



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2024

Good afternoon,

This week has seen the start of our Christmas celebrations. We had a lovely Christmas dinner on Wednesday. A huge thankyou to Caroline, Dave and Winda, our wonderful kitchen staff.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

17th KS2 Carol concert

18th KS2 Cinema trip

19th FOPS Christmas Fun Day

20th End of term

3.15/3.20 finish

JANUARY

6th January Return to school



CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

On Thursday, our Year 1s and 2s hosted a wonderful Christmas café for their parents. They sang beautifully and performed a fantastic rendition of the 12 days of Christmas.

Today our Reception class held their Christmas café and there will be more on both of these in next week's newsletter.

FOOTBALL REPORTS

Pondhu Game 1: A Well-Deserved Victory

Pondhu's Year 5/6 team delivered an outstanding performance in their first game against St Mewan, claiming a 3-1 victory. The match was evenly balanced in the first half, with both teams showcasing their skills and determination. However, Pondhu stepped up their game in the second half, proving their ability to work as a cohesive and dynamic unit.

Isaac, Austeja, Jacob, Liam, Tommy, Jayden, Flint, and Eugene demonstrated exceptional effort and commitment, combining brilliantly to move the ball around the field. Their excellent passing and intelligent use of space created numerous opportunities, allowing them to break through St Mewan's defence. The team's determination and teamwork were key to their success and made this victory a well-earned reward for their hard work.

Pondhu Game 2: A Thrilling Draw

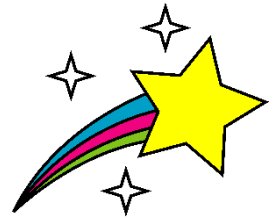
The second game was an equally exciting encounter, with Pondhu's Year 5/6 team earning a hard-fought 2-2 draw against St Mewan. Both sides brought energy and determination to the match, resulting in an end-to-end game filled with great teamwork and spirited play.

Kayden, Summer, Aimee, Harvey, Isaac, Reece, Marley, Charlie, and Lucy worked tirelessly to support each other on the field. Their focus on passing and maintaining possession was evident in their two well-crafted goals. Despite St Mewan's efforts, Pondhu's resilience and teamwork ensured a fair and satisfying result.

Both games highlighted the dedication and talent of Pondhu's Year 5/6 players. Congratulations to all involved for their effort, commitment, and fantastic teamwork!



Star Learners



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

Reception – Riley for his ever growing confidence and for making huge progress with his communication skills

Year 1 – The whole class for a brilliant performance at the Christmas Cafe

Year 2 – The whole class for a brilliant performance at the Christmas Cafe

Year 3 – James for showing great behaviours for learning

Year 4 – Olivia for her great focus and questioning skills in lessons

Year 5 – Charlie for always being a great learner and sharing his great ideas

Year 6 – Summer for excellent effort with her writing in all subjects

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception – Mikey for following the Golden Rules

Year 1 – Ethan for being respectful to his peers during the Christmas café

Year 2 – Jayden for being respectful to his peers during the Christmas café

Year 3 – Arlo for individual liberty and embracing his new maths learning

Year 4 – Jack for his respectful nature to everyone in and out of class

Year 5 – Jacob and Jaden for being respectful and tidying up the playground equipment

Year 6 – Ella for being respectful and kind to everyone in the class



Well done to our British values champions!

CLUBS

There will be no clubs next week. Wraparound will run as usual until Thursday 19th December. There will be no wraparound after school on Friday 20th December.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Einstein

Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) – 98.9%

Jemison (Y1/2) – 96.3%

Attenborough (Y3) – 94.4%

Franklin (Y4) – 96.4%

Einstein (Y5) – 96.6%

Gandhi (Y6) – 92.7%

Whole school – 95.4%

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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Carol Concert at the church @ 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Cinema Trip

Thursday 19th December – FOPS Christmas Fun Day



Time2Move Holiday Programme

The Time2Move Holiday Programme has been launched for the Christmas period with not only a wide variety of exciting Christmas provision including Forest Schools, Sing and

Dance experiences and multi-sport camps but also two new exciting offers they are piloting.

These include:

1. Time2Move Holiday Programme Christmas Experiences – in partnership with organisations like Hall For Cornwall, Eden Project and The Lost Gardens of Heligan they have fully funded family opportunities to attend these attractions during the Christmas period.
2. Time2Move Holiday Programme Swimming Offer – in partnership with pool providers in Cornwall they have a fully funded family swim offer.

As usual all of the above are available to all children but only funded for those eligible for benefits related free school meals. Parents/guardians of children eligible can access a unique access code through - www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/time2move-holiday-programme/

Please see the flyers attached to the newsletter. To search and book on activity near you please visit www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Please see the flyers attached with details of Parent/Carer Workshops which are set to run from January 2025. These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops with our Mental Health Practitioners. These are open to everybody; people do not need to have a mental health need to join.

The workshops are on:

Behaviour Workshop <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>

Worry Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

WHEAL MARTYN - Badger Forest School/ Choose Nature.

They offer a range of group and individual sessions and in particular their site at Wheal Martyn offers accessible forest school for all and monthly groups for SEND children and their families - do take a look at their website choose-nature.co.uk to find out more.

December

Badger Cubs - Every Wednesday during term time 10.30 - 12.30pm

Higher Wheal Martyn. St Austell Leader Claire Lefevre (Nee Whalley)

Price £8 per session for one adult one child

Join our parent toddler forest school and outdoor learning session for children aged 0-5yrs. Child led, free - play sessions exploring nature and making new friends through a variety of games and activities.

To book go to: www.choose-nature.co.uk/book-now

Christmas Lantern trail

Saturday 7th December 2024 3:00pm -5:30pm

Wheal Martyn Clay Works PL26 8XG £5 per adult, £3 per child

To book go to www.wheal-martyn.com/lantern-trail-2024

Enjoy a magical start to Christmas - Join this festive collaboration between Choose Nature CIC and Wheal Martyn Clay works . Help raise funds for both organisations while making lanterns and willow crafts, then walk around the beautiful woods with our lanterns as darkness falls, finish at the cafe, for drinks, snacks and carols. (Drinks and snacks are not included in your ticket).

Dangerous Dads in Cornwall

Saturday 14th December 2024, 1pm -3:30pm

Cardinham Woods, Bodmin Cost per child only £3, siblings £3. Limited spaces available. We are BACK monthly outdoors sessions for dads and male carers and their children to enjoy some quality time outside together.

To book go to: www.choose-nature.co.uk/book-now

Charity Christmas Candle lit Walk

Saturday 14th December 2024 3:30pm -5:30pm

Cardinham Woods, Bodmin, PL30 4AL £5 per adult, £3 per child

To book go to. www.choose-nature.co.uk/book-now

Enjoy a magical start to Christmas - Join us for our annual Lantern Walk at Cardinham Woods raising money for our Community Interest Company, Choose Nature CIC. We are raising funds to ensure that Forest School is available to everyone. Vulnerable children and families will be able to access free and heavily subsidised places.

Make lanterns, willow stars and willow wreaths, then walk around the beautiful woods with our lanterns as darkness falls, finish at the cafe, for drinks, snacks and carols around a fire. (Drinks and snacks are not included in your ticket)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Friday 20th December – End of term

Monday 6th January – Return to school

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rachel Clift



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