

# St Levan School Newsletter

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We have had an inspiring couple of weeks with performances, presentations, fundraising and lots of new and exciting learning opportunities. Elliot's Father has inspired the next generation of stone sculptors by showing us some of the incredible projects he has worked on and demonstrating the splitting of granite right before our eyes! As you will see from the quotes of the children below, these sharing experiences are powerful and really can have a positive impact on the motivation to learn and the future career choices of our children. If you would like to share something you feel passionate about, don't hesitate to let us know! The Pearl of Africa choir performing at Cape Cornwall School were simply breath-taking, inspirational and full of energy. Olivia has to be praised for participating with the choir in the evening performance – she didn't hesitate to jump on stage and was wonderful! It was great to see so many enthusiastic St Levan children occupying the front rows and ex pupils supporting the event. Many people in the community, including teachers and parents, comment on how mature, confident and independent St Levan pupils are - especially when they make the transition to secondary. It is lovely to hear that your children really are standing out!

## Children in Need



The children looked fantastic in their pyjamas and spots as part of our fundraising for Children In Need. Class 1 took part in 'teddy wanging' with Miss Wynn and had to measure how far their teddy had been 'wanged'. Lots and lots of fun and lots and lots of squealing! In the afternoon, and after the brilliant performance with Josh, everyone gathered for tea and cakes. Well done and thank you to everyone who brought extra – lots of lovely looking cakes on offer. So far, £60 has been raised. If you were unable to join us on Friday, donations can still be made up until Thursday when all proceeds will go straight to Children in Need. Thank you to everyone for joining us and sending cakes in. We are very grateful.

## Raising Aspirations, Inspiring Futures!

On November 13<sup>th</sup> Elliot's Father came into school to do a special assembly about his amazing job as a granite sculptor – everyone was massively inspired and several people now want to be sculptors when they grow up, quoting that it was a really exciting

profession, particularly breaking the granite in half using 'plugs and feathers' and the incredible Porsche!

**Sebastian:** 'Elliot's Dad is so good at carving, his pictures of sculptures are amazing!'

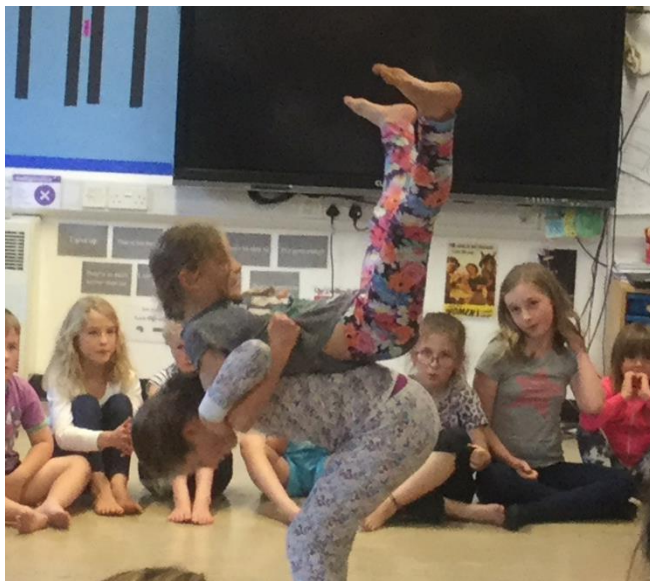
**Ludo:** 'Breaking the granite and all the carving has inspired me and I really want to do this job'

**Morvy:** 'I liked it so much, I told Mummy and Daddy all about it.'

**Reported by Alfie, Year 6**

### Capoeira with Josh

Friday was an extremely fine day. After coming into school dressed up and a particularly delicious lunch from Adrian we were all ready to begin work with Josh to get our Capoeira skills performance ready. After a quick change from our pyjamas and spots, we worked quickly and efficiently to prepare. The children were brilliant and demonstrated some impressive skills and it was wonderful that so many parents were able to attend. We will hopefully be able to welcome Josh again in the future!



### Important Information and Dates:



Operation Encompass is a Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people exposed to domestic abuse.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> October, St Levan became part of this partnership run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next

school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. For more information please visit our website under the safeguarding section.

## Parent and Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meetings last week and today. Please see your class teacher if you have not had a meeting and we will arrange a convenient time for you. These meetings are incredibly important and help us to provide the very best opportunities for your child. Thank you.

## Shared Reading and Reading Karate!

Each week more and more children are discovering the pleasure of reading. We are hearing about new authors, exciting books and how getting into good reading habits will benefit us for life. Please remember to remind your child to have their reading record in school every day so we can leave comments and update the number of reads for our celebration assembly.

**Congratulations** to the following children for gaining their reading bands:

### **WHITE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (15 reads)**

Sorrel, Saskia, Findlay, Tonsley, Martha and Jemima

### **YELLOW KARATE SUPER READING STARS (30 reads)**

Alice, Ludo, Sebastian and Elliot

### **ORANGE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (45 reads)**

Lailani, Morvy, Elyssa, Amelia, Alfie, Tian and Olivia Robins



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

**Theo** for your great ideas in writing and applying new skills to make improvements. Well done!

**Morveren** for always being kind to everyone, brave and an excellent learner. Thank you Morvy.

**Saskia** for trying her best and having a super attitude towards tricky learning. You have been practising your patience, well done!

**Findlay** for working extremely hard at ordering unit fractions. Well done!

### **Headteacher's Award**

**Olivia Hicks-Devos** for her confidence, rhythm, movement and participation with The Pearl of Africa choir at Cape Cornwall. You engaged superbly and it could be seen that you were having a fabulous time! Well done Olivia!

**Our Virtue for the last two weeks has been PATIENCE.**

**For the next two weeks it will be CONFIDENCE.**

**We are very proud of all our children.**