



19th April 2024

Dear Families

Welcome back to the last term of the year! We enjoyed hearing about the fun things you all got up to over the Easter break!

We hope you are excited by the club offer this term (details later in newsletter if you haven't seen them). There are a few new ones. Mr Hooper will be trying a variety of sports to give the children a taster of the many ways there are of keeping active. Ruth is branching out to include theatre skills as well as dance - helpful for any of those thinking of participating in Rising Stars! Were any of you wondering what on earth Feel Good Friday is? Vickie Hugh-Jones is going to run a variety of wellbeing sessions: think yoga, breathing exercises, making a healthy smoothie etc. and our wonderful wellbeing ambassadors will be helping to plan some of the activities.

We are looking forward to some exciting visitors next week - the Little Sing project on Tuesday, NSPCC on Wednesday and Lifeguards on Thursday!

We have some exciting news about the ILOW GOOL - keep reading the newsletter to find out!

Super exciting news - a new addition to the St Levan family - Sharon and John have just become grandparents. Congratulations!

Stars of the Week

Everyone who braved the conditions to come along to a blustery but fabulous duck race!

Winners were :

Children's race - Henry

Adult's race - Tristan

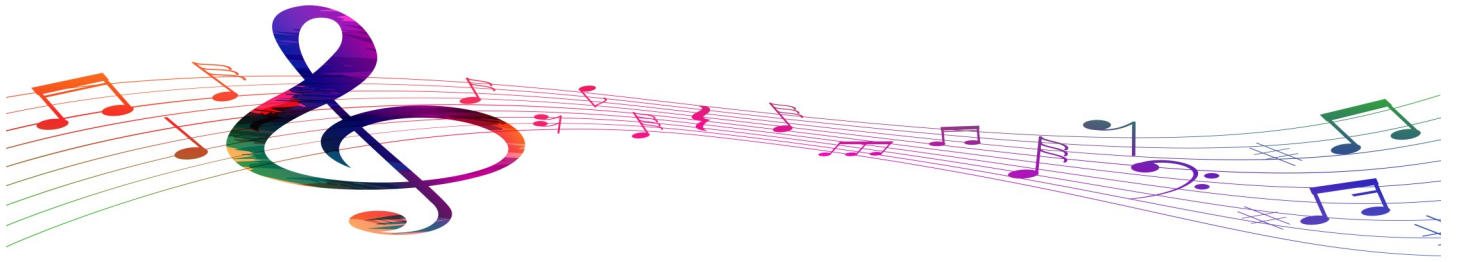
Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 95%

Choughs = 91%

Puffins = 96%

ILOW GOOL - Music Festival



Planning and preparations are beginning in earnest this term for St Levan's 'ILOW GOOL', which is Cornish for Music Festival. This exciting new event hopes to further stimulate, promote and develop the joy of music making within the school, and is scheduled to take place outdoors at the St Levan Playing Fields on Friday 12th July after school until about 7pm.

Music of all sorts will be performed for your listening pleasure on a stage with a PA, accompanied by dancing (hopefully), sunshine (of course), and picnic (definitely)!

We are hoping to include performances by students, parents, members of the local community and even teachers! There will be a house band with drums, bass, guitar, keyboards and saxophones, a fabulous folk music ensemble and solo performances and duets by both students and parents.

We are hoping that one of the many highlights of the show will be a performance by a new St Levan choir, made up of students, teachers and parents. A wonderful music teacher, Christine Judge, from Cornwall Music Service Trust will be coming into school four or five times in advance of the festival, after school, to help us rehearse three songs for the event; it would be great to get as many pupils and parents involved as possible! As well being great fun for the festival, we hope that this will inspire the children to keep the new choir as an ongoing musical activity within the school.

And finally, we'd be delighted if individual pupils, parents or family groups would like to perform anything at the event. Maybe one of your children who is learning an instrument would like to perform a piece? Maybe a parent or family member would like to sing or play something? Or maybe you already make music as a family and would like to share something with us? Every contribution would be valued and welcome.

We'd love to make this a real celebration of music, which has the power to inspire, heal, enhance, bring meaning and joy. If you would like to contribute in any way, please speak to Richard (Flora and Felix's dad) or let Cassandra know in the office, and we'll be delighted to include your contribution.

Plants Galore in Puffins!

Puffins have been busy sketching, making observations, sorting and discussing seeds and plants. So far, they have learnt about the parts of the flower and have begun a journey into plant parenthood. Each person has been given a baby marigold to love and nurture. After a few weeks we will compare how much growing each plant has done and try and work out what affected their growth the most.



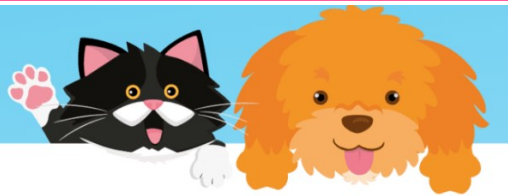
Plants

To kick off our new Plants topic, we went for a flower hunt in the garden. We found all colours of flower except orange! There were lots of blue and yellow ones like bluebells, primroses and forget-me-nots. We really enjoyed collecting cleavers (aka goose grass/sticky weed) and sticking it to each other. We then used this to make a refreshing drink. Yum! We finished things off by planting some sunflowers. We'll be keeping a record of how tall they grow week by week.



Historical Vocabulary Hunt

We quested high and low in the garden to find historical vocabulary. We then used the 'Mini-Minack' to talk about the words we'd found and what they meant. There was much debate over words like 'old-fashioned' and 'traditional' and what constituted 'recent'.



Hamish and Milo



Our Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), Sarah Sejahtera, has been working with a group of Puffins on how to boost their self-esteem. The children all really enjoyed their Hamish and Milo sessions. This is what they said:

"Now I have a bit more self-esteem."

"I would definitely recommend it to other people. Others who need it should have it too. I've really enjoyed it."

"Everything was ace!"

"It helps you to believe in yourself, have confidence and love yourself more."

We're really pleased that next Sarah is going to be working with the Year One children in five sessions focussing on Friendships. This sits alongside our Jigsaw learning this half term which is all about Relationships.



Term	Summer
Event	Date
NSPCC visit to school	Mon 24/04/2023
Lifeguard visit to school	Thu 25/04/2024
School camp starts	Tue 30/04/2024
School camp ends	Thu 02/05/2024
INSET day	Fri 03/05/2024
Bank holiday	Mon 06/05/2024
Little Levans	Fri 10/05/2024
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 13/05/2024
Little Sing at the Minack - Choughs	Wed 15/05/2024
KS2 SATS week ends	Fri 17/05/2024
KS1 SATS week starts	Mon 20/05/2024
KS1 SATS week ends	Fri 24/05/2024
Little Levans	Fri 24/05/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 24/05/2024
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Whole school trip to St Michael's Mount	Mon 03/06/2024
Multiplication tables check - Year 4 - starts	Mon 03/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 07/06/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 1/2) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 07/06/2024
Phonics screening check - Year 1 - starts	Mon 10/06/2024
Phonics screening check - Year 1 - ends	Fri 14/06/2024
Multiplication tables check - Year 4 - ends	Fri 14/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno - will probably be moved	Fri 14/06/2024
Little Levans	Fri 14/06/2024
Summer Fete	Fri 14/06/2024
Central School of Speech and Drama week starts	Mon 17/06/2024
Year 2/3 sleepover	Thu 20/06/2024
Central School of Speech and Drama week ends	Fri 21/06/2024
Whole school Minack Theatre trip - Dr Doolittle	Mon 24/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 28/06/2024
Little Levans	Fri 28/06/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 05/07/2024
Little Levans	Fri 05/07/2024
Dress rehearsal at the Minack - Puffins	Mon 08/07/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 12/07/2024
School reports issued	Fri 12/07/2024
Summer Festival	Fri 12/07/2024
Performance at the Minack - Puffins	Mon 15/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Tennis @ Porthcurno	Fri 19/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers' assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day!	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024
Term ends	Wed 24/07/2024

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Summer Term Clubs 2024

Please find below the summer term clubs which start next week (22nd April).

Club	Available for	Day	Session	Club Leader
Sports	All	Monday	Lunchtime 1230 - 1315	Mr Hooper
Reading	All	Tuesday	Morning 0815 – 0845	Miss Ferguson
Theatre Skills & Dance	All	Tuesday	Lunchtime 1230 - 1315	Ruth Caird
Ukulele & Ocarina	Puffins	Wednesday	Morning 0815 – 0845	Miss Finch
Gardening	Years 1-6	Wednesday	Afternoon 1515 – 1615	Lyndsay Gale
Advanced Sewing	Pupils who have attended previously	Thursday	Lunchtime 1230 – 1315	Mrs King
Drama	All	Thursday	Afternoon 1515 - 1615	John Brolly
Feel Good Friday	All	Friday	Morning 0815 - 0845	Vickie Hugh-Jones