



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th July 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

## DIARY DATES

16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Camel Creek  
17<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fair  
23<sup>rd</sup> July Y6 Graduation 6:30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> July Y6 BBQ 3:30pm  
26<sup>th</sup> July End of Term 1:15pm

## **Year 5 and 6 CELT Rambunctious Festival of Epic Verse**

We are pleased to share that twelve of our Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the



Cornwall Education and Learning Trust Festival of Verse. This event celebrates poetry and the spoken word, providing a wonderful opportunity for young voices to be heard. Our students worked hard to perfect our original poem called "The Pondhu Pantheon" based on the children's ideas of writing a poem including the main Greek God, inspired by Percy Jackson. Pondhu's performance team showed great confidence and enthusiasm and learned a very large number of lines and actions in preparation for the event! They impressed the judges and audience with their expressive recitations, showcasing the talent within our school. Participating in the festival was a valuable experience, helping to build their confidence and communication skills. Many local primaries and secondaries were impressed by our children's poetry performance. We are very proud of their achievements and how they represented our school. Congratulations to all the students who took part. We look forward to seeing more of the children's talents in future.

## **Election Day Fun**

To emphasise the British Value of 'Democracy', we have held our own General Election. Four members of our current School Parliament, stood as candidates and wrote speeches saying what they would do if they were Headteacher for the day. The candidates read their manifestos to the school and children were able to grill the candidates on their proposals. The children were then able to go to the polling station and vote using their ballot paper. These are currently being counted up. Early exit polls suggest that the red party will be triumphant. Well done to all involved.





## Year 3 and 4

The Years 3 and 4 children who have been in school have been having a fantastic week creating the most amazing models and baking. The smell of cooking from the Life Skills Room was wafting through the school on Wednesday as the children cooked the pizzas that they had created. I have really enjoyed seeing the children with their amazing dioramas of scenes such as underwater with sharks and dolphins. The children also made jumping frogs from card and elastic bands and although Mrs Green's frog was the biggest it didn't jump very far!



## Star Learners



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

Reception – the whole class for having a fantastic moving up session

Year 1 – Methuki for making exceptional progress since joining Pondhu for doing so well with his reading

Year 2 – Olivia Zur for always working hard

Year 3 – Francis for doing amazing outdoor learning in Art and great behaviour

Year 4 – Finley for having a go at everything we have done in class and amazing behaviour

Year 5 – Aimee for working hard in our maths and writing lessons

Year 6 – Oskar Riches for being such an involved member of our school

Sports Star Learner – Oscar T for persistence in Dodgeball

# CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

## **BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS**

Reception – Alaynnah for showing tolerance for others and the change in routine

Year 1 -all of year 1 for sensibly taking part in the school General Election

Year 2 – Zara for showing respect to others

Year 3 Olivia for being tolerant and being kind to others

Year 4 – Max for always respecting others

Year 5 – Alison for being respectful of others

Year 6 – Our four parliamentary candidates who wrote great manifestos



## **Well done to our British values champions!**

### **ATTENDANCE**

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Nightingale

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Einstein

#### **Attendance this week**

Montessori (R) – 91.9%

Anning (Y1) – 89.1%

Nightingale (Y2) – 93.6%

Attenborough (Y3) – 86.5%

Hawking (Y4) – 97.2%

Owens (Y5) – 94.4%

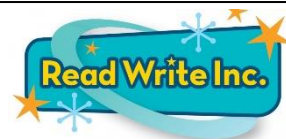
Einstein (Y6) – 97.4%

Whole school – 92.7%

### **SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER**

Please be aware that there will be no School Crossing Patroller present next Monday and Tuesday at the Pondhu controlled crossing point.

## **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.

### **SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS**

Raffle tickets are on sale now either in the School office or after school on the FOPS table. They are £1 a strip and some amazing prizes are to be won:

1. Hall for Cornwall – Jack & the Beackstalk tickets x2
2. The Cornwall – cream tea for 2
3. Lappa Valley - £25 voucher
4. Wheal Martyn – tickets for 2 adults, 4 children
5. Polkyth Leisure Centre – goodie bag
6. Boots – Soap and Glory £70 hamper
7. KFC – 6-piece family feast voucher
8. Mrs Dunn's infamous cake
9. Clint's Barbers – free haircut with Clint
10. Springfield Pantry – 2 novelty mugs

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Non-uniform day – Donations for the Chocolate tombola for the Summer Fair**

Have a lovely weekend. Hopefully we will have some sunshine!

Mrs Emma Jolliff and Mr Jordan Dingle