



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a great week full of learning at Pondhu this week. I have seen some amazing History work from our Year 6 children. The children in KS2 have been enjoying using the activity equipment in their PE lessons. We will soon be opening this up for use during playtimes and lunchtimes however please ensure your children do not go on the equipment before and after school when it will not be supervised by school staff.

YEAR 6

On Wednesday 17th September, Year 6 went bodyboarding in Newquay. The day started early with a cloudy sky, but we did not let this dampen our spirits and get in our way. Despite some struggles to get into wetsuits, we were ready to go. The waves were colossal and we showed them who was boss! Lots of people fell off, swallowed sea water and crashed into others (that was Mrs Jolliff and Mrs Roper!) We had races and lost, but most importantly had fun, showed determination and resilience and worked hard.

In the afternoon, we loved our time on the beach eating sandy sandwiches after a tiring morning. We worked as teams to build great sandcastle structures and even built 'the castle of mount Caleb!'

Overall we had a great day! Here are some quotes from the children.

I loved getting
crashed by the
waves!

It helped me to gain
more confidence in
the sea



DIARY DATES

September

29th Harvest festival
assembly

October

9th October –
Official Nursery
opening at 2pm
Week beg 13th
October Parents
evenings
16th October end of
term

November

3rd November start
of term



It was my favourite school trip

I liked getting dunked in the water

I loved even getting knocked off my board by the big waves



I loved going really fast and riding the waves!

I liked it when we made the biggest sandcastles in the world



YEAR 6

⚡ 🔌 Year 6 Scientists in Action! 🔌 ⚡

Our Year 6 class have kicked off their brand-new science unit on electricity! They started by learning all about circuit symbols before getting hands-on to build their very own light circuits. 💡 ✨

The classroom was buzzing with excitement as pupils worked together to test their ideas, problem-solve, and see their bulbs light up for the first time! 🟢 💡



SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

The new School Parliament has officially stepped into their roles, proudly volunteering for various positions across the board. This week, they were delighted to receive their new blazers, symbols of the responsibility and leadership they now carry.





Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Gracie-May for working hard in RWI at school and at home

Year 1 – Lily M for showing a ‘can do’ attitude to all of her learning

Year 2 – Alaynah for showing enthusiasm and enjoyment in all of her learning tasks

Year 3 – Angel for making such a great start to our school and working really hard

Year 4 – Arthur for being a great role model for our ready, respectful safe values

Year 5 – Louise for his great effort and his love of learning

Year 6 – Ella Y for working hard in every lesson

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

SCHOOL TRIPS - Autumn 1 trips

6th October – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 theatre trip to Hall for Cornwall

10th October – Year 3 trip to Wheal Martyn

These trips will all be funded by the Clore Duffield Foundation.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 97.8%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 99.3%

Attenborough (Y3) – 100%

Franklin (Y4) – 96.4%

Shackleton (Y5) – 98.4%

Queen Elizabeth (Y6) – 93.9%

Whole School – 97.1% ➡

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Zachary for being polite and respectful
Year 1 / 2 – Frankie for following the Golden rules
Year 3 – Matilda for always following our Golden Rules
Year 4 – Olivia for always following the Rule of Law
Year 5 – Allan for always making the right choices
Year 6 – The school Parliament for democracy as they have made such a great start when writing their speeches.

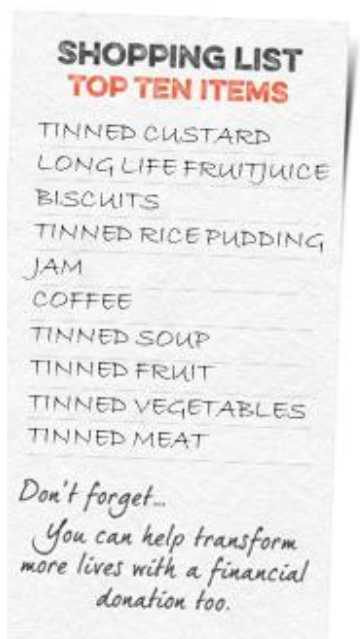


Well done to our British values champions!

HARVEST FESTIVAL



On Monday 29th September, we will be holding a harvest assembly. We would like to support St. Austell foodbank as we know they support so many families in the local area. We will be collecting items for the foodbank up until Monday morning. Please see poster for suggestions of donations.



Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document attached to this newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

SPANISH IN THE EARLY YEARS AND KS1

This week, our nursery children had a special visit from BilinguaSing Cornwall! They had so much fun learning to say hello and goodbye in Spanish, singing, dancing, counting with instruments, and finishing with lots of bubbles. The session supported key areas of the EYFS framework through music, movement and language, while introducing them to the joy of learning another language in a playful, engaging way.



We are excited to announce that, after half term, Pondhu Primary will be hosting a brand new Spanish After School Club run by BilinguaSing Cornwall! The club will run on Mondays from 3:15–4:00pm for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This club will run for 7 weeks at a total cost of £38.50 (£5.50 per week). Children will learn Spanish through songs, movement and play in a fun and engaging way. Places are limited to 15, so we are currently opening a waiting list. To register your interest and be the first to know when bookings open, please visit bit.ly/pondhuspanish or email paige@bilinguasing.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29th September – Harvest festival

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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