

St Levan School Newsletter

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THE BIG BREAKFAST

What an excellent turnout at 8.00am last Thursday morning! It was a great atmosphere – as Tristan promised – plenty of tea and coffee, steamy windows and plenty of hot food. Huge thanks to Tristan and Vickie for making this happen. Steve and Susie – it was great to have you helping in the kitchen and many thanks to all the families for arriving at 8.00am! Amazing!

Thank you for a wonderful start to World Book Day.



WORLD BOOK DAY



We have had many fabulous story-boxes and enjoyed exploring everyone's boxes. Thank you for all the great work and effort! We would like to hold onto the boxes for a while longer as they are stimulating some great story-making and telling.



Wonderful World Book Day report by Alfie

On the 2nd March 2017 St. Levan School celebrated the wonders of books. The day started with showing the wonderful boxes with clues inside to see who could guess the book. There were many amazing boxes such as the 'Chokey' – from Matilda. We had a muddy hand and stinky cheese – from Diary of a Wimpy Kid and a dragon – from The Hobbit, to name but a few.

After showing the boxes Class 2 had an amazingly fun literacy lesson writing letters from stationary and why they might be annoyed about things (inspired from "The Day the Crayons Quit"). After lunch, Class 2 spent the afternoon with John



Brolly, making small plays about how two people from different books might meet and what they would do together on an adventure, producing funny and astonishing results.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to you all for making this meeting. Being such a small school, we are lucky to have extra time for detailed conversations about your children. A big thank you to all our staff for their commitment in ensuring each and every child is happy and achieving their potential. We hope you found the meeting useful and enjoyed seeing your child's 'Brilliant Book of Everything'.

Attendance Assembly

On Monday 27th February Fran Pender our Educational Welfare Officer visited us in school and led an interesting 'jenga' assembly which made us all think about the importance of being in school every day and building our tower brick by brick to make it as solid as possible. We could see how wobbly the tower became when lots of gaps were created and the children were quick to spot the analogy with learning and how difficult it is to catch up when they have missed lots of sessions.

As a whole school we were challenged as to why authorized and unauthorized absences were so high and it was noted that illness was a significant concern. We have worked really hard on educating our children about hygiene and we have had 'elbow taps' installed to help cut down the spread of germs. We also appreciate the support from parents in keeping sick children away for 48 hours and realize that you are not always in control of poorly children! Our EWO has encouraged us to send out attendance letters so you are aware if your child's attendance has fallen below 95% (cause for concern) or below 90% which is classed as persistent absence. The national expectation is for children to be in school 96.4% of the time in order to have the best chance at succeeding academically. Once letters have been sent, we can then work together to increase your child's attendance at school.

Information and Reminders:

Vacancy

Churchill our cleaning provider, have a vacancy for a School cleaner. If you interested please contact Hayley in the office.

QUESTIONNAIRES- Please can you complete and return this form as soon as possible. We would like all parents' views to be represented. More forms are available in the office if needed.

Water Bottles

Please help your child to remember their water bottle daily! Thank you.

Clubs Whilst we offer a flexible and inclusive approach to clubs we are asking for your support in ensuring all children attend on the given days or give their apologies to the person leading the club if they are unable to attend. Thank you.

Thursday 9th March

Parent and Child Internet Safety Workshop 2.30-3.30pm. Please let the office know if you can attend. This will be an extremely informative session and we would recommend one parent attending if possible. (The letter for this went out last Friday)

This session for parents and children will:

- ✓ Help you both understand what children are doing online.
- ✓ Explain some of the safety issues you both should be aware of.
- ✓ Provide some practical ideas and tools to help parents protect their children and children to stay safe (Articles 34 and 36).
- ✓ Help you and your children have conversations about online safety.

Monday March 13th – SONGFEST with KS2 at Mounts Bay Academy at 7:00pm. If you are not attending, children will need to be collected at 7.45pm please.

Sign up for free CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Training at St Levan School (see attached flyer over)

Tuesday 14th March @ 6pm

Saturday 18th March @ 10am



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

Hayley - for having a wonderful week and making good choices.

You have been a super listener and shown kindness to your friends. We are all very proud of you.

Woody - for super listening and responding positively to feedback to make your work even better! Well done, Woody!

Amelia - for taking on board all advice to make her an expert in answering reading questions superbly. This takes lots of empathy and understanding. Well done, Amelia!

Tamsyn - for working incredibly hard to master fractions and not giving up until she had conquered them! Super work, Tamsyn!

Headteacher Award - Morgan for practising the virtue of 'Service' in school. Everyone noticed how helpful and thoughtful Morgan was which made a real difference to the smooth running of the school day. Thank you Morgan, you made a noticeable difference.

Last week, we talked about the virtue of 'Service'- how giving to others and being helpful without waiting to be asked can make a difference. We talked in assembly about how this could look at home so we hope you noticed a difference!

The Virtue we are practising this week is 'Courtesy'- being polite and having good manners so we all feel valued and respected.

Call Push Rescue

Free CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Training at St Levan

Following the installation of a public access defibrillator located in the Treen phone box, free CPR Training and Defibrillator awareness sessions will be held in St Levan Primary School

Tuesday 14th March @ 6pm
Saturday 18th March @10am

Each session will last between 1-2 hours and we will work through the British Heart Foundation's CPR DVD training guide. We encourage everyone to attend, but kindly note the BHF recommends that CPR is only conducted by those aged 11 and over. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to attend either session (they will be identical) please contact Bern Sanger

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