Read Across the TCI' Day** and all Early Years families are invited in to stay at **drop off** to share a story together with their child around our Early Years setting—bring your favourite book from home.

On **Thursday 13th October** it's our 'Mother Goose' Day. At **8.30am** all four classes will come up on stage to share a Mother Goose's traditional nursery rhyme and some of the activities they have done during the week. We hope you will be able stay to watch and enjoy our youngest school members celebrate their learning during this special week that is dedicated to them.





National Heritage Month

Our Heritage Celebration Assembly (Rescheduled to Friday 14th October)

Next week we will commence our month of celebrating National Heritage with a special Celebration Assembly on the afternoon of Friday 14th October. Everyone is invited to join us as our Years 1-6 honour our national songs, tales and dances. The assembly starts at 1:30pm and will be followed by an opportunity to view some Heritage artefacts on display and to sample some local traditional food. Come join the celebrations!

How will you celebrate National Heritage Day on Friday 10th Oct (Public Holiday) in your family?

National Heritage Projects and Showcase (Showcase on Friday 18th November)

Exploring and learning about our TCI Heritage and Culture is a integral part of our school curriculum. Classroom learning, inviting in guest speakers and going on field trips all play their role in bringing sharing, understanding and appreciation alive and meaningful to the children.

With this in mind, every Friday afternoon following our National Heritage assembly, classes will be engaging in a range of really hands-on, explorative Heritage and Cultural projects. We will be inviting talented local members of our community to share and demonstrate a range of traditional experiences for the children to be actively involved in – including sloop building, tabby house construction, sisal weaving, traditional recreation activities such as maypole dancing and pulling peggy (tug of war) and traditional cuisine and bush medicine. Please pass on any contacts you may have to help contribute to this exciting, experiential learning opportunity. We look forward to welcoming these talented individuals and learning from them, and will be most appreciative of them giving their time to be with us.

On the afternoon of Friday 18th November at 2:15pm, we plan to have a showcasing where everyone is invited to come along to see the children demonstrating the new knowledge and skills that they have learned. We'll be encouraging you to have a go yourself and maybe you'll even get to sample some of our cooking too!

Together, let's make National Heritage Month really special!



PTA Yard Sale (Saturday 15th October)

The PTA organises one Yard Sale per term, with the parents from different classes grouping together to help host the sale and provide a PTA refreshment table.



Term 1 – Toddlers, Preschool and Junior Kindergarten

Term 2 - Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2

Term 3 - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Toddler, Preschool and JK families will find further information on how you can support the organisation and success of this event in your email inbox.

To volunteer or book a table, please contact Niki Flowers at nikiflowers@gmail.com

Parent/Teacher Consultations (18th - 20th October)



Parent/Teacher Consultations are available to all families. They provide opportunities to celebrate each individual child's unique personalities, strengths, interests, enjoyment and the contributions they make to their class, our school, community, and at home. They allow us to reflect on how a child is socially interacting and behaving

in class and with other children in the school. They are an important time to discuss progress in a child's learning, talk about what ways they seem to learn best and to set individual targets to work on before the next meeting. They also allow for collaboration on how to support and extend a child's school experience and learning at home. We encourage parents to come with a readiness to share positive attributes that they see in their child, with questions they want to ask and to be open with any areas of concerns that they feel.

KS2 Sports Day (Thursday 20th October)



Our Years 3 – 6 children are actively sharpening their athletic prowess in preparation for our annual KS2 Sports Day. Come along and support them as they throw the iavelin, jump the high jump, leap the long jump, launch the shot put and speedily race around the track - including clearing the hurdles and passing the baton in the relay!

Look out for our fun novelty relay too! The event will start a 9am at the National Stadium.

Halloween Party (Monday 31st October)



Once again, our Year 6 and PTA will join forces to host our annual Halloween Party and Flamingo Park Trick or Treat Trail. Look out for further details on this much loved dressing-up event.

Guy Fawkes Bonfire Night (Saturday 5th November)

Sadly, Clive Whent at Bay Bistro is otherwise engaged on November 5th this year and so, at this point, it doesn't look likely that we'll be having our annual school Bonfire Night this year – a tradition that began back in 2011. There are, however, rumblings of a Provo Sailing Club Bonfire Night event at the Children's Park... fingers crossed everyone! Year 4 will continue to explore this rather bizarre historical celebration as part of their 'Let's Celebrate' topic after mid term.

Poppy Day (Friday 11th November)



Each year we commemorate Remembrance Day at Provo Primary by learning about why we wear a poppy and older children participate in a two minute silence at 11am. We support the Turks & Caicos Ex-Servicemen's Legion by having poppies during the

week of remembrance. If you have a contact that can help us source the poppies we would be most appreciative.

A church service is held at the Anglican Church on Remembrance Sunday (13th).

"Friendship Week" (14th - 18th November)



Each term we incorporate a 'Keeping Healthy Week' into our calendar of events. Our theme this term will connect with our PSHCE/MindUp and Computing curriculums and focus on 'Friendship' – both face to face and in the online world. Look out for more plans regarding this nearer the time.

The Festive Season (December)



And then it will be the festive season!

With our Junior Jingle Jam to enjoy, our Christmas Shows and Santa's visit on the fire truck, it's set to be an exciting end to our term!

Look out for our 25th Anniversary Celebrations being incorporated into our Show Tme programme this year.

Like I said, 'It's a term jam-packed with events!'

And no doubt there are few I've missed and potentially a few more that will be added along the way!

As always, thank you to the children, staff and parents for all your hard work and continued support. These events are a team effort and it is working together that makes them successful, memorable and so worth while to the development and enjoyment of your child's learning and life experiences at Provo Primary.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have an idea or would like to volunteer your services in any way. **Miss Siam**

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