

St Levan School Newsletter

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What a busy and exciting start to the term we have had- finishing with a magical Iranian story-telling session and music workshops today! Please take a look at our adapted school website which is now up and running: www.st-levan-primary-school.org.uk
There is still much work to do under each tab but the home page has an up to date calendar, the latest newsletter for your convenience and our new social feed. We are using twitter so we can post daily events happening in and around school. You can follow us on twitter or check the website for updates.

We hope you all have a lovely break and we will see you back in school on 31st October.



Harvest Assembly

Samba dancing, courgettes and space exploring aliens! Harvest was certainly an exciting event. We touched on 'Growth Mindset'- Class 2 will be sending out a report to all parents after half term – so you too, can grow your brains! Well done to all who took part and made it memorable. The food that was collected has now been donated to a Penzance food bank and Bryony and Donald



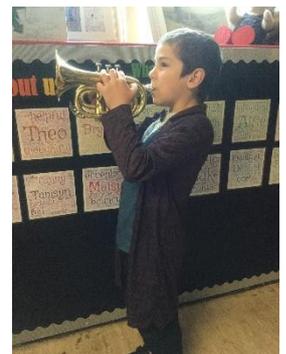
were able to take it and find out about the process.

"The food is sorted and put into boxes then anyone who hasn't got enough can come and collect a box." Bryony

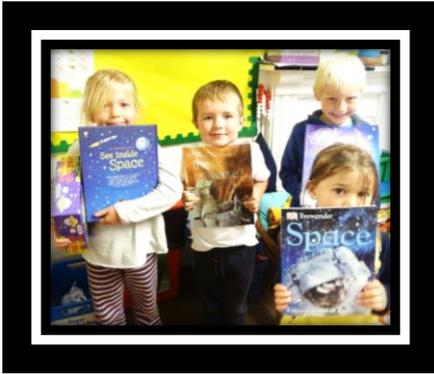
Tuneful Trumpets

Class 2 have now had 4 trumpet lessons and are really beginning to get to grips with the trumpet embouchure and can use only how hard we buzz to alter the pitch of our notes. We have also learnt several fingerings to help change the pitch and have started to use tonguing to get a clearer start for each note. We have become experts at very loud notes and are working each week on our quiet range!

- Embouchure = The way in which we use our mouth to make the sound
- Buzz = where we blow air through our lips together – this is how to make a sound on the trumpet.
- Tonguing = where we use the tip of our tongue to start a note. This gives a crisp start to the note.



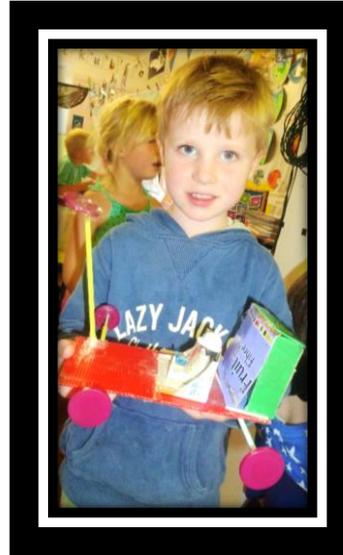
"I love it because I like really loud noises sometimes. Trying to make the right sound can be tricky sometimes." Fred



Space Readers in Class 1

Everyone is really enjoying our Space topic this term and many of the children have brought in exciting texts from home to share during our daily story time. This has really enriched the children's learning and prompted some interesting discussions about space travel, gravity and life beyond our solar system. Thank you to everyone who brought something spacey to share.

Class 1 Moon buggies



As part of our learning about the moon, we have been making moon buggies. We researched wheels and axles so that we could incorporate a working mechanism into our designs, with wheels that actually turned. It was also important that our designs kept the astronaut driver and passengers safe. We used a range of materials (including a lot of sellotape!) to build our buggies and then we tested them on a steep slope. It was really fun! No Playmobile astronauts were hurt in the making of these moon buggies.

School Council Elections

This week the children took part in voting to decide who would be the school council members for this year. They were required to write a school council application outlining why they felt they would make a good member of the team, what they would do to help the school and how they would make sure the ideas of other pupils were heard. These were then shared with the rest of the class and everyone voted for the people they felt would be most suited to the role.

Every child wrote excellent statements which they should all feel very proud of.

It is with great excitement that we are able to announce who our new school council members are:

Class 1: Bryher and Ruby

Class 2: Tonsley, Amelia, Lola, Bryony and Alfie

The first meeting has been completed and roles assigned:

Chairperson: **Lola**

Vice Chair Person: **Tonsley**

Governor Liaison Officer: **Bryher and Ruby**

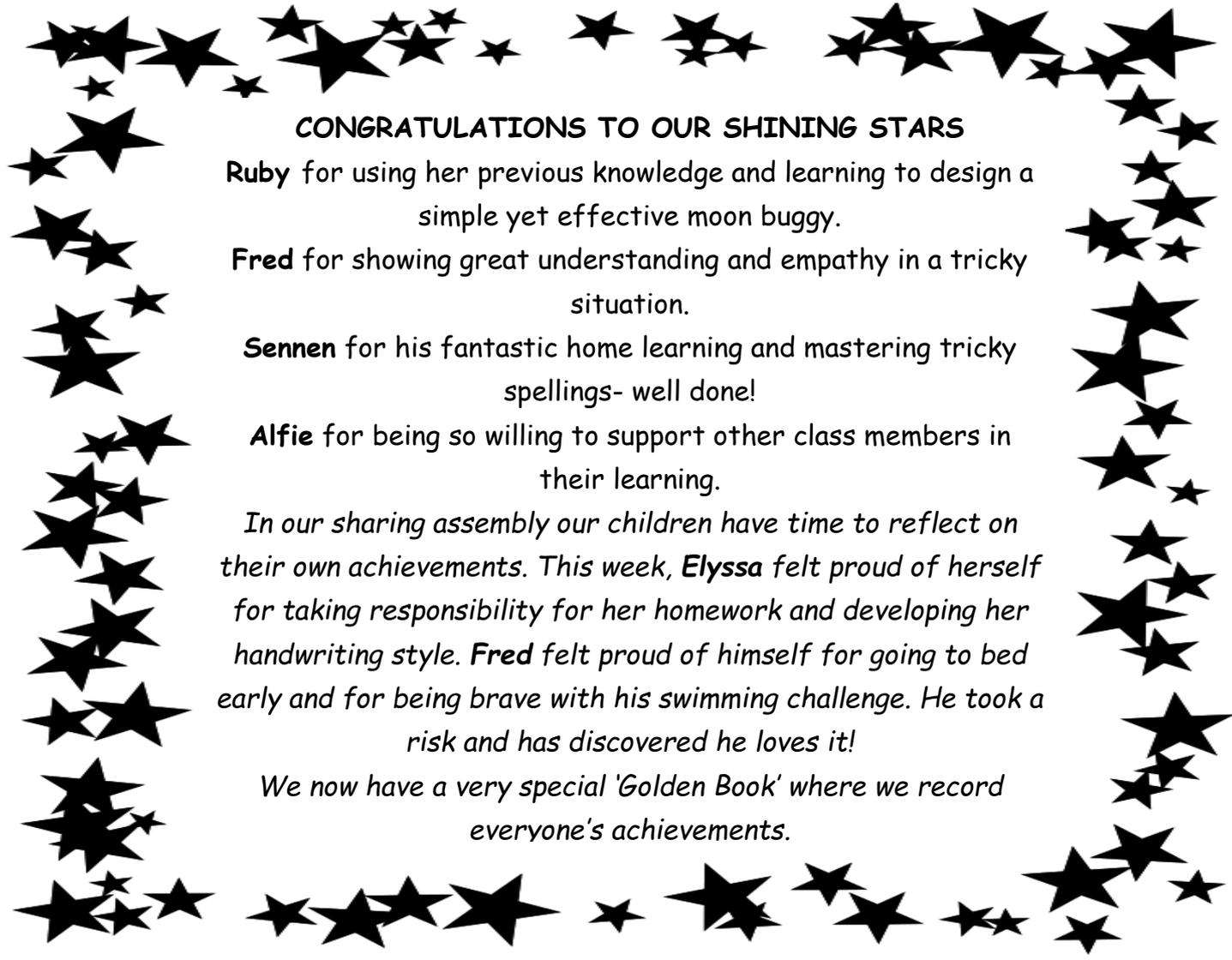
Public Liaison Officer: **Alfie**

Secretary: **Bryony**

Treasurer: **Amelia**

Link teacher: **Miss Finch**

Link Teaching Assistant: **Mrs King**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

Ruby for using her previous knowledge and learning to design a simple yet effective moon buggy.

Fred for showing great understanding and empathy in a tricky situation.

Sennen for his fantastic home learning and mastering tricky spellings- well done!

Alfie for being so willing to support other class members in their learning.

*In our sharing assembly our children have time to reflect on their own achievements. This week, **Elyssa** felt proud of herself for taking responsibility for her homework and developing her handwriting style. **Fred** felt proud of himself for going to bed early and for being brave with his swimming challenge. He took a risk and has discovered he loves it!*

We now have a very special 'Golden Book' where we record everyone's achievements.