

St Levan School Newsletter

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Iranian Storytelling and Music Workshops

On the Friday before half term (Friday 21st October) two people named Xanthe and Arash came to our school to tell Iranian stories from the 'Book of Kings' and we were joined by the Year 4 children from Sennen School. Arash also showed us some instruments. Because everyone was so curious about these, we were all very quiet and concentrated well. Firstly he showed us his bigger guitar like instrument which played lower (bass) notes. He then showed us the thunder shaker and the peace-and-quiet maker (not the real name!). After this Xanthe began the first story. It was AMAZING! I loved it because it was so magical. A favourite part was the 'Simaug' (proper spelling unknown) that brought up an albino baby at the top of a mountain. The stories were unusual in some ways but very like many stories we know in other ways. As it was so much fun, no one wanted it to end.

Report by Alfie (Year 5)



Growth Mindset vs. Fixed Mindset...which do you think with?

At our harvest assembly, Class 2 shared how they are learning to 'grow brains' through creating and performing a play about a little courgette that could. The little pumpkin in the story had a fixed mindset and believed that he couldn't achieve the things he found difficult. He believed that some people are just good at some things so he never got any better at what he couldn't do. Little courgette on the other hand believed that she could achieve anything she wanted. She knew she would need to work hard and she knew that her goals wouldn't be met immediately but by believing she could and putting in the effort and never giving up, she would be able to achieve her goals. The science behind growth mindset thinking says that each time you try something, new pathways are created so each time you try something, you get closer to achieving your goal. We wish for every child at St Levan to be able to achieve everything they want and by developing their resilience to challenge we know they will stand the best chance possible in all areas of their life. Pop into class to see our display and the new phrases we are using to make sure we develop a 'growth mindset'.



Dates for your diary

Preparations for our School Production are underway. Please make sure you have the 9th December in your diary – this will be a performance not to miss!

Tuesday 15th November

- Football Team playing at Trythall
- **NO ART CLUB – 3.15 to collect.**
- Yr3/4 Swimming – Please remember your swimming kit!

Thursday 17th November – Immunisations Yr 1-3 (Please return the form to school indicating yes/no)

Friday 18th November

- Children in Need Fundraising day
- 1.00pm NSPCC Workshops (letter to follow)

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Children in need is NEXT FRIDAY (18th November) and we would love to be able to raise at least £50 for this cause.

We plan to have a **WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS or COVER YOURSELF IN SPOTS** day on that Friday.

If you would like to take part, you need to bring £1 (or more) and all money will go to the charity.

We also want everyone to bake some cakes ready for that Friday and we will have a cake sale at the end of the day (2:45pm). If everyone spends £2 on cake we will hopefully achieve our goal.

Thank you! **From Amelia, Alfie, Lola, Tonsley, Bryony, Bryher and Ruby**

Please support our Student Council members – they have been meeting regularly in their own time and are busy planning exciting activities based on the ideas they collect from listening to everyone. This is a very important role and we appreciate their hard work and commitment.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

Hayley for her great listening all week and superb sharing with her friends. Well done!

Elyssa for taking on challenging feedback and striving to make improvements. Elyssa has taken charge of her learning. Super!

WELCOME BACK OLIVIA and HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Olivia back to our school - it is as if she has never been away! It is a delight to welcome Georgiana, Saskia and Jemima into Class 1 and we hope you will all be very happy at St Levan.