



21st July 2021

STAR LEARNERS OF THE YEAR

Massive congratulations to our Star Learners of the year. It was a pleasure to hear about consistency, excellent behaviour, kindness, dedication and the determination to be the best that they could be for all our Star Learners. Well done to Amber, Jacob, Ugne, Rylie, Dexter, Nicole, Chloe and Esme.

RAINBOW RUN GRAND TOTAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to or took part in the Rainbow Run for Little Harbour. The final total was £2054.29. A cheque was presented during assembly yesterday.



CAROL JENNINGS AWARDS



Each year we present the Carol Jennings award to two pupils who have been outstanding in their enthusiasm, kindness and work ethic. We couldn't be prouder of Sonny Year 2 and Macey Year 6 who received the award this year.

PONDHU SPECIAL AWARD

This is a new award that has been given to Pondhu School to present each year. A big thank you to Carole and Nick for their generosity. The first recipient of this award is Philippa in Year 6. Her academic achievement is excellent, combined with her kind, caring and hard-working approach to life makes her a worthy winner. Congratulations Philippa.



STAFF GOODBYES

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hales, a much liked and respected member of staff. She has taught many classes, been a reliable and conscientious member of the team and her languages teaching has helped many pupils start their journey into foreign languages. We wish you a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Retallick, Miss Almey and Mrs Bryant-Jefferies are leaving the teaching assistant team for roles at other schools. They have all contributed to Pondhu School life and learning in so many ways. We thank them for their kindness, patience and support for the children.

Our lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Edwards, is also leaving her role but she's not going far as she will be working in the kitchen on our return in September. Lunchtimes run very smoothly with her diligent, hard-working and calm approach.

We also wish Mrs Vine and Miss Bailey all the very best as they both begin their maternity leave. We are all looking forward to hearing the news of their new arrivals.

DATES

September

6th Return to school

October

18th – 30th Half term

December

17th Last day of term

January

4th Return to school

February

18th – 27th Half term

April

8th Last day of term

25th Return to school

May

2nd Bank holiday

30th Half term starts

June

6th Return to school

July

26th Last day of term

GOVERNOR RETIREMENT

At the end of this term we also say goodbye and thank you to Dave Gilbert. He has been a governor for many years and his expert knowledge of building matters combined with his detailed knowledge of Health and Safety have been a fantastic support for the school. Thank you Dave!

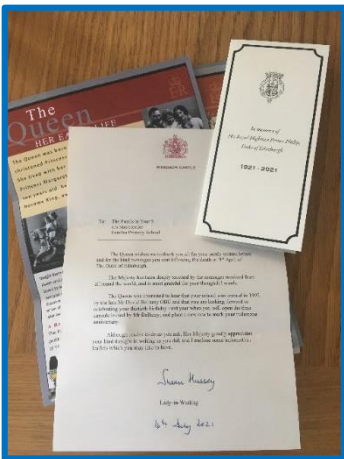
ATTACHMENTS

Attached to the newsletter is the new menu for next term. Please note the first week back will be week 2 (I've no idea why!).

Also attached is information about the Summer Reading Challenge organised by the library.

TIME CAPSULE

As a school we wanted to mark the global pandemic we are all experiencing. Thank you Brooke for the excellent idea of a time capsule and the School Parliament for consulting with all the pupils and putting together a list of items to be included. The pictures show the contents and the official burying which took place yesterday.



LETTER FROM THE QUEEN

Year 5 wrote to the Queen sending condolences on the death of Prince Philip. This week we were pleased to receive a reply. The children were thanked and complimented on their very neat handwriting. The letter also included information which they have enjoyed reading.

YEAR 6 BBQs

The FOPS team have been busy after school this week providing the Year 6 BBQ for our leavers from last summer, long delayed due to Covid-19, and a second one for the current Year 6. Much fun, chatter and enthusiastic water fights were enjoyed by all. Thank you Jade and team for all your hard work in making these events so successful.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

The time has come for me to say a final goodbye. I have been so incredibly touched and grateful for the many gifts, kind messages and cards that I have received. Thank you all! It has been my absolute pleasure to have been Headteacher of such an amazing school. The children, staff, governors and community all combine perfectly to make Pondhu the very special place that it is. The eleven years have flown by and we have experienced many things together – lessons, trips, performances, walking crocodiles through the town to an assortment of services and events, 20th birthday celebrations, the eclipse when the breakfast queue stretched around the playground, torchlight carnivals in all weathers, lockdowns, the change to remote learning and so much more. I have so many memories and I shall cherish them all.

I wish each and every one of you all the very best for the future.

Debbie Tregellas