

*St Levan Primary School*  
*where all children SHINE...for life*

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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Families

We've had another lovely week! On Monday the photographer came in to take individual portraits – we hoped you enjoyed seeing the pictures – we certainly did!

We celebrated World Mental Health Day on Tuesday – see below for further details.

Looking to the future, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Day this week - thanks to you all for spreading the word about our lovely school.

The Friends of St Levan met earlier this week and were busy making some very special plans for the Halloween Disco to be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October (from after school until 6pm). The plan is for everyone to have a great time and to fundraise for arts related activities, primarily music, theatre and art. Please do come along! More information to follow next week.

Next week, the last of the half term (where has all that time gone?) we will welcome our dear friend Caroline Amos representing Lands End Benefice who will run a special assembly.

Please don't forget to bring in any old clothes, bags, shoes etc ready for the Bags2Schools collection on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> October.

If you thought it was too early for Halloween – let's now talk Christmas! We are looking for local craftspeople who would like a stall at our market. We're thinking lovely homemade items; crafts, food etc. Stalls cost £10 – please contact [sharonbrolly1@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbrolly1@gmail.com) to book – money to go directly to fund events for our children.

We are also pleased to announce that we will be starting a new termly Book Club – thanks to Vickie Hugh-Jones for suggesting and running this event. Details of the book are found below. There will be three copies in school and the teachers will be running through some of the themes of the book with all the children in advance of the session. We love reading at St Levan so please do come along and support this fantastic initiative.

Please also see attached the flyer for a lovely activity at PK Porthcurno – it's on TOMORROW!

**Stars of the Week**

Choughs – Ursula – for fabulous free writing. You give your all in everything you do. Well Done!

Puffins – James – super-duper problem solving in maths AND for trying so incredibly hard with handwriting! Wow James!

**Attendance (YTD)**

- Whole school = 93%
- Choughs = 89%
- Puffins = 95%

# A Week in Puffins!

On **Monday**, Puffins began writing persuasive adverts for visiting Wheel Mexico Mine. We are experimenting with puns, alliteration and carefully chosen verbs and adjectives. What do you think?

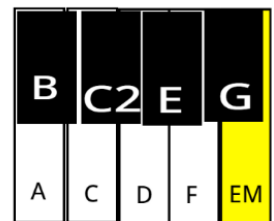
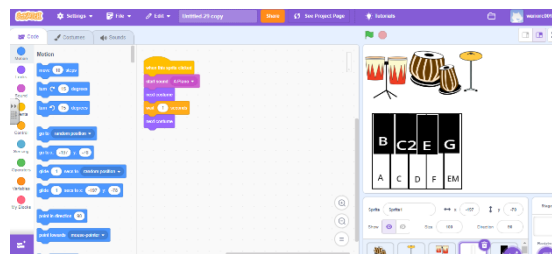
It's time to ~~dephthalise~~ ~~dephthalise~~ and down-avate into the mines: it'll be a blast (of dynamite)! Say "Adios" to dull, grey, boring mines and say <sup>Oh!</sup> Hi! to the home of history & the Cornish compendium of cassiterite, copper and more... ~~stare stroll inside~~ <sup>straight into</sup> the wonderful world of Wheel Mexico! Crafted from rustic and historical artefacts, our museum offers a host of antiquarian experiences, without disturbing our cherished and well-loved heritage.

It's time to ~~dephthalise~~ ~~dephthalise~~ and digerate! digerate! Say "Adios" to boring mines and step straight into the <sup>superb</sup> ~~superb~~ world of Amatey Mine - you'll want to come back! Crafted from historical ~~artefacts~~ and amazing experiences, our tremendous museum ~~mining~~ brings Cornish mining to life without disturbing our heritage.

On **Tuesday** (and as part of Word Mental Health Day), Puffins had a super afternoon completing various activities with a focus on strategies we can use if we are feeling anxious.



On **Wednesday**, Puffins further explored the programming language Scratch and combined sounds and costume changes to create a working keyboard. Well done to Calum who tried this at home after our lesson – it looks super Calum!



On **Thursday**, Puffins were set a super challenge by Ursula's dad! Can you solve the problem?

Structure 1	Structure 2	Structure 3

How many blocks will there be in structure 4?  
How many blocks will there be in structure 10?  
What do you notice about the answers?

I wonder what **Friday** will bring...

You are all working so incredibly hard Puffins! Thank you for your efforts!  
One week to go before half term!

## DT: Space Robots

In DT this half term, Choughs are designing and making space robots inspired by the Mars Rover. This week, we made mechanisms to give our robots moving parts. This was so they could do important jobs like moving from place to place, lifting up space rocks and moving objects out of their way. We really enjoyed this lesson, especially making the scissor arm!



## Cauliflower Christmas Cards

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards, wrapping paper and mugs last week. The children's designs are now at the factory. We'll let you know when your purchases arrive in school.

This year our Cauliflower project has raised **£87.75** school. Amazing!





# World Mental Health Day

To celebrate World Mental Health Day, we talked about the five ways to wellbeing:

1. Connect. Connecting with others can help us feel close to people, and valued for who we are.
2. Get active. Many people find that physical activity helps them maintain positive mental health.
3. Take notice.
4. Learn.
5. Give.



We then put these into action. Pippy came to see us, we played board games and coloured pictures together, shared our favourite songs and munched some tasty snacks. Reading Club prepared some book blind dates for us so we enjoyed opening and reading these together. It was a lovely day!



## Wellbeing Ambassadors

...and a huge thank you to our wonderful Wellbeing Ambassadors for leading a relaxation session with rainbow breathing.

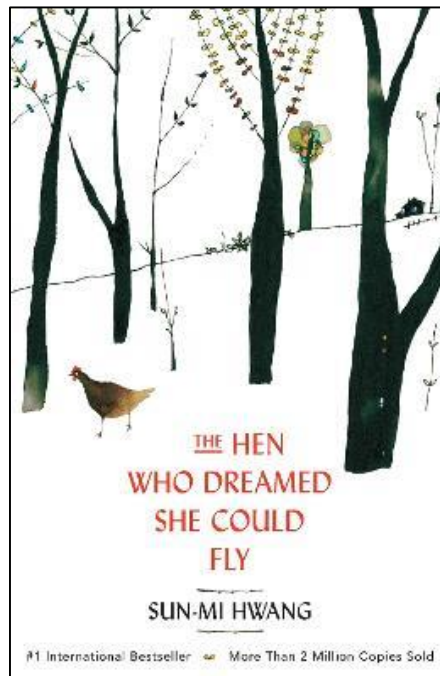


# ST LEVAN school BOOK CLUB LAUNCHES

Do join us for what we hope will become a termly treat. We are inviting families, grandparents, neighbours and friends to read the chosen book together and join us at St Levan school for a fun discussion, cake and refreshments on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30pm.**

**We are launching with the heart-warming international bestseller – *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly* which has captivated millions of readers in Korea.**

The story is of a hen named Sprout. No longer content to lay eggs on command only to have them carted off to the market, she glimpses her future every morning through the barn doors, where the other animals roam free, and comes up with a plan to escape into the wild—and to hatch an egg of her own. A touching fable of truly global popularity, Hwang's uplifting tale of fowl freedom and motherhood in the wild is a great feel-good read for people of all ages with a warm and welcome message.



*"Already regarded as a modern classic... compelling and beautifully told... a fable for our time, outstanding in the quality of its layered, lyrical prose and memorable in the exemplary determination, loving kindness and courage of its heroine."*

*"Perfect to read in a single sitting, although the story's loving spirit is sure to linger. It's also the ideal gift to share with anyone and everyone who holds a place in your heart."*

*"Bewitching... a fabular bestseller told from the point of view of a homeless hen, which will make grown men and women cry."*

*"Beautifully and simply written . . . Sprout [is] one of the most likable protagonists of the year. With her defiance of the rules, curiosity and tireless efforts, Sprout stays with and inspires the reader long after the slim story is finished."*

**We hope the book club will: ♦ bring a special opportunity to share reading time with your child and wider family ♦ widen our range of reading ♦ help us to read more thoughtfully**

**♦ give us a lovely opportunity to meet and chat ♦**





MUSEUM OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

## Planet PK Champions

Saturday 14 October  
10:30 - 12:00

Free parking  
in our car park  
for attendees

### Creepy Crawly Towers

Join us to create a  
bug hotel for PK's  
tiniest residents to  
provide a home for  
them over the winter.

Explore which  
creatures we might  
find staying there.



Come and join our Planet PK Champions club!  
Regular members will receive a free members pack.  
Planet PK Champions sessions are free.  
Limited spaces- scan the QR code to book in advance.



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# Diary Dates

Academic Year

2023 - 2024

Term	Autumn
Term starts	Mon 04/09/2023
Term Ends	Tue 19/12/2023
Half term starts	Mon 23/10/2023
Half term ends	Fri 27/10/2023
Event	Date
Bags to schools collection (Friends of St Levan)	Wed 18/10/2023
Open afternoon for existing parents	Thu 19/10/2023
Little Levans	Fri 20/10/2023
Last day before half term	Fri 20/10/2023
First day back after half term	Mon 30/10/2023
Halloween disco (after school until 6pm)	Tue 31/10/2023
Book club - everyone invited!	Mon 06/11/2023
Parent consultations	Tue 07/11/2023
Nasal Flu Immunisations	Wed 08/11/2023
Parent consultations	Thu 09/11/2023
Puffins - trip to Kresen Kernow	Wed 15/11/2023
Children in need day	Fri 17/11/2023
Open afternoon all parents	Tue 28/11/2023
Minack - Shakespeare Festival performance - 1pm	Wed 29/11/2023
Christmas Market	Sat 02/12/2023
Choughs - trip to St Buryan Church	Mon 04/12/2023
School performance at the Acorn Theatre	Thu 07/12/2023
Christmas jumper day	Fri 08/12/2023
Christmas lunch	Wed 13/12/2023
Whole school trip - Hall for Cornwall (Peter Pan)	Fri 15/12/2023
Last day of term	Tue 19/12/2023

Term	Spring
Term starts	Thu 04/01/2024
Term Ends	Thu 28/03/2024
Half term starts	Mon 12/02/2024
Half term ends	Fri 16/02/2024
Event	Date
INSET day	Thu 04/01/2024
INSET day	Fri 05/01/2024
Back to school	Mon 08/01/2024
Parents phonics session	Thu 18/01/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 09/02/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 19/02/2024
World book day	Thu 07/03/2024
Family lunch day	Fri 08/03/2024
Parent consultations	Wed 13/03/2024
Parent consultations	Thu 14/03/2024

Red nose day	Fri 15/03/2024
School camp starts	Mon 18/03/2024
School camp ends	Wed 20/03/2024
Community duck race	Tue 28/03/2023
Last day of term	Tue 28/03/2023

<b>Term</b>	<b>Summer</b>
Term starts	Mon 15/04/2024
Term Ends	Wed 24/07/2024
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Back to school	Mon 15/04/2024
INSET day	Fri 03/05/2024
Bank holiday	Mon 06/05/2024
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 13/05/2024
KS2 SATS week ends	Fri 17/05/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 24/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Family lunch day	Fri 14/06/2024
Year 2/3 sleepover	Thu 20/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
School reports issued	Fri 12/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day!	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024



# FOOTBALL CAMPS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM



### Camp Dates

Monday 23rd October  
Wednesday 25th October  
Friday 27th October

### Soccer Tots (3-6yrs)

Reception & Year 1  
10am - 12pm

£6 per day | £10 for 2 days | £13 for 3 days

### Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)

School Years 2 - 8  
10am - 3pm

£15 per day | £25 for 2 days | £35 for 3 days

### Venue

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre  
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

### Other Info

All children are welcome to attend from any school or club  
The MBFDC coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified & DBS checked

### Register

Pre-booking only, register & book online  
Visit the website for further information!

Website link - [www.mbfdc.co.uk](http://www.mbfdc.co.uk)

