

# St Levan School Newsletter

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## From The Bottoms to the Top!



Wow! What an incredible achievement for our amazing team! Please see the attached report from the proud manager, Mr Yarwood. Many thanks to all the parents – drivers, supporters and photographers for making this happen.

***CONGRATULATIONS TEAM ST LEVAN!***

### Outdoor Adventures



Our climbing den in the garden is nearing completion. We are all extremely excited about climbing, exploring and developing this space even further. The School Council will be looking into den building materials and gathering ideas from everyone.

We have been incredibly lucky to secure funding from the trustees of St Levan Methodist Charitable Trust to develop our outdoor space even further. Sophia is working closely with the school to help us purchase sustainable equipment made from recycled plastic. We have on order some new picnic benches and planters to enable the children to be part of the whole process of planting, growing, harvesting and cooking our very own produce on the school grounds.

Such an exciting project will greatly improve our outdoor space and we are very grateful to the Methodist Charitable Trust for making this happen. This really is uplifting news for our school and it will make a big difference for all our children.

## Donkey Sanctuary Assembly

Last week we had a visit from Clive, the man from The Donkey Sanctuary. We all watched a film that was rather sad, it was about how hard some donkeys have to work in other countries. The Donkey Sanctuary helps these donkeys, giving them new homes with nice people to love and care for them. Zak said "Donkeys eat a lot of hay. Miss Nichols is going to adopt a donkey." The School council is going to look into the possibility of raising some money to help a poor donkey.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you so much to all the spotty and sleepy supporters who donated money and delicious cakes. Altogether we have raised....£3.50.....Only joking....AN AMAZING £86!!

Well done everyone and thank you for your generosity.

St Levan School Council: **Amelia, Alfie, Lola, Tonsley, Bryony, Bryher and Ruby**

*Congratulations to our School Council for organizing a fabulous Children in Need event and exceeding your target of £50!*

## Remembrance Day

The staff and children observed two minutes silence at 11.00am on 11<sup>th</sup> November. We acknowledged the sacrifices made not just by the Armed Forces of the past, but by today's generation too. The children were incredibly respectful and mature. We raised £40.00 in donations for the Poppy Appeal – Thank you.

## Important Information and dates for your diary:

**Absence from School:** We have had a number of children arriving to school late recently. It is really important that your child is in school on time to ensure a smooth start to the day, not only for your child, but for other children in the class. We would appreciate your support with this. Many thanks for your understanding.

**29<sup>th</sup> November** - Years 5 and 6 Multi-skills Festival at Cape.

**30<sup>th</sup> November** – Whole School Trip – see previous letter.

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – St Levan Christmas Happening 11am – 4pm Please bring your family and friends for a wonderful day out. **Message from Susie:** *We need old white duvet covers or flat sheets for the Christmas Market. Thank you!*

**9<sup>th</sup> December** -School Production at The Acorn Theatre. More information will follow soon. We hope to start at 2.15pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHINING STARS

**Florence** for her excellent attitude in maths learning and rising to the challenge of being a wonderful Year 2 role model.

Thank you Florence.

**Amelia** for all her commitment and hard work on developing her writing ability and producing an incredible story that shows maturity as a writer. Super!

**Lailani** for having a very positive attitude to her learning. She never gives up and enjoys everything - well done!

**Theo** for taking responsibility for his learning and making sure he completes all tasks as best he can. Well done, Theo!



## Bottoms to the Top

The team from The Bottoms have risen! Last week saw a seismic shift in power in our small community, an astonishing result not unlike that of Brexit or the U.S. election. St Levan Football Team finally, after a painful three year wait under the present management, (but may well be longer) won a football match. This glorious achievement represents many minutes hard work put in by a team of seasoned journey boys and girl, none of whom ever gave up on their dream.

The day began nervously with Alfonso, The Colossus, Cornell, almost pulling out of the squad due to lack of boots! Luckily Mr Y found an old pair deep in the kit bag, reputedly once worn by the great Alan Hansen himself.

The weather was murky as we approached Trythall School, the early crowd already gathering in anticipation but with little idea of the titanic battle they were about to witness. As the ever increasing crowd grew, the two teams warmed up, sizing each other up like gladiators before a fight to the death! A coin was flipped, the toss won by St. Levan captain, Tonsley, The Tiny Terror, Hugh-Jones. He wisely chose to kick up hill, on the infamously named 'Rabbit Hole Hill' pitch that has been the undoing of many a Trythall opponent over the years.

The game began and this time we were ready, but not as ready as we might have been, as Trythall swarmed forward. An instant shot from the home team narrowly whistled past the left hand post of our new keeper Morgan, Braveheart, Brown, who was recently signed from arch rivals St Buryan. Their loss proving to be our gain.

The game ebbed and flowed, until a breakaway by St Levan. The ball was played from Braveheart Brown to team defender Sol, Solid, Faulkner. He expertly ran with the ball before passing it deftly to the rising star of the team, Amelia, The Artist, Atkinson. Her silky skills shone as she passed a precision ball into the heart of the Trythall defence, where, and who else could it have been, new signing William, The Whirlwind, Reid pounced. In the blink of an eye he superbly controlled the ball, swivelled on a sixpence and shot low into the bottom of the Trythall keeper's goal. There seemed to be a moment of stillness as the crowd gasped in wonder, and then as The Whirlwind reeled off, arms aloft, running into the arms of his astonished team mates, the masses began to sing "One nil to the Levans" to a backdrop of the deflated Trythall keeper picking the ball out of the still bulging net.

As is so common in professional football these days, St Levan then conceded a sloppy goal, as their concentration waned, their minds seeming to linger on the lead they had just taken. Trythall scored an opportunist goal and the game was suddenly level at 1-1. The referee soon blew for half time and even the crowd seemed to need a rest.

The second half began as the mist and drizzle increased. This time St Levan were kicking downhill with the wind behind them! The hard work had been done and now all that was needed was to finish off their plucky prey. The throng of supporters didn't have to wait long. St Levan attacked from the start. The Colossus skilfully played the ball out to midfield maestro Murray, The Minder, Thomas. His reliability never in doubt. He rode two heavy tackles from the desperate Trythall fullbacks, taking the pain like a war hero. He fed the ball to the ever hard working captain, Tonsley, The Tiny Terror, Hugh-Jones. The Trythall players converged in desperation upon him as if they knew what was coming. Like a caged tiger he

broke clear of the melee and seeing the goal in front of him, shot early, taking the keeper by surprise. Like a strange déjà-vu, the spinning ball flew once again low into the corner of the Trythall net. 2-1 to St Levan.

The end game was a tense affair. Trythall rallied and forced a number of superb saves from Morgan, The Braveheart, Brown. And then came the move of the game, a sublime moment in the history of St Levan Football Club. The action was frenetic, the tension palpable, the occasion almost overwhelming. As the seconds ticked away and Trythall pressed for an equalizer the game produced its final twist. The ball was played to the edge of the Trythall area, desperate defenders tried to clear it and then, as if possessed by the spirit of Johan Cruyfe himself, our very own Theo Hodgkinson, 'The Penzance Panther', struck. The player came of age in an instant. He found the ball at his feet and as if not to be outdone by his fellow strikers, he took a touch, turned, brushed off two looming defenders and shot. The world held its breath. The ball, as if fired from a cannon, shot into the bottom corner of the goal. The game ended, the manager in tears, the crowd in a state of wonder and as the Cornish rain gently fell, history had been made.

**Mr Yarwood**