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Dear Families,

This year our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are taking part in an exciting joint transition project with other local primary schools to support them as they prepare for the move to secondary school.

During this term, we are studying the novel *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Raúf. The story is told from a child's perspective and explores themes of friendship, kindness, courage and belonging. Through guided reading and discussion, pupils have been exploring ideas around prejudice, first impressions and empathy and reflecting on how to approach new people and new situations — including the transition to secondary school — with an open mind.

As part of the project, we are excited to be visiting Hall for Cornwall on 29th April to watch the stage production of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*. We will be travelling by minibus. The performance celebrates friendship, compassion and hope and helps bring the themes of the book to life.

In the summer term, pupils will also take part in transition workshops with partner primary schools linked to the book and its themes. These sessions focus on collaboration, discussion and shared activities designed to build confidence and connection ahead of their move to secondary school.

All learning will be handled in an age-appropriate and sensitive way, with structured opportunities for reflection and discussion. Our focus throughout is on developing empathy, fairness and confidence as pupils approach this important next step.

As we are able to use our minibus for transport, we have been able to keep costs down. We politely request a voluntary contribution of £15 towards the cost of the trip so that we can look forward to enjoying similar opportunities in the future.

If you have any questions about the text or the project, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

The St Levan Team