Pondhu Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st October 2022

This week has been a great end to our first half-term of the year. We have been busy in school learning Harvest poems for our harvest festival which we celebrated on Thursday.

It has been lovely to spend some time in our Reception class this week and I am so impressed with how well they are learning their sounds in Read Write Inc phonics.

RECEPTION

Our Reception have had a lovely teddy bears picnic this afternoon. They also enjoyed decorating biscuits for the picnic this morning.





DIARY DATES

November

7th November term starts 7th November Individual photos 10th November nasal flu immunisations 14th-18th November – Anti-bullying week 17th November KS2 Anti-bullying workshops

December

15th KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church 16th December end of term

YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic half term of reading, having read over 2 million words as a class, and passing over 400 accelerated reader quizzes based on the books they've read. Well done Year 6 - keep up the great work!





SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

In time with our change in Prime Minister yesterday, we have been busy in school this week electing our ministers in each class for our school Parliament. The children had to prepare a speech and present it to their class and the children then voted for their ministers.

The elected ministers for each class are:

Anning (Y1) – Eloise Porter and Jago Tromans

Jemison (Y2) – Connor Haley and Piper Belcham

Attenborough (Y3) - Eloise Martin and Claire Clowes

Thunberg (Y4) – Flint Tyler and Austeja Umbrasaite

Rashford (Y5) - Oskar Riches and Lewis Crutchley

Owens (Y6) - John Churcher and Aidan Teece

Mrs Dunn will be running the school parliament this year and they will have their first meeting after half-term.



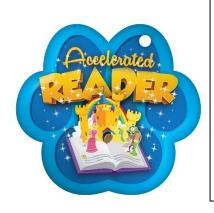
PARENTS EVENINGS

We have had fantastic attendance at our parents evenings this week.

Thankyou to everyone who has attended. The teachers and your children have enjoyed sharing with you the great work your children have been doing. If you have been unable to attend but would like to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the school office after the half-term break and they will arrange a meeting with you.

ACCELERATED READER

We have had some amazing reading this half-term and have celebrated our Accelerated Reader winners with prizes given for reading the most books and passing the most quizzes.



WINNERS

Y2 - Piper

Y3 - Marley

Y4 - Flint

Y5 - Lacey

Y6 - Caitlin







Star Learners



This week our star learners have been chosen for showing that they can follow all of our golden rules.

Reception – Jasmine

Year 1 -

Year 2 - Olivia B

Year 3 – Marley

Year 4 – Lincoln

Year 5 – Oscar

Year 6 - Chelsea

The children have shown amazing attitudes towards their learning this week. They have followed all the golden rules and been independent learners. They have shown enthusiasm in our Harvest assembly when performing poems.

Congratulations everyone!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

I would like to thank you all for your generous contributions towards our harvest festival yesterday. The children all performed harvest poems and sang harvest songs. All contributions will be donated to the Light and Life foodbank.



<u>Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots</u> <u>Half Term Competition</u>



This half term sees the return of Pondhu Primary School and Times Tables Rockstars "Battle of the Bands" and Numbots competitions. Reception and KS1 children will be competing in a Numbots competition to see who can score the most coins.

KS2 classes will be taking part in a 'Battle of the Bands' where classes will compete against each other to see who can score the most coins. The competition is set for the two weeks of half term with children being able to score coins towards the battle for a maximum of an hour each day. After the hour they can score coins but it won't count towards the challenge. There will be prizes for the most valuable players and the winning class.

Good Luck everyone!

Upcoming events

Tuesday 8th November – Football Lostwithiel vs Pondhu Thursday 10th November – Nasal Flu immunisations Friday 11th November – Remembrance Day – Members of our newly elected School

Parliament will be coming around the school with poppies (any donation), snap bands and other items (recommended donation of £1) from the week commencing 7^{th} November.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break. We will see you all back in school on Monday 7th November.

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 91.0%

Anning (Y1) – 92.9%

Jemison (Y2) – 85.2%

Attenborough (Y3) – 96.2%

Thunberg (Y4) – 86.7%

Rashford (Y5) – 89%

Owens (Y6) – 87%

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