



ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



REVIEW OF SUMMER TERM 2 2018-19

As the academic year draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you to both staff and children for all their hard work this year; I am so proud of all their combined achievements!

As always, a special thanks also goes to our team of parent volunteers who help out across the year with a range of activities; from gardening to cooking to sports to creative projects. Without you we wouldn't be able to offer the curriculum we do and which the children love. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Carter

New Class Names!

A while ago we mentioned that following the restructure of year groups in classes next year we have decided to rename our classes to something a little more exciting than Class 1 and Class 2.

The children suggested different ideas and the names we have chosen are Cornish birds: Puffins and Choughs. We felt using these names would be good because they are birds that are special to Cornwall and can be found locally. They work hard to survive and we think this reflects how hard we work to achieve our best.

Class One will be known as **Choughs**, with our youngest children in Year One and Reception known as Choughlets!



Class Two will be known as **Puffins**.

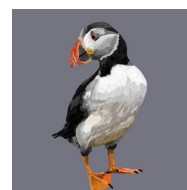
Here are some interesting facts about each one.

By Tonsley, Tess and Freya



Choughs

- ⇒ their length is 39cm to 40cm
- ⇒ their wing span is 73cm to 90cm
- ⇒ their weight is 260g to 350g
- ⇒ the population is 250 to 350 pairs in great Britain and 120 to 150 pairs on the Isle of Man
- ⇒ they eat insects and larvae
- ⇒ their feather colour is black
- ⇒ their leg colour is brown, orange and red
- ⇒ their beak is orange, red, medium length, curved and has medium thickness
- ⇒ their natural habitat is farmland and marine areas
- ⇒ females lay 3 to 5 eggs in April



Puffins

- ⇒ puffins eat fish especially sand eels
- ⇒ they are 26cm to 29cm in length
- ⇒ their wing span is 47cm to 63cm
- ⇒ their weight is 320g to 480g
- ⇒ the population of puffins is around 580,000 pairs globally
- ⇒ puffins are Cornish! (though they can be found in other places)
- ⇒ puffins have a black and white feathery body and a multi-coloured beak including blue, white, orange and yellow
- ⇒ a puffin's beak changes colour during the year
- ⇒ puffins are nicknamed "sea parrots"
- ⇒ puffins spend most of their lives out at sea, resting on the waves when not swimming

Swimming Gala—The Song

Split into 3 teams,
came to the edge of the water,
ready for anything,
we were off,
races were hard,
huffing and puffing,
waiting for the next person,
watching, waiting, commiserating, sailing song,
I will not go, turn the lights off, carry me home,
a few men still I'll be all real,
turn the lights off carry me home.

Composed by Amos, Class 2

Surfing

Surfing with St Levan was amazing
and was also a great experience.
Surfing boosted my confidence



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Bikeability



Well done to all our year 5 and Year 6 pupils who took
part in Bikeability this year. All successfully passed!

If you are travelling in the area over the summer please
do look out for all cyclists, whilst our team are road safe
the same cannot be said for all other cyclists and drivers!

Story writing

In the last newsletter we shared with you a couple of sto-
ries that had been submitted to the St Just story writing
competition. We are very pleased this time to share with
you our long list of winners!

KS1

Joint 1st:

Martha

3rd:

Lailani

Highly commended:

Astrid

Chloe

Sorrel

KS2

1st:

Joby

3rd:

Freya

Highly commended:

Tia

Tonsley



Congratulations to all our winners and to all those who
took part, we are all very proud of you!

Recycle your plastic bottles

This summer, please can you collect any plastic drinks bottles
you may use and bring them into school at the start of term
for an exciting project we are undertaking; to build a trike
shed out of recycled bottles!

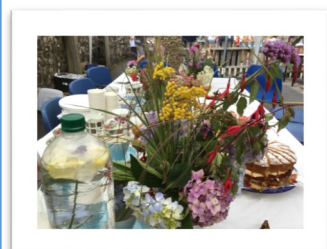


School Fete

It was a busy fete, with fruit kebabs, a plant stall and pressed flower notebooks



and bookmarks...



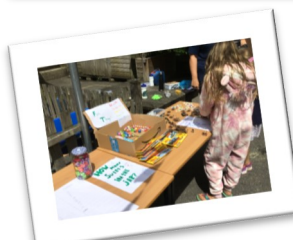
...all from Class 1!

A slice of cake (or two or three!) with a great cup of



tea were on offer from our Friends of St Levan.

Along with a rummage on the bric-a-brac stall for some great bargains and a chance to win many a prize in the raffle.



face painting

Whilst Class 2 invited you to guess the number of sweets in a jar, find the hidden treasure, candy floss making, name the teddy, table top football, hoop-la, hook-a-duck,



and throwing a wet sponge at Year 6!

Thanks to all our stall holders and the team of parents who decorated the playground and supported the children.



A good time was had by all and a massive £410.70 was raised!

School Sleepover

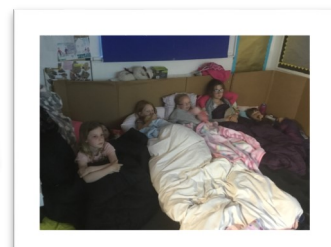
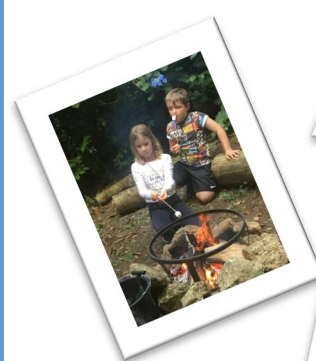
Two weeks before the end of term, Years Two and Three were united for their annual school sleepover. The children worked brilliantly as a team, completing a series of challenges in order to earn themselves treats for the evening. These included a chocolate fountain followed by popcorn, s'mores and singing around the campfire. A fun evening was had by all and, after a bedtime story and a couple of episodes of The Worst Witch, everyone snuggled down to go to sleep.

"We played lots of fun games and earned treats. At breakfast time, we had sausages. They were delicious!" –Tildy

"We went to sleep really really late! We got to have a chocolate fountain and it was really yummy!" – Martha

"It was really fun when we sat around the campfire. At breakfast, it was so filling, but it was also really yummy!" – Lailani

"I liked having the s'mores and popcorn." – Sorrel



Quillets

This term we have been visiting our quillets in Penberth as part of our outdoor learning sessions on a Thursday afternoon. Ably assisted by our team of parents volunteers, the children, along with Ms Carter and Sophia, have been trying to reclaim the planting beds from the weeds. It's been a fabulous effort by all involved and we now have 5 beds for use and have already planted some potatoes, herbs and flower seeds.



If you are visiting Penberth over the summer and can water our crops we would be most grateful!

A sad goodbye



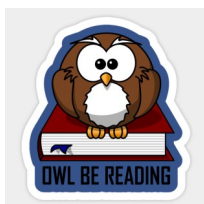
At this time of year it is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and this year is no exception. They are a remarkable bunch of young people who have represented St Levan so well this past year and will be greatly missed.

We wish you all the best in your new schools!



Karate Reading Champions

As the school year draws to a close we are extremely proud of all our children who have gained Karate Reading bands this year. A special mention, however, goes to our Gold Band Readers who have each reached a total of 320 reads each! To mark this effort Tess, Tia, Elyssa and Lailani all received a book voucher to keep them going for the summer.



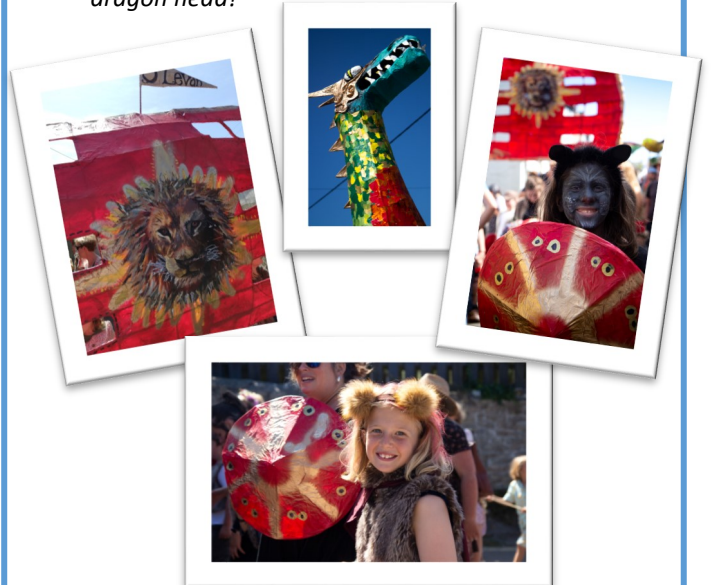
To inspire you all to keep reading why not take part in this year's library reading challenge: Space Chase! To register please go to Penzance library (St Just library is closed) or take a look at: spacechase.org.uk

Lafrowda Ship

As you know, on Saturday was the Lafrowda Festival. In the last few weeks we have been working on and painting the sculpture you saw to make it very pretty and presentable to the crowd. The sculpture was our interpretation of the boat from Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C.S Lewis. We used photos and illustrations of different kinds of boats such as those designed by Anglo Saxons and Vikings to give us ideas then put our own twist on it. We hope you liked it!

Here are some quotes from Class 2 about making it:

- *Fred - I had good fun sticking the scales on the sculpture.*
- *Elyssa - everything we made looked very realistic and it was great fun painting the lion with Tia.*
- *Tonsley - I loved watching the sculpture improve and I'm glad I did not do very much because otherwise it would be a WRECK.*
- *Georgiana - It was really fun sticking the scales on the dragon head!*



As you can see everybody had a great time helping out to make it amazing.

A final message

School will reopen on **Monday 9th September** for pupils to attend, as there is staff training for all staff on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September.

We wish you all an enjoyable summer.
Have fun, be safe and keep reading!

