



ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 20th December - Tues 4th January

Christmas holidays

Wed 5th January 2022

Spring Term 2022 begins

Mon 21st - Fri 25th February 2022

Half Term

Friday 17th December 2021

We made it! We've enjoyed Christmas lunch together and Christmas parties. Our Christmas performance is about to go live. All that remains for me to say is have a wonderful Christmas at home, stay safe and we will see you in 2022.

My short time of holding the reins at St Levan has come to an end. I wish to say thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for sharing your St Levan magic with me - it will remain with me always.

Diane Blackie - Interim Head Teacher



Thank you for your donations on
Christmas Jumper Day.

We raised £23.50 for Save the Children.

Also, our Christmas Hamper Raffle has raised
£136. Thank you for contributing items to the
hamper and for buying raffle tickets.

Congratulations to the winners!!

Please note:

We intend to continue with current Covid restrictions into the Spring term. If any changes occur during the course of the Christmas holidays we will let you know via text and email.

Staggered start & end times will continue in the new year:

A-L surnames 8.45am drop off & 3.05pm pick up

M-Z surnames 8.55am drop off & 3.15pm pick up

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is vital for learning. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this and support your child's learning.

December figures:

Choughs 92.1%

Puffins 93.7%

Whole school 93.2%

Shining Stars of the Week



Lailani Puffins

For amazing focus in all your learning and being determined to achieve your best in everything you do!

Henry Choughs

For fantastic work in maths. You were so determined and are now ready for the next challenge!

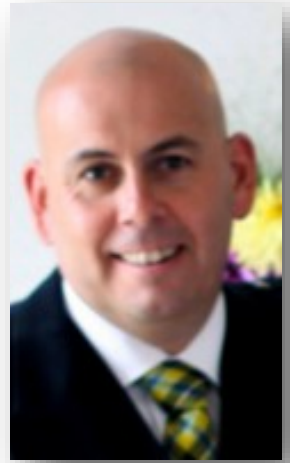


Mr Mark Francis, Head Teacher Introduction

Hello everyone - dydh da dhe'n oll,

Although I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you all in person at St Levan, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I began my teaching career at Treleigh School in Redruth in 2002 and following this, closer to home at Sennen for five years. Since 2013, I have worked at Wellington Primary School and Marlborough Infant School, in Aldershot and both local authority schools. As an integral member of the school leadership team, Wellington school achieved an outstanding grading in 2018 and Marlborough School achieved a good grading, with outstanding leadership and Early years provision, in 2019. Since 2019, as the interim head teacher, I have led both schools throughout the Covid-19 pandemic with a very community-minded approach to leadership, as I believe a school is at the heart of its community.



I was born in Newlyn and attended St. Paul's school and Humphry Davy school in Penzance. Leaving Cornwall to gain more teaching experience allowed me to truly appreciate my life living in Cornwall. Growing up in Cornwall for me was a privilege and my passion has always been to ensure the children also grow up appreciating their world around them. In my youth, I was lucky enough to represent Cornwall for athletics and cross country and to be selected for the England cross country squad. I understand the importance of family and community and look forward to sharing my own family stories with the children; for example, I have relatives who were Titanic survivors. Outside of school, I like to keep busy with various hobbies from running on Gwithian Towans and Long Rock beach to landscape painting and gardening.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all in January and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a heart-warming New Year!

Thank you – Meur ras,

Mr Mark Francis

Message from Sharon Brolly - Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

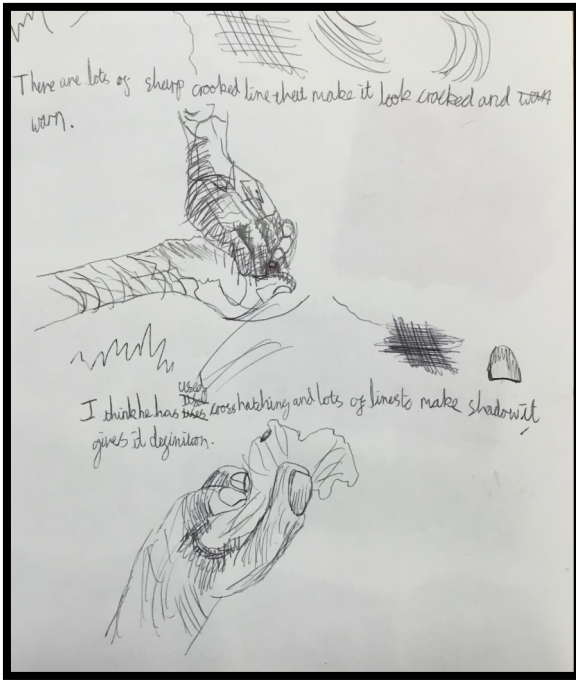
May I firstly thank you for the continued support that you have given the school regarding our covid guidelines and restrictions during this term. It is with this support that we have been able to keep our whole community safe. I would also like to thank all the staff for their incredible hard work during this term, again working within the guidelines but managing to give all of your children fantastic and exciting learning opportunities. This includes performing the school play within our own school grounds where the children have put on an amazing show. It is with great sadness that we finally say goodbye to Mrs Blackie. After coming in to help the school until the 'end of term' now four terms later we are letting her go to start her retirement properly. Mrs Blackie stepped in to lead St Levan at what was a very sad and difficult time for the school, following Ms Carter's illness and the beginning of the pandemic. Mrs Blackie has been an amazing interim head, supporting the staff and leading the school through this unprecedented period. It has been a real pleasure to get to know and work with her, and on behalf of the governing body I would like to thank her and wish her a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

When we return for the spring term 2022, I look forward to welcoming Mr Mark Francis who will be taking over as our new Head Teacher. This begins a new era for St Levan, and I am sure the whole school community is looking forward to getting to know him and working with him to take the school on the next stage of its journey.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and successful 2022.

Very best wishes

Sharon Brolly - Chair of Governors



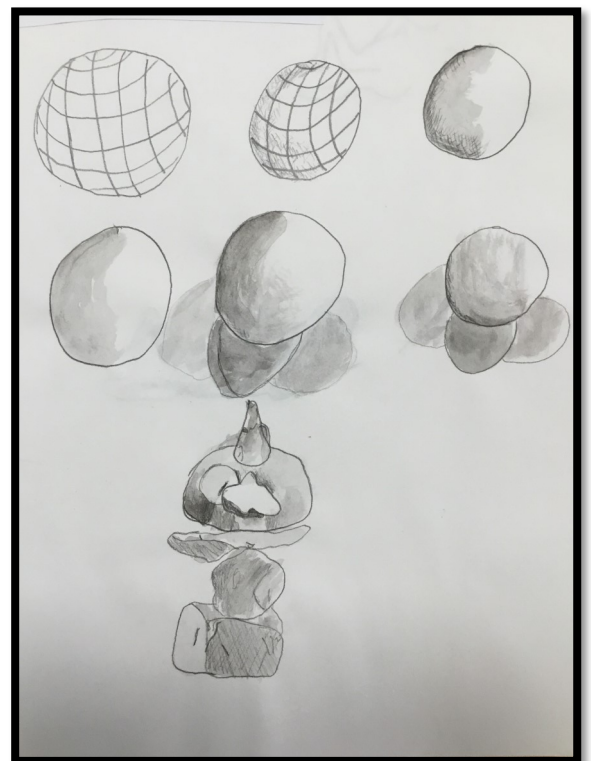
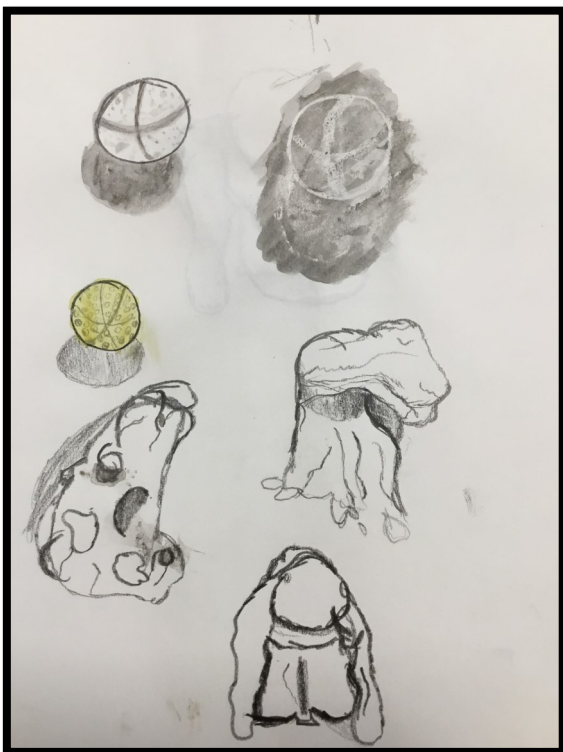
This term, Puffins' focus in art has been the work of Henry Moore.

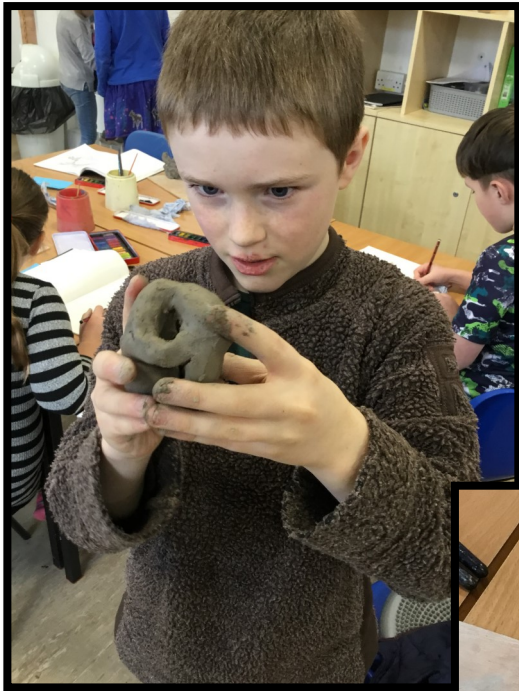
We have carefully considered his use of different marks and the effects they create.

We have worked with muted palettes, wax resist and inks to create images of different garden leaves..



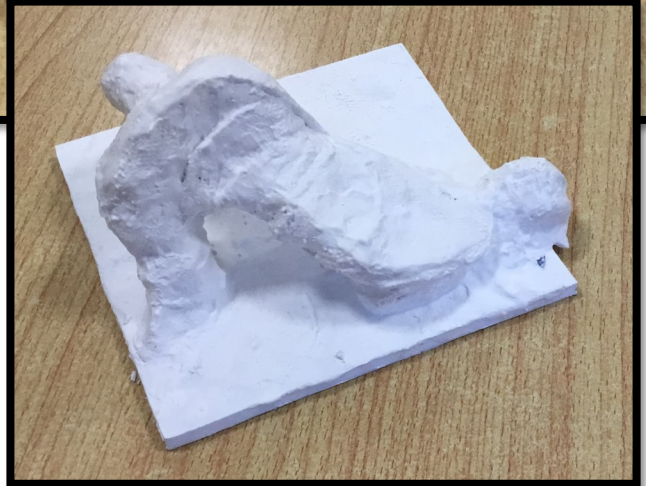
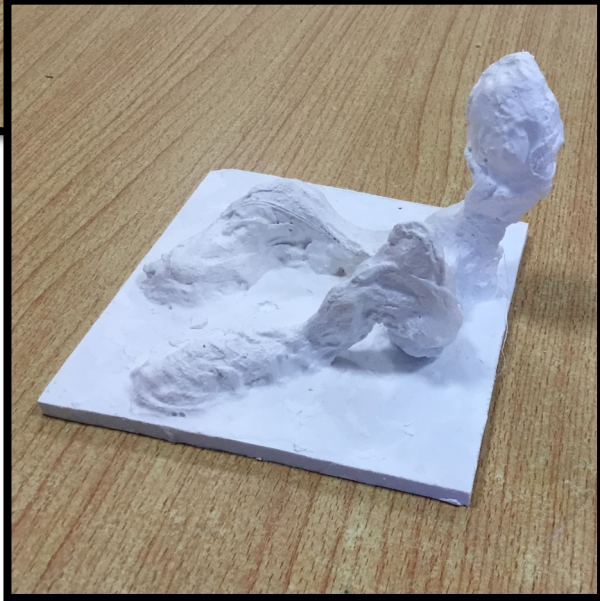
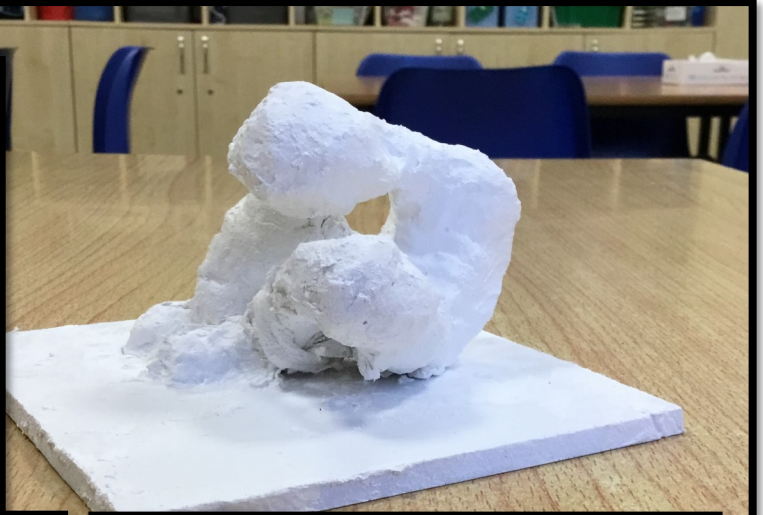
We have thought carefully about shadow and line to create form in 2D drawings.





We have focussed on communicating emotion through clay figures...

and used wire armatures, newspaper and Modroc to create a final product.



The title of the piece is "grief stricken figure." I have taken inspiration from the well-known artist and sculptor Henry Moore who, in WWII, created some interesting sketches. I have tried to capture similar feelings in my work. Before embarking on this final project, I experimented using a gloomy palette along with wax resist and ink to recreate drawings in his style thinking about texture. I also used clay to experiment with form. This piece was created using a wire armature, newspaper, masking tape and Modroc. I made a hole in the middle to reinforce Moore's style of art. With this finished sculpture, I was hoping to communicate a feeling of grief which many had to endure during WWII.

L.A.

Thank you Tasha for cooking our lovely Christmas Lunch!



Present opening after our fleeting visit from Santa!!!



Christmas Wands and Treasure Hunt

Choughs and Puffins worked in teams to find all the coloured threads to complete the Choughs' wands!
Many thanks to Sophia for this lovely idea and for making the wonderful willow stars!

