

# St Levan School Newsletter

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We have had a great start to the term with the children taking part in lots of exciting activities: outdoor learning with Amy Wynn, Class 1 visiting The Minack for music and story-telling, Class 2 tasting a variety of not very appetizing WWII food rations and designing identity cards! Our new children have settled in superbly with everyone looking after each other. It has been really great having more children to make up teams in PE and Mr Yarwood has already put a football team together for a match next week. Go St Levan.

As part of our cultural day, we talked a lot about tolerance and respect for other religions and other cultures no matter what faith you believe in or not. Our children were incredibly respectful and felt confident to ask Josh and Daya a range of questions. The children have requested both Daya and Josh to come back! Josh was so impressed with our children that he will be coming back this Friday and Daya will be back in the Spring so we can learn about Sikhism.



## **Workshops with Daya**

The Cultural Diversity day was certainly far reaching, bringing East and West into St Levan last Tuesday. Daya filled the morning with colourful, sparkling Indian culture, with traditional Indian and Islamic clothing to try, dancing and discussion. As Daya led a workshop introducing Islam and the British Values of tolerance and respect, there was some very thoughtful and engaging input from the children. To end the session, all of the children worked together to prepare and then eat a delicious meal of chapatis and potato curry- we wished there was more!

Sophia



## Capoeira



A high energy and empowering afternoon followed, as Josh brought Brazilian moves and dancing into class. The traditional art form of Capoeira combines dance and martial arts, and required concentration, determination and a positive growth mindset, to combine team work and individual skill into the afternoon's amazing outcome.... Altogether, clap, clap, um, dois, três, um dois três!

Sophia



## Shared Reading and Reading Karate!

Our children enjoy reading in a variety of ways – such as individual reading, shared reading, listening to stories and exploring stories through drama. We really encourage everyone to explore a range of books for pleasure. To keep this going at home we will be encouraging everyone to read at home daily or to be read with or to. By doing this and signing your child's reading record, they will be able to work towards gaining their 'karate bands'. Detailed information will follow next week.



## Online Safety and website updates

Please take a look around our website especially under the 'Parent Information' tab. Under '**Online Safety**', you can access 'The Right Click' which gives step-by-step guides for setting parental controls on a range of devices at home. '**Learning Links**' provides you with a range of educational websites to support learning at home. We have also placed a copy of 'The Prevention and Treatment of Head lice' under information leaflets as this is still a problem in school at the moment.

## **Raising Aspirations, Inspiring Futures!**

To inspire our children and to encourage them all to persevere and enjoy learning, we would love to hear from all our talented parents - especially if you would like to come in and be our guest in an assembly. Our children will ask you questions about your career choices and why you love what you do. To start us off, Derek Thomas has kindly offered to come in this week to talk about life as a MP and to fit in with our own school elections we are holding this week. We are looking for a variety of career paths so if you are passionate about what you do, please let Hayley in the office know as we would love to run this once a month.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS**

**Elyssa** for her kindness and helpfulness in welcoming new children and for applying herself in all her learning at all times. Thank you Elyssa!

**Bryher** for her kindness, helpfulness and unity with everyone. This has helped everyone in Class one to accomplish more together. Well Done!

**Chloe** for her courage in starting a new school and her kindness towards other children. Thank you Chloe!

**Olivia Hicks-Devos** for her determination and diligence in her learning so far already! Keep it up!

#### **Headteacher's Award**

**Morveren** for showing so much enthusiasm, confidence and diligence towards her learning. We are all so impressed with you!

**Joby** for his enthusiasm, curiosity and respect during our culture day. Well done for asking and answering so many questions!

**It has to be said that all our children have been stars this last week!**

*In our sharing assembly our children have time to reflect on their own achievements and share their thoughts about all the children they have noticed making a difference – this could be in their learning or related to friendships. We think about who should be 'stars' and why. This is a lovely way to celebrate everyone each week and to hear the opinions of our children- who often spot things we don't see! Each week we will record everyone mentioned in our special golden book of SHINING STARS.*

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