



ST LEVAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



BULLETIN 5 9TH OCTOBER 2020

Communications :

Email 8.10.2020 : COVID-19 procedure update letter

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday—Friday 9th Nov—13th Nov

Parents evenings to be arranged via online platform (letter to follow).

Tempest Photographer—moved to Spring term, date to be confirmed.

Friday 9th October 2020

We had 50% of children have the flu jab this week, they all took it in their stride. If your child missed it and you would like them to have it, there are extra clinic times available. Please see the contact details below.

At the end of next week parents will receive our first half term summaries, along with samples of work. In the meantime both classes have learning news to share with you.

I've put a couple of local links at the end of the bulletin. Cornwall wildlife trust and local story tellers to support Autumn activities at home.

KERNOW HEALTH CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 01872 221105

Email: Kernowhealth.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

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. **September** figures:

Choughs 96.2% Puffins 91.1% Whole school 93%



Shining Stars of the Week

Will Puffins

For excellent positivity when tackling the challenging learning of Year 6.

Bertie Choughs

For being a wonderful role model to others by following the golden rules: Kind, thoughtful and helpful.



Head Lice Alert

Please can you tie up all long hair to help reduce the spread of these irritating visitors? We have seen one or two children itching. We have put an information leaflet about how to treat your child's hair on our website. It is a good idea to use recommended treatments regularly. I know it's expensive. Head lice don't like the smell of tea tree apparently so tea tree shampoo can be effective as a deterrent. Thank you.

Little Story Seekers online 'Matty and the Mermaid'

There will be a new story each month with a Cornish theme for the Autumn from KEAP (Kernow Education Arts Project).



Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Cornwall Wildlife Trust encourages us all to collect, plant and grow. Have a look:

<https://www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/growmoretrees>

School Council (Puffins Class)

Congratulations to Florrie and Alice in Puffins class - our newly elected school council members. Here they are with existing members Isabelle and Bryher.



Eco Committee

We also have newly elected Eco Committee members Martha and Jemima with previously elected Lailani and Deva. Well done to everyone who took part in our elections. It is wonderful to see that you all care so much about your school.



Pen Licence

Well done to Will, Alice, Bryher, Sorrel, Georgie, Martha, Lailani, Erin, Florrie and Brooke who have recently received their pen licence. Also, well done to Ellie who was awarded with her certificate today!



Choughs Class—Science

In Science, we have been learning about our senses and how we use them to experience the world. We tricked our senses in a taste experiment. We had to guess the flavour of the squash and all three were different colours. We made a note of our predictions:

Purple: black grape, blackcurrant, blueberry?

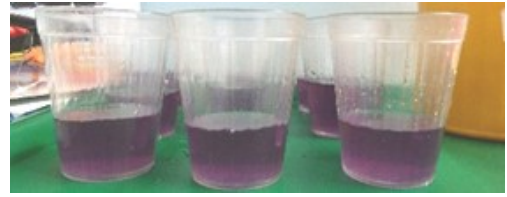
Orange: melon, lemon, orange, peach, apple?

Pink: strawberry, raspberry?

We all had different ideas and liked different squashes more than others. But it was a trick!

It turns out all three were the same. They were all Summer Fruits, just with a bit of food colouring in. Our sense of sight had tricked us and we had tasted the flavours we expected to from the colour of the squash.

We also learned about our sense of touch (using feely boxes) and our hearing (by playing guess the sound and listening to different frequencies). The grown-ups' hearing wasn't as good as ours - they couldn't hear the highest frequencies!



For a long time, scientists thought that there was no sound in space as there is no air for the sound to pass through. However, scientists now believe that there are sounds but they are too low for us to hear. The sounds can pass through atoms of gas and dust in space.

Did you know, that there is a supermassive black hole that emits a sound one million, billion times lower than the lowest sound audible to the human ear?

Puffins Class—Why do we get night and day?

Puffins have been making careful observations on the way the sun appears to move across the sky.

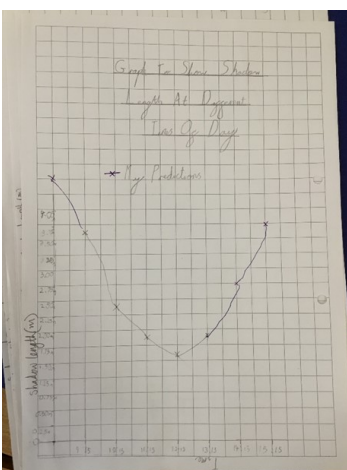
Actually, what is happening is the Sun is staying still but the Earth is spinning on its axis. Every time we do one full spin it is one day. The sun looks like it's moving because we spin gradually but never stop. —Ellie

We measured how shadows move and change length as the day goes on and thought about why this is.

As the sun appears to get higher in the sky, the shadows get shorter because the sun is sending rays down from higher up. —Will



Unfortunately, things got very cloudy after lunch and we had no more shadows to measure! So we created a graph and used the curve we saw to help us predict the shadow lengths for the afternoon. We are waiting for a sunny afternoon to see how close we were...



We also considered how the Earth spinning gives us night and day.

Here is Bryher's diagram:

