



Friday 8th April 2022



Unfortunately, it has been a strange week as a result of illness but as I reflect on the spring term as a whole, it has been jubilant! As you know there have been a huge number of highlights for us to be proud of; many I've detailed in past weekly bulletins. Most importantly, our children have excelled throughout each day showing their overwhelming enthusiasm and love for learning. In many ways, my experiences of the first term at St Levan as head teacher, will always be as memorable as a teacher's first class and many thanks to you for your support.

We are looking forward to the summer term with an abundance of activities, events and worthwhile experiences for our school community to enjoy. The first day of term is Monday the 25th of April and within the first week some of our year 5 and 6 children will compete in the Penwith Swimming Gala and Puffins will embark on a drama experience with the Minack Theatre! We have so much to look forward to in the warmth of the summer term.

Today, the children thoroughly enjoyed the Easter egg hunt as a precursor for our up-and-coming break – it was excellent fun.

Have a wonderful and safe Easter break.



Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher

Attendance

Please be mindful that good attendance is vital for learning for all of our children. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this on a daily basis and support your child's learning.

Choughs	41%
Puffins	86%
Whole school	76%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11th - 22nd April

- Easter Holidays

25th April

- Summer Term begins

26th April

- Year 1 & 2 Swimming

27th April

- Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

2nd May

- Bank Holiday

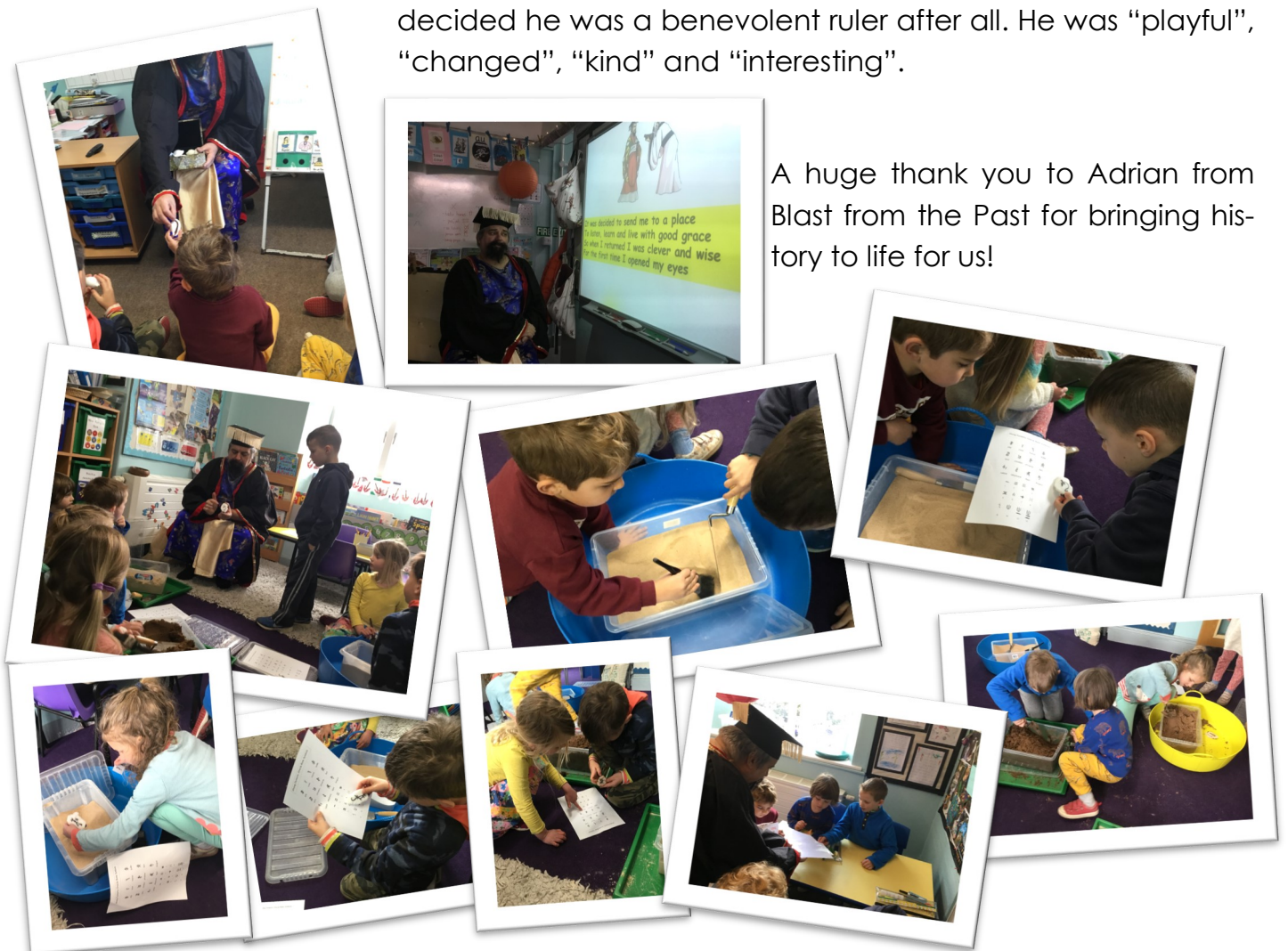
Blast from the Past: Emperor Shang

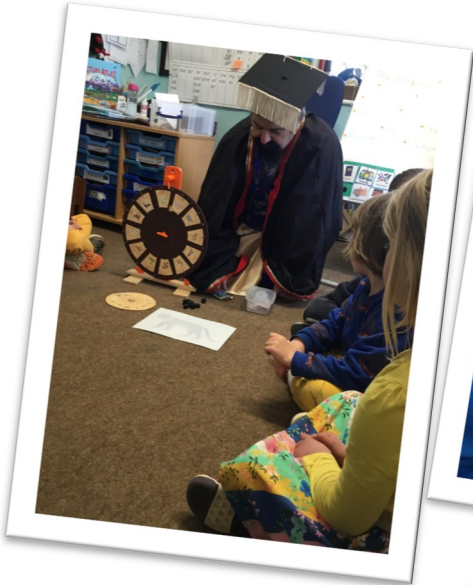
Choughs had a visit from an emperor from the Shang Dynasty. Having read several books about emperors, we were a little apprehensive. Words we thought of to describe emperors initially included 'posh', 'shallow', 'boastful', 'horrid', 'idiotic' and 'scary'! Certainly, when he arrived this emperor was rather imposing. We learned about the cruel ways he had treated his people:

- Poisoning wells
- Not allowing people to fish in the Yellow River (in case he happened to be fishing that day)
- Taking people's homes, horses and food
- Putting people in jail for no good reason

We put him on trial and decided what he needed was 'Emperor School!' to "teach him how to be a better emperor." Two years later, he returned and was a much better ruler of his kingdom in China. We did lots of fun things like searching for Ancient Chinese oracle bones like archaeologists. These had been inscribed with Chinese numbers and writing in a code which we had to crack. We played a fun game about the animals of the Chinese zodiac and had some fiercely competitive rounds of Bingo. The sun shone as we tore around the playground investigating the animals which live in China on a treasure trail. What a fabulous day! By the end, our views of the emperor had changed and we decided he was a benevolent ruler after all. He was "playful", "changed", "kind" and "interesting".

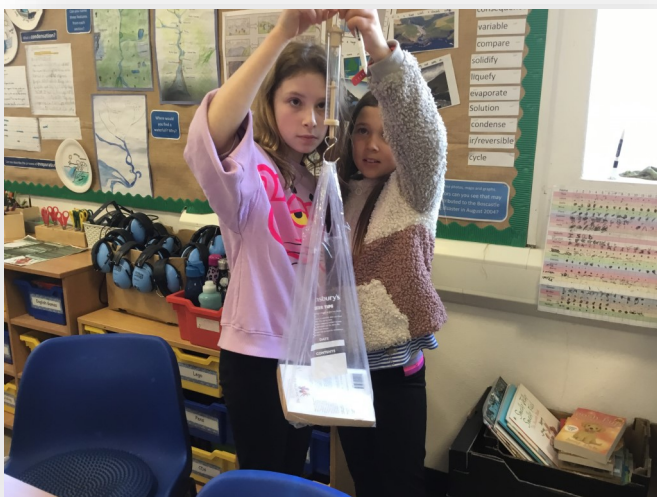
A huge thank you to Adrian from Blast from the Past for bringing history to life for us!

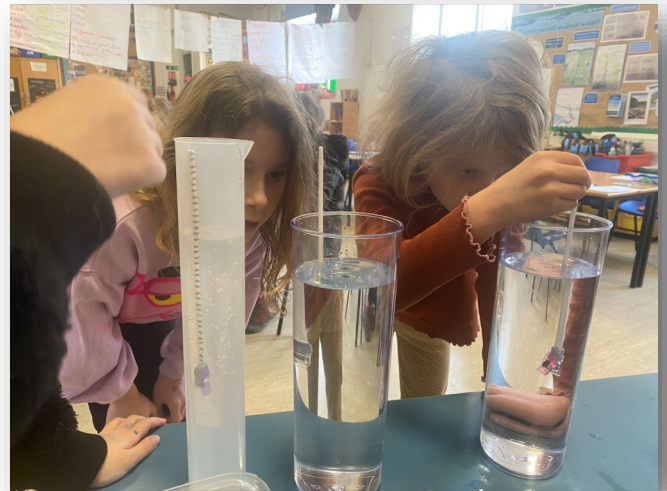




Blast from the Past!

Archimedes came for the day and taught us many different things about inventions, inventors and water! We investigated the density of water by observing displacement, played games about inventions through time and even had a demonstration of an Archimedes screw.





"My favourite part was making boats out of clay - pretty much everyone's sank!"

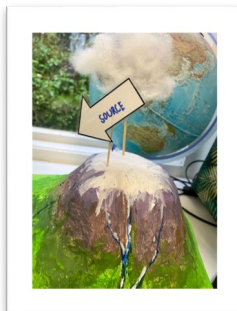
"The Archimedes screw was really cool—gravity was pulling the water down but the swirls made it go up!"

"We did a trail collecting stickers all about incredible inventions and inventors from the past!"

Investigating density was interesting. We learnt that warmer water is less dense because it takes up slightly more space. Salt water was also less dense. Ice cubes made from blue food colouring were added to a tank of room temperature water and we were able to observe the cooler, denser water sinking as the ice cubes began to melt.

Have a look at this incredible river course model made by MP at home as part of home learning.

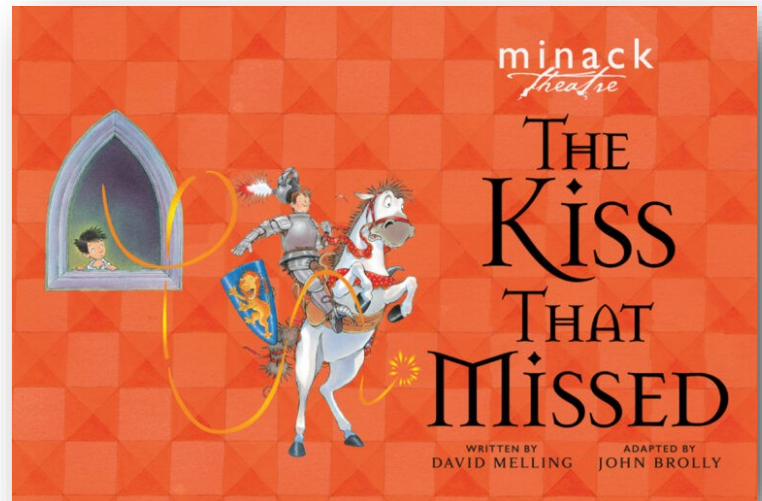
It is amazing and demonstrates so much creativity and we imagine quite a lot of resilience and determination as well! Well done!



The Kiss that Missed!

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The sudden hail storm just before we began did not dampen spirits as we embarked on an adventure to find a missing 'kiss' with the travelling tour from the Minack! 'Da Bear' was a particular hit and the smoking dragon at the end was huge!



Another rain storm in the middle of the show halted proceedings briefly but there were happy resolutions for everyone by the end! Thank you to the cast for sharing their wonderful show with us! "It was soooo cool-the bear was really funny!"

"It was brilliant! The dragon was funny when he talked!"



Brilliant **Book Nooks**
made by Puffins as
part of home learning
this term!

