



ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 17th June 2022

The warm weather has provided an ideal backdrop to the visit of the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama students and their work with our children this week – thank you to them for all of their hard work and good luck to you all with the rest of your studies.

Puffins really enjoyed their trip to Heartlands yesterday and the musical workshops, with an abundance of drumming experiences.

A massive well done must also go to the Year 1s for all of their hard work in their phonics screening last week and all of the children that passed their bikeability course last Friday! The children showed fantastic confidence on the roads displaying exemplary skills of road safety and cycle manoeuvrability – as always their instructor also commented that their behaviour was exemplary!

Lastly, post pandemic, we are really keen to develop our school events again to celebrate our community. I have pencilled in the school's 'welcome' events in September plus a leavers' assembly before the end of term. On top of this, the scheduled Sports Day, year 2/3 sleepover and beach activities will be placed in the events diary next week.

Also, next week, Choughs will be participating in a trip to Duchy College Rosewarne, we have the Readathon Summer Party and our Friends Jubilee Summer Fête!

It has been wonderful to meet all of the new reception children every morning this week – there has been an abundance of excitable smiles!

Have a wonderful weekend and take care.

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	93%
Puffins	96%
Whole school	95%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

22nd June

- Choughs Class trip to Duchy College Rosewarne

22nd & 23rd June

- Year 6 transition days at Cape Cornwall School

23rd June

- Readathon Summer Party

24th June

- Jubilee Summer Fête - 2.30pm
- Little Levans session 1.30pm - 2.30pm

28th June

- Little Levans transition session, 9.00am - 12.00pm

29th June

- Choughs Class Baby Day

7th July

- Sports Day



Shining Stars of the Week



Miss Ferguson's Star of the Week

Céleste - For setting yourself a goal, sticking at it and then achieving it. You've been so determined and resilient - well done!

Miss Finch's Star of the Week

Chloe - For superb positivity in everything you have been doing! Well done Chloe!

Miss Trenoweth's Star of the Week

Theo - For participating in all the activities during the Hubhub Musical Workshops and for working well with your partner.

Sowing, Watering, Recording



Over the past few weeks, Gardening Club have been busy sowing all sorts of different flowers and vegetables. This week, we had a chance to observe the growth of our sun-flowers, noting how leggy they had become and how quickly they had grown. As well as this, we planted beetroot and radishes, being careful to sow the seeds thinly in rows.

We have also been having lots of fun identifying unknown plants, using the app “Planty”. We have been using the app to not only identify, but also to catalogue and set a watering schedule to hopefully help our plants thrive. From our findings, we intend to make our own Garden Journal, containing illustrations and observations.

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Planty: Plant Identifier, Care

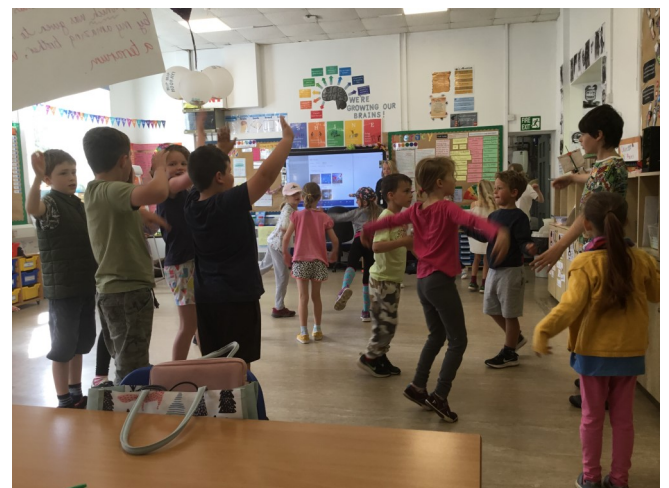
Tree Identification, Ad- Free

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Developing our ideas through drama and games

We were once again joined by students from the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama who have helped us develop our drama skills through different games and activities.



Musical Hubbub!

On Thursday, Puffins took a trip to Heartlands to take part in a musical Hubbub organised by Cornwall Music Hub (now known as **ASONE** Hub). It was a super day filled with different musical activities to try!

Tudor Music: we learnt about different Tudor instruments, heard them played in an ensemble, danced in some fun group Tudor dances and learnt about way of life at the time.



Gamalan: a traditional instrumental ensemble from Indonesia and Bali which incorporates many different instruments including some made from beautiful bronze and some incredible gongs of different sizes. The music is based on 8 beats with the gongs sounding on 1, 5 and 8 which we tried. We also danced traditional dances.



Samba: a style of music and dance originating from Brazil. We played many different instruments including:



Ganza



Surdo



Repinique



Agogo



Tamborim

African Drumming: we played djembes trying different call and response songs and even tried conducting!

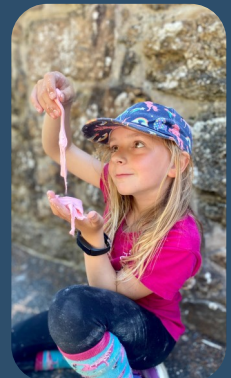


Oobleck and Cloud Slime!

Science Club this week was all about solids and liquids. We revised and learnt the difference between the two, modelled some of the differences in the playground and then asked if it is possible for something to be a solid and a liquid at the same time. We found out that oobleck (a Non-Newtonian fluid) can be and played with some. Finally, we made some cloud slime to play with!

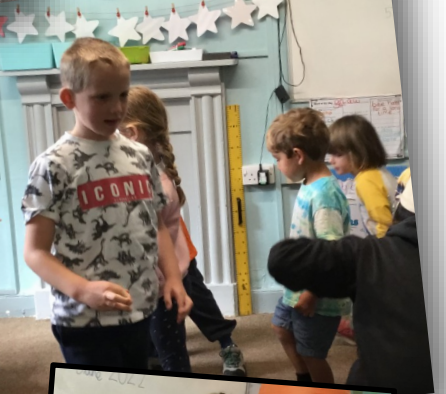


"It's hard when you squeeze the oobleck, but as soon as you let it go it becomes liquid"



RCSSD Week

We had a really lovely week with the jungle explorers, Luna the Spider, Belinda the Bee and Marsha the Mushroom.



it's nice to be big,
it's nice to be small,
we love everyone,
being kind is cool.



We created a special song for Luna the Spider. To do this, we took a letter of her name and, in groups, thought of words beginning with that letter. We used our words to create verses about how lovely, lake-like, unique, unusual, nice, nursely, amazing and awesome Luna is! This is the chorus of our song.



Baby photos needed!

This term in our Jigsaw PSHE lessons, Choughs are learning about growing up and changes. We will be talking about some of the ways we have changed since we were babies. It would be really useful if the children could bring some baby photos in of themselves when they were little. We will use these in school to talk about what differences we can see and what new things we've learned since we were babies. We will be doing this during the week beginning 27th June. We can't wait to see them. Thank you!



DT: mini-beast sliders

In DT, we learned how to make sliding mechanisms. We looked at existing sliders in some of the books we found in our Choughs Class Library, noticing that they tended to be in non-fiction books. There were also lots of 'lift the flaps' so we remembered that...



Existing products

- What is it?
- Who is it for?
- What is it for?
- What do you think will move?
- How will you make it move?
- What part of the product moved and how did it move?
- How do you think the mechanism works?
- What else could move in the product?
- How well does it work?

Designing

- Who will your product be for?
- What will be its purpose?
- How do you want it to move?
- Will your slider go up and down or side to side?
- What equipment do you need?
- What mini-beast will you choose?

Draw your design.

Next, we designed our sliding mechanisms. We needed to decide what direction we wanted them to slide in as well as what mini-beast to use. We had loads of great ideas: worms tunnelling through the soil, butterflies fluttering in circles and woodlice scurrying to logs.

Then, it was time to make it! We had to decide what equipment to use based on what we'd designed. Everyone was very creative and a couple of people even added extra features, like 'lift the flap's.

Making

- How will you use the equipment safely?
- Will you need to take it in turns with some equipment?
- How will you finish your product to make it look nice?
- Remember who your product is for.**

Finally, we talked about our designs with friends and decided what had worked well and what we'd do differently next time.

Evaluating

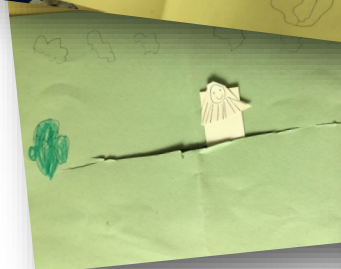
Look at your partner's moving picture. Talk about:

- Does their slider work smoothly?
- What do you like about your friend's picture? What's worked well?
- Is there anything that hasn't worked as well? What could be improved?

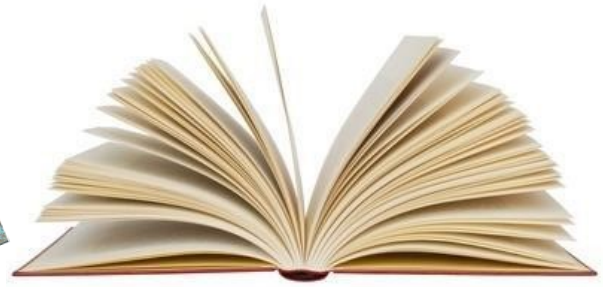


I really like...

Next time I would...



Brilliant Book Reviews



Erin's Star Rating

"I rate this book a 9/10 because it is perfect for people that love reading adventure stories"



"A fun and interesting novel where a boy (Harry) goes on lots of crazy adventures! He goes to Howards and meets his two friends, Hermione and Ron".

"It all takes an unexpected turn when the goblet is around, and someone puts Harry's name in it."



St Levan Summer Fête Friday 24th June - 2.30pm

I hope you all have this date in your diary and will be able to join us for the first Summer Fête since 2019!!!

We will be holding a Tea Party with an array of stalls, run by the children, a raffle and Story telling with John Brolly. A bottomless Afternoon Tea is £3 per adult, £1 per child.

We would be very grateful if you are able to make cake for the cake stall. Please send it in on the Friday morning, or if you have any suitable unwanted gifts for the raffle, please bring them in next week.

We hope you will all be able to make it and we look forward to seeing you there.



Read For Good

Readathon

Summer
party

Thursday 23rd June



A day of book-themed celebration!

Wear party clothes (or your jammies!), bring a book to share and have fun! We will play games, meet authors online and generally celebrate the joy of reading. Can't wait to see you there!

dress up



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