



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,



What a wonderful day we had on Thursday this week celebrating World Book Day!

World Book Day at Pondhu!

On Thursday, we had a fantastic time celebrating **World Book Day!** Staff and children came dressed as a wonderful range of book characters, filling the school with colour, creativity and a real love of reading. It was lovely to see everyone sharing and talking about the stories they enjoy most.

Children also brought in their **favourite books from home**, giving them the chance to recommend stories to their friends and explain why they love them. As part of the day, they created **special pages all about their favourite books**, sharing characters, exciting moments and what makes their chosen story so special.

To make the day even more exciting, the children also took part in **live lessons with authors**, hearing directly from the people who create the stories they enjoy. It was a brilliant opportunity for them to learn about writing, storytelling and where ideas for books come from.

A huge well done to everyone for making the day so enjoyable and for celebrating the joy of reading together!  



Year 5 started the day with a Premier League World Book Day live lesson and quiz. Football stars and famous authors asked the questions, and our quiz winner was Jensen with a score of 18/20! We also designed National Book Day tokens, watched a behind the scenes 'Harry Potter and the Cursed Child' theatre show and created entries for the CELT World Book Day competition. A fun and busy day in Year 5!



The children in Nursery enjoyed sharing a range of stories linked to the characters they dressed up as today. They danced and sang to their favourite nursery rhymes and practiced Makaton signs linked to key stories.

The children in Reception/Year 1 discovered something exciting in the classroom this morning - giant footprints! They were inspired to create posters to tell the giant to 'keep out' and they went on to build giant castles outside with their own flags. We shared traditional tales and talked about our favourite book characters.



PENRICE THEATRE TRIP

Our class had an amazing time at Penrice Academy, we watched the show in a big hall. It was an incredible experience even though it was their first time performing. Our school was the furthest away and it took 40 minutes to walk but it was worth the wait. The actors were very enthusiastic; some of the strongest actors were the wolf, the baker's wife, the baker and Cinderella, three of them are Pondhu ex-students. The musical was called 'Into the Woods' and it was about different fairy tales going into the woods to find happiness. We had a fabulous time at Penrice Academy.



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Star Learners



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

Reception – Theo for working really hard in RWI to improve his reading

Year 1 – Crystal-Pearl for amazing concentration in maths

Year 2 – Abike for writing well thought out sentences

Year 3 – Ethan T for having such a positive week in school

Year 4 – Oliver for being a sensible learner and working so hard on his handwriting

Year 5 – Evie for her hard work in reading

Year 6 – Daniel for being an amazing learner putting 100% into everything

STAFF LEAVERS

At the end of this term, we will be very sad to see Mrs Gorvett leave us to enjoy her retirement. We are in the process of recruiting a new Parent Support Advisor and will let you know who this will be when it has been confirmed.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Franklin

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 94.8%


Jemison (Y1/2) – 95.2%

Attenborough (Y3) – 96.7%

Franklin (Y4) – 97.9%

Shackleton (Y5) – 96.5%

QEII (Y6) – 93.6%

Whole School – 95.5% 

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception / Year 1 – Gracie-May for always following the Golden Rules

Year 1 / 2 – Lillie-Mae for being a wonderful role model and following the Golden Rules

Year 3 – Max for showing great kindness and respect to others

Year 4 – Rhian-Rose for being a kind and respectful friend to others

Year 5 – Tochukwu for the levels of respect he shows to everyone and for always following our Golden Rules

Year 6 – Claire and Ruby for being respectful and great representatives of our school



Well done to our British values champions!

SPRING 2 TRIPS

Thursday 19th March Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Lanhydrock

Friday 27th March Year 3 trip to Tregullas Farm

Tuesday 31st March Year 4 trip to Penlee House

Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April Year 5 and 6 trip to Bath and the Roman baths

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.

REMINDER – The last day of this term is on Thursday 2nd April when we finish at normal time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 11th March – Nursery Mother's Day afternoon tea

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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