

# St Levan School Newsletter

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## Harvest Celebration Assembly

We are extremely proud of all our children and the efforts they went to in sharing their learning. In a short period of time, your children have achieved so much and it was lovely to share this with you. I think we can look forward to a rather special Christmas production!

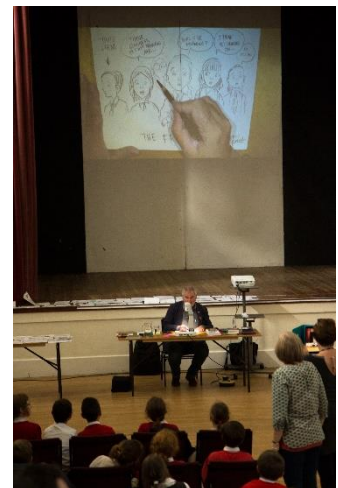
Thank you to everyone for making this special assembly and all the generous donations of food. It has been great harvesting our own vegetables this year and we hope you all enjoyed your home-made soup! This year we will be supporting St Petroc's Society for the homeless and will ensure your donations go to those in need.

## Celebrating Black History Month

Year 5 and 6 worked with John Brolly to understand the life and work of Nelson Mandela – a superb and informative performance highlighting key events in the life of Nelson Mandela and how he educated people against racism.

## Reading Rocks!

With our new library, new books, karate bands and meeting author and illustrator Chris Riddell – we have got off to a rocking start with lots of reading! Meeting Chris Riddell was a magical and inspiring experience! Watching him transform what appeared to be simple lines on the paper into interesting characters was amazing. We have bought a selection of books for the library for everyone to borrow. These books contain stories - open the book - step inside and go somewhere else! Chris Riddell also reminded us to doodle everyday - find a sketchbook and fill it up with drawings - of anything. Each day at school, we have been making time to doodle, to get better and as Chris Riddell told us - to keep drawing all the time and never stop!



"Meeting Chris Riddell was really, really exciting! I loved asking him a question and getting an answer. He has got marvellous illustrations and he uses so many adjectives to describe his characters- that's why he is my favourite author!" Freya

## WHITE KARATE SUPER READING STARS

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their white bands straight away (15 reads): **Lailani, Morveren, Elliot, Will, Elyssa, Morgan, Tess, Amelia, Alfie and Olivia R.**



This first group of children shared their TOP TIPS in assembly to inspire everyone to read. We talked about getting into the routine of reading each day and how this is more challenging for some children so we decided that improving your own 'PB' – personal best each week– was the best way forward.

### TOP TIPS from the white karate readers:

- **Do your reading at the same time each day so it is part of your routine**
- **Get your parent to sign your book as soon as you have done it – have a pen ready for them!**
- **You can read lots of different things**
- **Keep telling your parents to help them remember**
- **You can read before bed or in bed**

We will celebrate the next group of children after half term and if you read every day over half term you might be earning your yellow band the first week back. Happy reading!

### Class 1 News



Class one had a wonderful and inspiring afternoon at the Minack last week. We were invited to attend a theatre skills workshop with the fantastic Dean and Kim. The weather was glorious and highlighted the beauty of our surroundings, whilst we were taken on a show stopping tour.

The workshop started with various warm-ups, coupling the use of voice and movement to reflect and include the children's personalities. This enabled the building of trust and confidence within all the children. From there on out the children's use of imagination and reflection upon their previous learning was awesome. They used the learning we completed the first week of term to inspire their acting and work together to create a hilarious short play 'Doggycorn and the Rock Cyclops'! A magical fiasco of a Rock Cyclops living in Cheddar Gorge without any friends. He meets a little girl and a Doggycorn (magical dog with unicorn horn) who continues to turn the surrounding rocks into mermaids, frogs, horses, and a sports car. This ends up being too much for the Rock Cyclops who realises he would rather be at Cheddar Gorge with just the rocks for company.

Their short performance was performed on stage and was so funny the majority of the surrounding visitors stopped to watch and congratulated the children as we left the theatre. I am so thrilled the children are able to participate in this type of learning opportunity, as always they were a credit to themselves and to our school.

Miss Kessell

### **Class 2 – Highlights...The Journey Begins...**

Well, what a whirlwind the first half of our term has been. Everyone has worked very hard and have created some excellent work that we can build on throughout the year. We've welcomed our wonderful new members and welcomed back our super team as well. In history, we have used sources of evidence to answer questions about why certain events happened during WWII. We've developed our map reading skills in Geography and have learnt to tell the time in French. In science, we have investigated different materials and which would make the best insulator for a cold or a hot drink container. Some of us thought it would be tinfoil, but it was actually the card that was most effective - we decided this was as a result of the air pockets between the layers.

We have LOVED our Capoeira work with Josh and have begun work on the Christmas Play with John Brolly - our end of term extravaganza! We welcomed Miss Wynn and have loved her outdoor learning and Miss Rudge has helped us so much in the classroom. Here's to the next part!

Miss Finch

### **Reminders and Dates:**

#### **Friends of the school – Christmas Market Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

I am sure that you already have Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in your diary as the School Christmas Market (11 -4pm). As always it promises to be a wonderful event full of festive fun throughout the day for the whole family. Following our AGM last week we have organised a further meeting for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Please come along if you think you may be able to help on the day – an hours cover for one of the stalls would be appreciated. Or just come along to hear about the plans for the day, you will be most welcome. If you would like to help and can't make the meeting –please give your name to Hayley in the office. Also if you are having a clear out over the half term we are looking for any soft toys (good condition only) for our ever popular Teddy Tombola – just drop them in the office after half term. MANY THANKS.

### **Year 6 Secondary Transfer**

Please remember to apply by the 31<sup>st</sup> October deadline for the chance to get your child's chosen school place for September 2018. You can apply online via the Cornwall Council website. If a late application is made then you may not get a place at your preferred school if it is oversubscribed.

**20<sup>th</sup> October – Shakespeare Workshop** with John Brolly

**1<sup>st</sup> November** – KS1 Gymnastics at Cape Cornwall School (letter to follow)

**6<sup>th</sup> November** – KS2 Minack Performance – Shakespeare Festival 1.30pm – open to all

**9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultations

**10<sup>th</sup> November** – Healthy Eating – Food Tasting for parents 2.45pm

**17<sup>th</sup> November** – Capoeira Performance 2.45-3.15 – all welcome (standing room only!)  
Children in Need (more information to follow from the Student Council)

**20<sup>th</sup> November** – Individual School Photos



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

**Ruby** for applying new learning to her work and for settling into Year 3 so well – Ruby will always take a challenge on! Super, Ruby!

**Seb** for his determination and commitment to learning especially with his writing. Well done Seb, you persevere!

### Headteacher's Award

**Will** for his great courage and doing something he really didn't want to do! Will took a risk, and was surprised how well he did. Well done, you did it!

**The Whole School** for a super sharing assembly – everyone really did SHINE!

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

**Wishing you all a safe and happy half term**

**Children return to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**