

# St Levan School Newsletter

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We wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas holiday. This Term has flown by with lots of happy children. We still have our party afternoon and hopefully Father Christmas will pop in before Wednesday!

One of the highlights this term has been the development of our outdoor learning space with Ms Wynn and the children. The fire pit is up and working and everyone has had an opportunity to learn fire skills in a safe environment.

A huge well done to class 1 whose enthusiasm and behaviour was amazing for their first



session on fire!! We had some great fireside discussions on keeping safe around a fire and what is needed to start a fire. We searched for fuel, lit a fire and then toasted marshmallows and popped corn. Sebastian said "It was a really different and exciting experience" and Bryher said "it was amazing to cook the marshmallows in layers". They all loved seeing the popcorn pop inside the two sieves and we talked science: the irreversible change that happens when heat is applied to the corn. Our new fire canopy worked well, even though the day was fair, it added a cosiness to our experience. Alice did brilliantly creating sparks with her 'strike alight'. After lots of determination she lit her cotton wool pulling her hands away quickly as instructed to keep her safe.

## **Sleeping Beauty**

We had a great day at the pantomime with front row seats! The children were incredibly well behaved and enjoyed the performance. Thank you for enabling this to happen.

## **Important Information and Dates:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm end of Term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – First day back, new Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Clubs start

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 and 4 Swimming Lessons start

## Reading Karate

Our children are making great progress with their reading which of course has a great impact on all learning and more importantly is a fabulous gift for life. During assembly the children reflected on their reading habits since September, listened to each other and shared their tips of what is going well. The daily routine of reading at home has supported many of our children and they are all saying how much they enjoy reading now! It is not too late to start this Christmas!

'Since September, I've enjoyed reading more as I've got into the habit' – Elyssa

'I hadn't really been reading much but since the reading karate started, I'm now in the pattern of reading every night' – Lola

'I never read much as I found it boring. Now with reading karate, I am reading more' – Tonsley

'I didn't like reading at all before reading karate bands. After my first one I felt really proud of myself and this kept me going to read more' – Morgan

'Reading Karate has given me a good routine and I'm determined to get all the bands before I leave' – Olivier R

Over Christmas, we hope you receive some lovely new books to share with us in the New Year. Don't forget to read each day, it all adds up!

**Congratulations** to the following children for gaining their reading bands:

### **WHITE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (15 reads)**

Lola

### **YELLOW KARATE SUPER READING STARS (30 reads)**

Sennen

### **ORANGE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (45 reads)**

Ludo and Alice

### **GREEN KARATE READING STAR (60 reads)**

Tia

### **BLUE KARATE READING STAR (80 reads)**

Morvy



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS**

**Olivia R** for believing in herself in maths and her growing confidence in drama – a super well done, we are all very proud of you!

**Saskia** for her amazing independent writing. Well done!

### **Headteacher's Award**

**Class 1 and 2!** for a whole team effort in producing and performing in such a memorable production of 'The Jolly Postman'. Each and every one of you really did SHINE. Let's hope Father Christmas visits St Levan!

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

