



Monday 6th February 2023

Dear parents,

The Cornish Caretaker's visit last week was really exciting, they gave an added depth to our children's communication knowledge and our local history. Our visits and visitors really give our curriculum delivery added expertise and insight. Thank you, one and all for your attendance to Miss Finch's Year 4, 5 and 6 Residential meeting last Friday evening. If you were unable to attend please contact the school office for further information and a letter will be circulated in the next few days with more information.

This morning was so wonderful for the children to run, skip, throw, balance and play at the beginning of the day. Many of you commented positively about the permeating sounds of laughter and children thoroughly enjoying themselves as you walked up the hill towards our school. It was such a 'weight' lifted to finally open all of the gates to the playground and to welcome everyone and to return to pre-Covid-19 times once again. Just to confirm that the end of the school 'day' is still at 1515 each day unless your child attends an extra curricular club until 1615.

This week, as you know, is Children's Mental Health week with so much to look forward to, culminating in a community event from 1415 on Friday. If you can donate any cakes, biscuits or fruit for the event they will be gratefully received!

Thank you for your support and please do contact myself or Paula directly if you need any further information - secretary@st-levan.cornwall.sch.uk and/or head@st-levan.cornwall.sch.uk

Mr Mark Francis - Head Teacher

Attendance

Please be mindful that good attendance is vital for learning for all of our children. The national minimum expectation is set at 96%. Please help us achieve this on a daily basis and support your child's learning.

Choughs	66%
Puffins	94%
Whole school	85%

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 6th - Sunday 12th February

- Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February

- Safer Internet Day

Friday 10th February

- Wear Red Day (raising money for Cornwall Air Ambulance)
- Let's Connect Community Event from 2.15pm (tea/coffee/cake/fruit & community art project).

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

- Half Term



Shining Stars of the Week

Miss Ferguson's Star of the Week

Céleste - For a fantastic performance in our Christopher Columbus conscience alley. You considered all viewpoints and gave positive feedback to all!

Miss Finch's Stars of the Week

Ashton - For being so positive and sunny in everything you do!



A fabulous afternoon down at our quillets in Penberth Cove!

On Wednesday 1st February, the whole school journeyed down into Penberth Cove to help clear our quillets ready for planting veggies and some new trees with the National Trust. They were extremely overgrown and everyone showed a huge amount of determination and resilience when tackling some extremely stubborn bramble roots!



We found
several baby
slow worms!





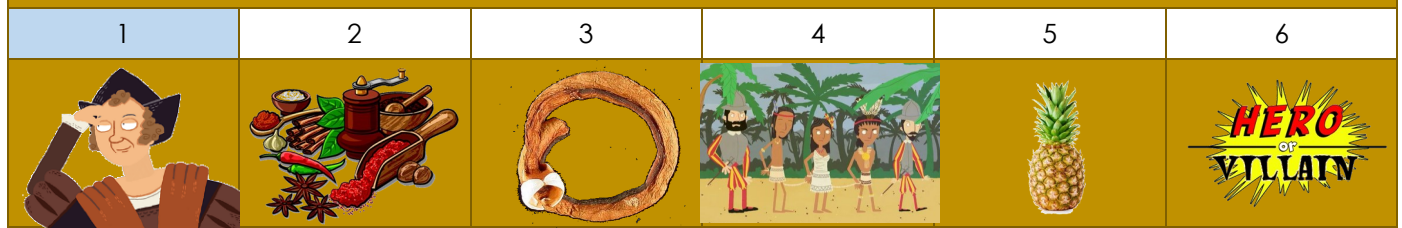
Children's Mental Health Week

Today, we kicked off Children's Mental Health Week by Dressing to Express ourselves.

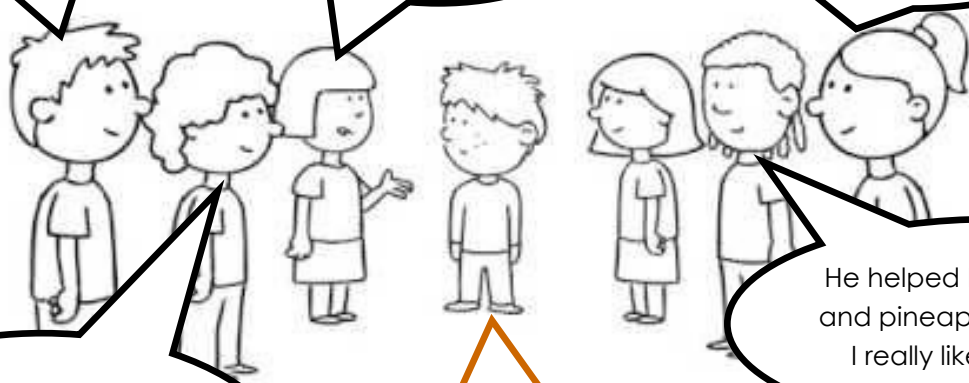
Monday:
Dress to Express
yourself. Wear
an expression of
you!



History: Christopher Columbus



This week, we completed our learning about Christopher Columbus. Having learnt all about his trips to the Americas from 1492 to find gold and spices, we weighed up the good things he did versus the bad. We used role play to imagine seeing a pineapple, avocado or potato for the very first time and understand how expensive these items were at the time. We then completed a conscience alley to decide whether he was a hero or villain. One person journeyed down the alley while we tried to convince them Columbus was a hero (on one side of the alley) or villain (on the other side).



You should think he's a villain because he was selfish and only interested in gold.

He was a villain because lots of the native people died from diseases and he took 1600 of them as slaves.

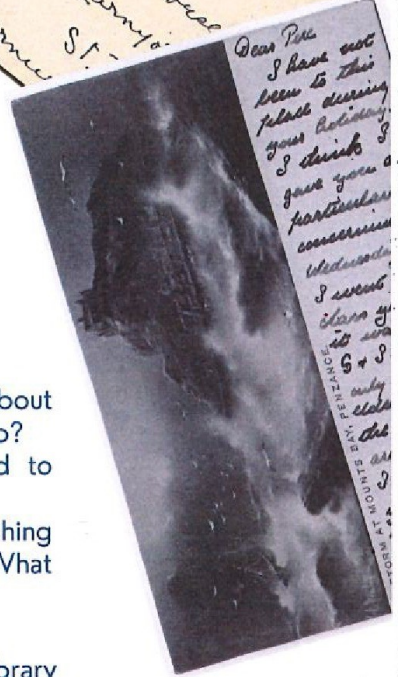
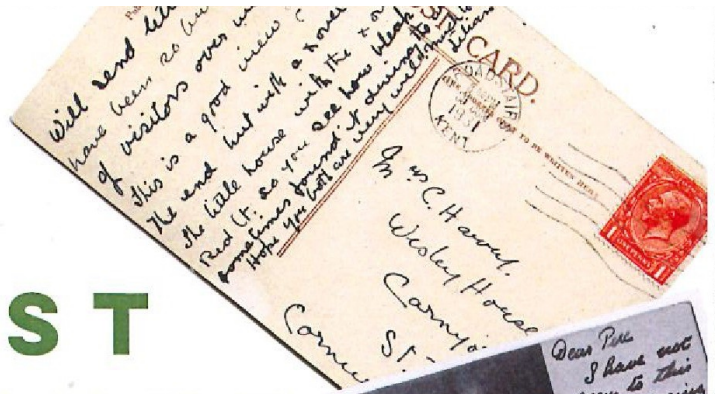
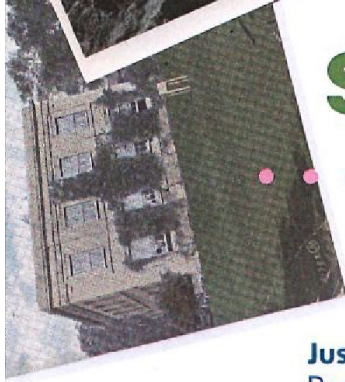
Christopher Columbus was really determined to complete the trip when there were ship worms, mutiny and storms stopping him.

He called the natives 'deficient' which isn't very nice and he tried to make them Christian so didn't respect their religion.

He helped bring potatoes and pineapples to Europe. I really like pineapple.

That's a really good point actually. Thank you.

In the end, most of us were torn and felt he was a bit of both although, on balance, the bad things he did to the natives were pretty awful!



JUST SUPPOSE

A creative writing workshop for 8 - 14 year olds with children's author, Bridget Crowley.

Just suppose ... that the thing you love most about Penwith was about to disappear. What would you do?
Just suppose ... that endangered plants started to flourish once again in Penwith?
Just suppose ... that you could change one thing about Penwith to make it even better than it is. What would it be?

Bridget will use old postcards from Morrab Library Photographic Archive to spark off ideas for creative writing that will light up a brighter future for Penwith.

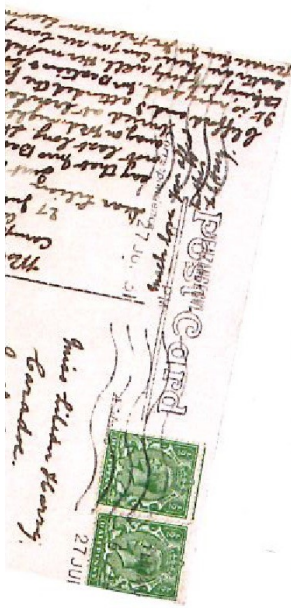
There will be writing games, plenty of ideas for the budding writer (& cake too!). The pieces created at the workshop will then be posted into the Penwith Postbox to be included in the...

PENWITH FUTURES BOOK

the very special book that the Morrab Library is compiling, filled with positive ideas from the people of Penwith for the future of this special place. The book will be kept safe in the library for all to read and to inspire change.

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023.
10.15 AM - 1PM. THE READING ROOM AT MORRAB LIBRARY.

WE ASK FOR A SUGGESTED DONATION OF £5. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.





Little Levans

3rd February

3rd March

17th March

1.30pm – 2.45pm



St Levan School

School Hill St Levan TR19 6HD

01736 810486

An afternoon of storytelling, songs
and fun with John Brolly.

All under 5's and parents welcome.

