

St Levan School Newsletter

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The Governors are delighted to inform you that following a day of rigorous activities and interviews (including pupil interviews), Miss Gail Kessell has been appointed to the position of Key Stage 1 teacher from September. The children in both classes had the opportunity to voice their opinions and be part of the process. Miss Gail Kessell will be joining us for some days during the Summer Term to ensure there is a thorough handover and to get to know our children.

SENSATIONAL SATs

Another year of SATs have come around and the Year 6s have shown us yet again just how fantastic they are! With steely determination, Bryony, Donald and Marie worked tirelessly to complete the six challenging papers. Each demonstrated exceptional concentration in what are quite exhausting assessments and showed great levels of maturity when tackling every question. We are all very proud of you all – well done!



The SATs weren't as bad as we thought, they were just like normal questions we do! – **Marie**

I wasn't really bothered by them. At the end I felt normal – **Donald**

The teachers made it fun – they made us laugh and we got to open the papers – **Bryony**

SUPER LOBSTERS



That you so much to Cat from the National Lobster Hatchery who made the journey from Padstow to talk to us about all things lobster – they are so incredibly interesting! The workshops were hugely informative and everyone learnt new things about the life cycle of lobsters. A favourite part of the morning for many was seeing real, baby lobsters at different stages of development during a whole school assembly.

The super lobster was quite surprising – he was so little! Also, I never knew they were nocturnal. – **Amelia**

It was amazing to find out how the animals burrow during the day. – **Fred**



It was nice to learn about their life cycle. – **Bryony**

They live forever....so long as they don't get eaten! – **Donald**

Watching the videos of lobsters moulting was amazing and then we got to hold the moults! – **Olivia R**

It was nice to have a craft as well. – **Alfie**



Class 1 Growers

Following on from our epic adventures in the garden searching for mini-beasts, Class One have been learning about plants and how they grow. Along with the keen members of Garden Club, we've not let the wet weather dampen our spirits and have been growing plants in and out of the classroom. Our latest project is growing cress. Come and see (and smell!) for yourself.

We've been planting different types of seeds including cress, broad beans and sweet potatoes. –

Ruby

I am excited. It is fun too! I love cress. They're quite salty. – **Findlay**

We had pots and we drew faces on them. – **Sennen**

It was fun and nice doing it and I had fun planting them. – **Will**

We used cotton wool instead of soil. The cress needs sun and water and air to grow. – **Elliot**



Boat Trip and Beach clean



We had a brilliant day on Monday, riding Shearwater II with Marine Discovery and working with Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition to clean up Long Rock beach. Each leader commented on how brilliantly well behaved and interested everyone was and Delia was impressed by how much rubbish the children were able to collect in the time we had. Thank you to everyone involved.

If you would like to come into Class 2 and read the recounts of the day, the children would be happy to share them with you.

PEGASUS AWARD

Our children have been actively involved in the Pegasus Award at school. Each child has their own special folder where they have been recording their achievements. This is a flexible award programme where the children can do more activities out of school to develop a range of skills as an individual and as part of a group. There are four strands:

- Skills for Life
- Healthy Living
- Helping Others
- Exploring the Environment



We had a great whole school beach day at Marazion with our Pegasus leaders – exploring the environment. We have a special **Celebration Assembly on the first Monday back at 2.45pm.** Please come along to find out more and to see what skills and challenges your children have faced.

Children's Talk Lectures

Huge thanks to Vickie for arranging some fabulous talks and speakers at our school. We hope to continue with this next year. A total of £436 was raised which is going back to the children via the School Council.

Reminders and dates for your diary:

- **Clubs start June 12th.** No clubs the first week back.
- **Monday June 5th 2.45pm – Pegasus Celebration Assembly.** Come and join us!
- **Pocket of Penwith – Friday 9th June 6 -7.15 pm.** Wine and Canapes. We look forward to seeing you all at our Postcard exhibition where you will be able to buy Postcards by your own children and by well-known local artists. This is an amazing opportunity to purchase original artwork at a lower price of just £5.00! Please handout the poster and flyers. We look forward to seeing you all there.
- **June 14th Whole School trip to The Minack Theatre**
- **June 19th London Central School of Drama workshops**
- **June 15th School Residential children – Drama workshop with St Maddern's**
- **RECYCLING** – Please save your milk bottles! Charlie is collecting them for LaFrowda!
- **ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS** – Please hand in all your remaining vouchers so the Student Council can place an order for some new play equipment. Many thanks.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

Jemima - for being a superstar gardener and for always trying her best.

Yr 6 - for being super amazing during SATs week and giving their absolute best at all times.

Yr 2 - for being fabulous learners and working their socks off!

Murray - for his brilliant recount writing and using so many incredible openers - well done!

During the last few weeks, **DILIGENCE** is the virtue we have been learning about. Without a doubt, all our children have been working incredibly hard and doing their absolute best. This is all we ever ask for and we are very proud of everyone.

Have a well-deserved rest and break!

St Levan School Beach Trip

“I HAD A GOOD TIME BECAUSE WE MADE VOLCANOES” -MORGAN

On Friday, St. Levan School departed from the building and voyaged by modern carriage and small bus to the Marazion coastline. Unfortunately, by the time we got there, it was raining cats and dogs. Nevertheless, we trudged on through the downpour, our beach trip was still going ahead. As soon as we arrived, we reconvened, sat on the breakwater and were given smarties packets. We split up into partners and shared them, the older ones making sure everyone got a fair share. As we noisily consumed the treat, we were told to accumulate some small objects to put in the empty packets, we all tried our best to find as many as we could, flies, sticks and seaweed all went in. Next we regrouped and showed our findings.



race to warm up. Next, we departed to the Godolphin Arms and ate a few biscuits to help us have the energy to get across the mount - our next trip through the rain (which was still falling.) As soon as we got across we realised that it was lunchtime so, after a quick photo, we ran back to the minibus just in time for the rain to drench us again. Safely inside the minibus, we ate our

lunch lavishly. After that, we built beautiful sand sculptures out of seaweed and rocks we found on the beach. As the rain broke for a while, we made volcanoes out of sand,

bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, we also went to the river with our wellies and stood

on the edge so the sand fell into the river... and we fell in too. Finally, we went back to school (home).

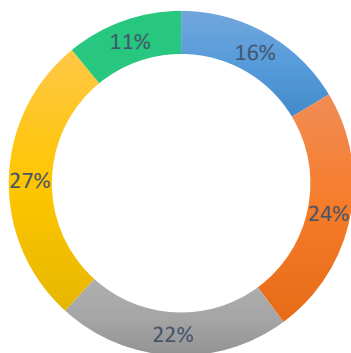
WHAT HAPPENED, IN SHORT

The children’s first task was to share a smarties container so they could find some small objects to put in them.

“It was really nice because we got to do exciting things” – Elyssa

Because of the dreadful meteorological circumstances, the pupils were all freezing cold. Because of this, the children had a relay race to get warmer. Next they went to the Godolphin Arms and had biscuits. They went to the mount, took a photo and walked back to have lunch then the students made sculptures and volcanoes out of sand, fell into the river and returned to school.

The Donut of truth (the day in infographics)



■ eating ■ walking ■ working ■ having fun ■ collecting



Q: What was your favourite part of the beach?

A: Making volcanoes!