



ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



REVIEW OF AUTUMN TERM 2 2018-19

It's been another fun packed half-term, in which Class One and Two continued to explore the past during their units on Old Toys and The Greeks and thought about their impact on today's society.

Thinking about their roles and responsibilities in the wider world, the children thought too about those less fortunate than themselves and showed their kindness through supporting charitable causes.

I hope you enjoy reading about their efforts.

Ms Carter, Headteacher

Class One

Sharing Old Toys

This half term we continued our topic on Old Toys and turned our attention to toys popular before we were born.

As well as borrowing old toys from the library service and visiting a museum, we wanted to have a look at the old toys within our school community. Very kindly, quite a few mums and dads came to visit us and brought with them toys from their own childhood.

We got to look at and play with toys from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's from teddy bears to vintage trains and a retro Maths game. Brilliant! Thanks so much to everyone who took part; the children got so much out of this.



Can you guess which decade this was from?

Penlee House Museum and Gallery

We were really lucky to have the opportunity to visit Penlee House Museum and Gallery to take part in the 'old toys' workshop there, led by Zoe.



We got to look at some real examples of old toys and ask lots of very specific toy-related questions (poor Zoe!) as well as play with lots of replicas. We noticed that many of the toys were made out of wood or metal and they needed us to make them work. A super morning's learning.



Lost cat

There was a slight crisis in Class One in the lead up to Christmas. Postman Pat, our class's Monday morning raffle treat-bestowing hero, had lost his beloved cat, Jess!



We went on a 'cat hunt' all around the school and, in the end resorted to making 'Lost' posters (you may have seen them). We received a strangely cryptic letter, from (we think) Father Christmas, which led to us following clues and eventually finding Jess hiding up a chimney. How odd!



We were so delighted (as was Pat) that we subsequently made 'Found' posters- you may have seen these too!



A happily reunited
Postman Pat and Jess

Minack Theatre Trip

In November we were treated to a backstage tour of the Minack Theatre and, working alongside John Brolly and Craig from Squashbox Theatre, we performed our own pieces on the stage.

After a very wet start, the sun came out and illuminated our star thespians.

Well done Class One and thank you to the grown-ups who were able to join us and help out!



The Cheerful St Levan Postal Worker

Over the Christmas break, we hope you have had the opportunity to read Class One's very own version of The Jolly Postman. This is almost entirely the children's own work and united several of our themes this term including old toys, nursery rhymes and, of course, Pat himself. The children really enjoyed writing it and are thrilled to be starring in it themselves.

A super end to a super term; well done Class One.

Children in Need Bring and Buy Sale

Bedrooms were searched, old toys found and out-grown clothes were passed on in November, all in the aid of less fortunate children around the UK, when we held a 'bring and buy' sale for Children in Need.

After an afternoon of sorting and pricing, Class Two were ready for the buyers; starting with some very enthusiastic Class One shoppers. Using their addition and subtraction skills, the stall holders carefully worked out their customers' prices and counted out change. Persuasive techniques were employed and parents were convinced that new toys were needed. A very successful afternoon!

In all we raised an amazing total of £136.81.

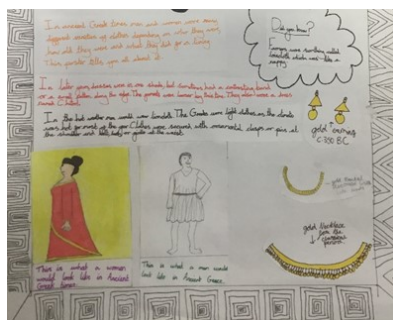


Class Two

The World of Greeks

Culminating in the amazing performance of Homer's Odyssey, Class 2 went on a journey into the past to learn about Ancient Greece in the Autumn Term. Introducing our topic with a trip to the Minack to see Craig and his Squashbox Theatre introduced us to a whole range of interesting (and sometimes terrifying) creatures which everyone really enjoyed hearing about.

We wrote our own stories and many of us really went for it on the 'gore' front. It seems Ancient Greece was a hugely influential civilisation and SO many aspects of their lives can still be found in ours today. From democracy to words like --- and -- -, musical instruments, poetry, theatre and maths, this incredible period of history has really helped shape the world.



What did you think Class 2?

It was fun. Learning about this ancient time was interesting as it has a lot of differences to now.

Learning about their clothes helped us in the play.

I loved it because it is mostly history.

I enjoyed learning about sound and making Greek double reed instruments.

I enjoyed looking the clothes up.

I enjoyed looking at the musical instruments.

Making our own pots at the museum was really fun.



The Greeks are cool because they invented the Olympics!

I LOVED the ancient Greek monsters!!!

Reading the Odyssey was interesting and also quite scary sometimes.

It was fun brainstorming ideas for the play because we'd learnt so much we could use.

I learnt information I didn't know before.

I learnt lots of everything like heroes.

I like learning about Greeks – they did stuff so differently but also the same.

By reading the Odyssey, we learnt lots of information about their beliefs and the way they did things.

I loved doing all of the work in our books.

St Levan vs Trythall

The highly anticipated first home game of the season saw St Levan take the spoils in what was a very competitive match. In front of a large crowd of around 40 supporters, St Levan looked to dominate from the outset. However, resolute defending from Trythall ensured St Levan would not have it all their own way ...

That said, St Levan utilised their 2-3-1 formation more effectively than the opposition. Both Freya and Eyssa clearly knew their role and were very disciplined in defence with their zonal marking. Both girls made timely interventions when they needed to. Tonsley ... well, let's just say he played everywhere. His ability to go past players, slow the game down, and pick out passes showed great maturity that was well worthy of his footballer's hair cut.

On the right wing Will showed he has speed and skill in abundance and often found himself in lots of space to put in some decent crosses and shots on goal. Rufus on the opposite wing was very industrious and very dangerous on the ball. He caused the opponents so many problems that he seemed to be the heaviest marked player on the pitch at times.

Up front—and handicapped with a broken toe—Joby acquitted himself well and despite his injury displayed his obvious talents linking up well with Tonsley. Joby also seemed equally assured in the goal for some of the game. Which brings me on to Morgan who demonstrated just why he's St Levan's number 1. He dealt with everything that came his way, catching comfortably and diving at people's feet. His distribution was also good.

The first goal came midway through the first half with St Levan pressing high up the pitch. A good passing move out of midfield found Rufus inside the six yard box, who slotted home inside the left post.

The second half—as the first—saw Trythall playing deep and relying on the counter attack and it's fair to say it was quite an effective tactic. What also helped Trythall is that they utilised all three of their substitutes as opposed to St Levan's none.

Anyway, despite this the relentless and certainly more tactically aware St Levan team eventually wore down their opposition. Indeed, halfway through the second half a decent cross saw a three on one situation right in front of goal. The ball fell to Will who duly obliged into making it 2-0. At this point Joby who had since gone into goal—I assume to alleviate his toe—fancied some of the action and duly exchanged positions with Morgan. Unfortunately for Joby he was unable to stop a rasping shot from Trythall's most effective player. Pleased with his effort the subsequent goal celebration nearly carried on to Polgigga duck pond! Both sides had chances to add to their tally. First Tonsley shot from distance only to see his effort go wide of the right post. The closest chance came from Trythall with a thunderbolt from 12 yards that smashed against Morgan's left post.

At this point, Miss Finch, who had spent much of the game trying to make sense of the rules and tactics, became very anxious and was willing away the last three minutes or so.

The final whistle sounded making Miss Finch and everyone associated with St Levan very proud. Well done St Levan and thank you Trythall for a well contested game.

Match report by John Holden

St Levan Christmas Play

(rated 5 out of 5 by Class 2!)



On the 13th December 2018, after an exhaustive rehearsal schedule, St Levan Primary School was finally ready for their big day; The Odyssey at the Acorn. Performing in a professional theatre, the children took it in their stride rehearsing effectively, carefully and as a fantastic team. Costumes were prepared, props were set as the young thespians gobbled their final meal before the lights went up. From start to finish, everyone remained focussed, remembering their lines and hitting their cues with astonishing comic timing and excellence.

Well Done Everyone!

A few reflections:

Tia – It was great how we remembered our lines.

Tess – It was quite hard to remember everything as it was a long play but we did!

Tonsley – Everyone did so well – it was amazing!



Joby – We should have made the parents pay more than a £1!

Findlay – The crowd loved it!

Florence – It was so great because everyone remembered their lines.

Fred – I thought the show was going to be ok, but then it turned out....



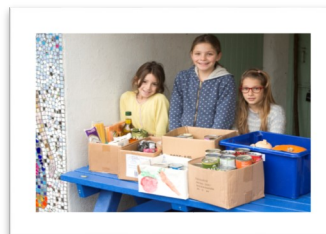
BRILLIANT!!!!

Report (extremely modest...) by Class 2

A term of thoughtfulness

Food for thought

In assemblies this term we have thought about others and how we can help those less fortunate. We began with some of our pupils making a food delivery to Penzance Food Bank, following the generous Harvest Assembly donations.



A time to remember

This was followed by our Remembrance Service in November where we thought about the sacrifices others have made for us and where we collected money to support the work of the Royal British Legion.



Jumper-tastic

The term drew to an end with one final push to raise money for less fortunate children, this time for children in countries overseas. Following an assembly where we learnt about the poverty faced by other children and the lack of health and education provision where they lived, we decided to support Save the Children's request to wear our winter woollies in December to raise money. On the day we saw a wonderful range of winter wear modelled by pupils and parents alike and raised £43.



A huge thanks to you all for supporting our charities this term.