St Levan School Newsletter 5th March 2018 Headteacher: Susannah Storey Telephone: 01736 810486 email: secretary@st-levan.cornwall.sch.uk

What a week! For the latest on our lovely learning, as well as lots of photographic evidence of last week's Snow Day, you've come to the right place. Here's what we've been up to:

SONG FEST

Last Monday, the Song Fest choir departed for the Hall for Cornwall ready for a warm-up on the large stage and final performance later in the evening. The rehearsal went well and it was good to hear how everyone would sound with the live musicians playing behind the singing. Once all the levels were sorted and everyone knew when (and when not!) to sing, the choirs all settled back stage in their dressing rooms – ours even had lights around the mirrors! After our evening meal and a final learning of the very complex lyrics, the choirs were ready and it was an exciting moment when everyone finally got to put on their new t-shirts. St Levan were lucky enough to be positioned on the very front row and really sung out, performing brilliantly and representing our school superbly. Well done to everyone who took part and learnt all those lyrics. Thank you to everyone who came out to support as well – it's not a performance without an audience!



FRANCAIS AVEC CEDRIC

We were very lucky to have Cedric (Tonsley, Bryher and Sorrel's Godfather) join us for an afternoon of French fun this week. We learnt the French words for parts of the body by singing the traditional song 'Alouette'. Along with Vickie and Bertie, we sang our socks off and had our efforts rewarded with some delicious French treats including croissants and pain au chocolat. Mmmm! Merci beaucoup Cedric et Vickie!



LE CYCLE DE L'EAU

Many thanks to Cedric who visited us on Tuesday afternoon and taught us how to explain the process of the water cycle in French. It was really interesting to see how French handwriting differs to the English cursive style and hearing French spoken by a Frenchman was truly inspiring! Our rendition of the water cycle spoken in French will be coming up at the end of term. Just a little more time needed to practise...

AZTEC HOT CHOCOLATE

Class 1 have been finding out about Mexico and Cortes's adventures there this week. We looked at first-hand accounts and responded to these, drawing the Mexican landscape as described by Cortes himself, in his letters back to Spain. We learned about the wildlife he may have seen and re-enacted his initial encounter with the Aztec people by drinking some delicious hot chocolate. Much appreciated in these chilly times!



SNOW DAY!

On Wednesday, a few flakes at playtime rapidly turned into what seemed to be a full-on blizzard! After taking a few moments to enjoy the snow, the children all snuggled up inside to await the arrival of a safe lift home. Before we knew it, we were snowed in and the hills in and out of the valley had become treacherous.



An enormous thank you to everyone for rallying together in difficult circumstances to get the children (and staff!) out of the school safely. There was a real sense of camaraderie and the community coming together (in 4x4s!) to resolve what could have potentially been a very tricky situation. Camping out at school for the night and eating the breakfast club supplies was a serious option at one point! Special thanks to Adrian Semmens, local farmer and RNLI volunteer, for his rescue services and to everyone else who helped anyone get home!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 6th March:** Football Match against Sennen (after school)
- Wednesday 7th March: Whole School Science afternoon
- **Thursday 8th March:** World Book Day and Big Breakfast (8am)
- Friday 9th March: A Journey across the South Pole Talk (3.45pm)
- Monday 12th March: Shadow puppet afternoon (Class 1)
- Thursday 15th March: Parent consultations (pm)



Congratulations to the following children for gaining their reading bands. Look at all our super readers!

ORANGE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (45 reads) Thea, Freya GREEN KARATE READING STAR (60 reads) Tamsyn BLUE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (80 reads) Martha, Elliot BROWN KARATE READING STAR (120 reads) Ruby RED KARATE SUPER READING STARS (80 reads) Tess



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

Lailani for always trying her best and producing excellent work in all lessons. Martha for her excellent story planning; you worked your socks off to do your best. Super!

Tonsley for never being afraid of improving his work to achieve excellence. Morgan for working hard to achieve your best in spelling and handwriting! We are very proud of all our children

Our Virtue for the next couple of weeks: KINDNESS

Kindness is... Showing you care, making life better for others and showing love and compassion.

