



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

22nd September 2023

Dear parents,

As the crisp autumnal leaves begin to descend, our children and their amazing input in our clubs this week have bloomed and flourished; adding many different dimensions to our school each day. We have scope to increase the number of children attending gardening club on a Wednesday after school and would love to see more children involved in learning about the great outdoors! If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact Cassandra in the office either by email or by telephone.

As a school, our focus this week and for the coming weeks, is 'pupil voice.' Looking particularly at using the children's ideas to enhance our wonderful school even further. Miss Ferguson has started the 'ball rolling' with the mental health ambassadors project in year 5 which aims to improve the wellbeing of all children through teaching new skills and offering additional support across the school. Continuous learning, for all ages, is a fantastic way to improve wellbeing - I look forward to seeing the year 5's achievements throughout their project!

Puffins and Choughs will be beginning their educational visits in the next few weeks. On Monday, Choughs will be walking to the park for Geography (weather permitting!) and Puffins will be visiting Geevor Tin Mine the following week, with a taster session this afternoon!

Finally, the buzz of the Ceilidh has given us a spring in our step all week! A special mention to the school's Friends group for the organisation of the community Ceilidh on Friday of last week. It has been really noticeable that it has brought our community together through a wonderful evening of food, music, dance, chat and play. It was wonderful to see ex-pupils and their families, current children, staff, parents, as well as potential new pupils joining hands with joy and laughter. It forges lifelong friendships, memories and a sense of belonging. Building such important childhood foundations is something that we, at St. Levan, do so beautifully.

Many thanks for your support,
Mark Francis
Head teacher

School bank details

Account name: St Levan School
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Account number: 56592906
Reference: Pupil name and event eg Fred Trip

Attendance

Choughs – 86%

Puffins – 94%

Whole school = 92%

Stars of the Week!

Choughs – Erin – for being a kind and thoughtful friend to all, especially the new members of Choughs.

Puffins – Sadie – Incredible focus in Maths and trying your hardest to achieve your best.

Week 3 in Choughs!



We used Google Earth to look at an aerial view of our school and get a sense of our place in the world. We identified different colours on the map (green fields, dark green trees, grey cities) and used landmarks to find our way (like the Minack Theatre).

To get more of a sense of the scale of our world, we watched a video about the relative size of objects from a tiny sesame seed to double decker buses, Mount Everest, planets, stars and even galaxies. "I feel so small," you said.



A huge thank you to Kristupas and family for kindly donating a new suitcase to school for Stan the bear. His old one was looking rather dilapidated!





Erin made cake pops in the shape of planets. Wow! Here we have our Moon, Jupiter, Earth and an alien planet. They were delicious too! Thanks, Erin. We all really enjoyed eating them.



Week 3 in Puffins!

Puffins have had a super week learning about key moments in Cornish history and whether these had an impact on the Industrial Revolution and mining. We are looking forward to our trip to Geevor to learn more about this important period of Cornish history!



In Geography, we have been learning about different OS map symbols, what they mean and how to interpret contour lines on topographical maps.

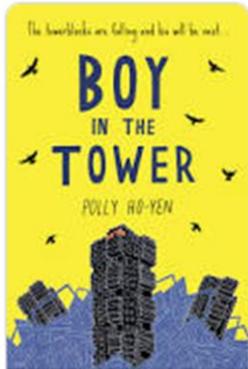
Can you match these up?



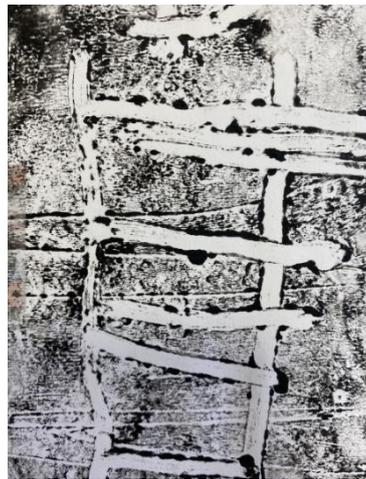
After comparing Sheffield (a coal mining area), with Penzance here is what we learnt:

- Penzance is quite low lying in fact there is one place at -1.7m below sea level!
- Penzance does have some hills but they are quite gradual slopes
- The cliffs around Mousehole are quite steep
- Sheffield has some steep and high hills – up to 300m above sea level!
- Sheffield has a valley (v-shaped like Boscastle!) We can tell because of how the land slopes down and there is a river at the bottom

We are really getting into our book by Polly Ho-Yen. The Boy in the Tower. We quite often ask for, *'Just one more chapter!'*



We have been taking inspiration from Syrian artist Kevork Mourad and creating monoprints. Ours have focussed on the tools and machinery of mining.



Diary Dates – Autumn Term

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
Choughs - trip to St Levan field	Mon 25/09/2023
Choughs - trip to St Levan field (reserve date in case of bad weather)	Wed 27/09/2023
Cape Cornwall transition day for years 5 & 6 (bus leaves at 8.30!)	Wed 27/09/2023
Phonics for parents session	Thu 28/09/2023
Puffins - trip to Geevor mine	Mon 02/10/2023
Open Day for prospective parents and children – please spread the word!	Thu 05/10/2023
Little Levans	Fri 06/10/2023
Photographer in school for individual portraits	Mon 09/10/2023
Open Day for prospective parents and children – please spread the word!	Thu 12/10/2023
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	Tue 31/10/2023
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
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