

# St Levan School Newsletter

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## Welcome back!



Thank you to everyone for making our Duck Race a great afternoon. Special thanks to everyone who made delicious cakes and took part in the duck rescue mission. We hope you all had a relaxing break and feel revitalized for the Summer Term!



It is a pleasure to welcome all our children back. We have lots of exciting events planned for the Summer Term including new clubs, PE with Dave Tremaine, preparation for LaFrowda, Royal Central School of drama, Class 2 residential, the Year 2/3 sleepover and of course our new topics. Class 1 will be learning about Light and Dark and Class 2 will be exploring Earth's History. Curriculum overviews with more details about our topics will be coming home at the end of this week.

We would like to thank all the children and parents for supporting us during our Ofsted inspection in March- all our children were incredible showing great confidence and sharing their learning experiences with the lead inspector. We are still waiting for the official letter and will share this with you as soon as we can. I will continue to support St Day and Carharrack School on a flexible basis as their Headteacher is returning to work on a phased return. This will be reviewed weekly so that I can be at St Levan more regularly. From half-term, I will be back at St Levan full-time for the rest of the Summer Term. Thank you to the St Levan team for all their hard work and commitment as always. Next week, a team of three professionals from across the country will be visiting our school. The aim of this 'Challenge Partners' visit is to learn from each other and share good teaching and learning practice. We are very proud to be opening our doors and I know our children will shine!

### NEW MINIBUS

It is great to finally have our own minibus with our fabulous new logo to drive around in! Many thanks to Sophia for all her inspiration and work in combining the various ideas collected from the children with local history and the old school symbol of two fish. Each fish contains scales designed by every child in the school. Thank you Sophia for all your hard work and making this happen- we love it!



## CLASS PERFORMANCES

Class One have been learning all about the Antarctic as part of their Explorers topic and put together the heart-warming and dramatic story of the life of an emperor penguin. They told this story using shadow puppets of a whole host of animals including the rather terrifying leopard seal. A beautiful performance; well done to all of you for all your hard work Explorers!

"I loved how we made the little baby penguin have flappy wings." – Tildy

"My favourite bit was when the leopard seal ate the baby penguins; only one survived!" – Seb

"I liked making the penguin puppet slide on its tummy." - Findlay

### St Levan's Super Science Show Success

We were all very proud to be able to share our learning at the end of the spring term. We all worked really hard to get it ready!

Thank you for all your lovely comments on our mini quiz.

Here is what we thought:

- It was great to be able to show our learning to our parents.
- Everyone enjoyed making it!
- We were having fun and learning at the same time.
- We learnt as we went along.
- It was awesome.
- We all got to help each other out while we were making it.
- It was a super fun way to share our learning.
- I loved animating!



## COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Lailani and Sophia for winning two of the categories in the Telegraph Museum's photography competition! The winning photographs, below, are titled 'Sun before the Snow' and 'Shiny Rock Pool'. These works will be framed, mounted and exhibited for you to see them up close in the museum's exhibition opening later this month. A huge well done to both of you!



## EASTER EGG HUNT



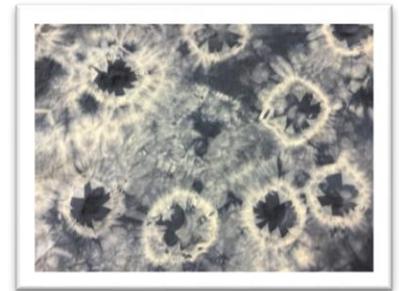
The sun was shining as Classes One and Two spilled onto the playground in an egg-hunting frenzy. The hiders had been crafty so the children had to use all their chocolate-seeking prowess in order to identify the location of the eggs. Once they had all been found (most of them, anyway!), it was then time to share them out. Yummy!



## RESIST WORK IN ART



As part of our work on water, we were lucky enough to have Susie Chaikin come and work with us on different resist techniques. We tried three different methods, one using elastic bands to tie-dye fabric, another using wax pastels and watercolours and a third using glue to resist dye-based watercolours. It was immensely fun and the results are on display in Class 2 now. Come and see! Thank you to Susie for sharing her amazing skills and enthusiasm with us!



"My favourite was using the pastels because it was cool how it worked." - Olivia R

"I loved making shapes with the glue and peeling it off." - Tia

"Using the pastels made a great effect." - Ludo

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** Class One Pyjama Day
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April:** Sikhism workshops
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April-Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Challenge Partners Visiting
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Dance Project at The Minack (Years 1 and 2 pupils)

## REMINDERS

- Residential for Years 4, 5 and 6 – the letter has been sent home and is also on the website under the 'Parent Information' tab. The deadline for the deposit was 30<sup>th</sup> March so please can you hand this into the office urgently for Hayley to be able to reserve your child's place. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to come in and ask.
- Summer fete is no longer taking place on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**. New date TBC.
- Newsletter online – Please note that you can access the newsletter and letters via our website.

# CONGRATULATIONS

The following children have gained their reading bands. Look at all our super readers!



## **GREEN KARATE READING STAR (60 reads)**

Thea

## **BLUE KARATE SUPER READING STARS (80 reads)**

Thea

## **RED KARATE SUPER READING STARS (150 reads)**

Ruby

## **BLACK KARATE SUPER READING STARS (180 reads)**

Elyssa, Tess, Tian, Amelia, Alfie, Lailani, Morvy



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

**Seb** for purposefully striving to reach your goals and being willing to ask for help.

**Hayley** for showing purposefulness in your attitude to work on 4 times table, writing and awesome reading.

**Thea** for always working your hardest to achieve your very best.

**Tamsyn** for amazing effort in Maths.

**We are very proud of all our children.**

### **Our Virtue for the next couple of weeks: Forgiveness**

*Forgiveness is...*

Being accepting of others  
when they do something wrong;  
everyone makes mistakes.

Forgive yourself for making mistakes too.

