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STAR LEARNERS

Many congratulations to Holly, Brooke, Nicole, Charley, Aimee, Leon, Amber and the whole of Year 3, who are this week's star learners. They have been hard working, focused and shown determination to be the best that they can be. See the list at the end of the newsletter for more details.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday next week we will be having the whole class photographs. Please ensure your child is in full correct uniform including a school jumper or cardigan.

SPORTS DAYS

Next week will be Sports Days. This year will look different to usual due to the remaining restrictions in place. Unfortunately, we cannot allow parents and carers to come and watch. We will miss you but are looking forward to next summer! To maintain the children in their 'bubbles' the infant sports day (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be on Thursday 27th May and the junior sports day (Years 3 – 6) will be on Friday 28th May. Please send your child in PE kit with a jumper / coat on their sports day. The weather forecast for next week is better so please consider sun cream or a sun hat if appropriate. Book bags will not be needed on your child's sports day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We will be starting a limited number of after school clubs after half term, led by external providers. Both clubs will be for pupils in Y3 – Y6, the cost will be £1 and will run until 4pm.

Monday will be boxing with Jimmy and on Thursday Street Dance for with Alice. Numbers will be limited so please message Mr Martin or Mrs Parekh using E-schools to add your child to the lists. We will let you know if your child has been allocated a place.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH GAMING

Please click on the link to access a really useful website called Young Minds. There is a great range of ideas and guides for supporting children and young people with their mental health. This particular link provides lots of good ways to create a healthy culture around gaming in your family. It is well worth a read. [Gaming Support](#)

BABY NEWNES

Welcome to the world Robyn Lowenna Newnes who was born on Saturday. Mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the whole family.

RELAXATION

Please click on the link to access a very gentle visualisation to help children relax that has been shared with schools. Why not give it a try? [Starfish relaxation](#)

G7 SUMMIT

www.dc.police.uk/G7 Please click on this link to access community information about the forthcoming G7 summit.

DATES

May

25th Whole class school photos, full correct uniform please
27th Infant sports day
28th Junior sports day

31st May – 4th June Half term

June

7th Y6 swimming this week

July

22nd Last day of term

September

6th Return to school

October

18th – 30th Half term

December

17th Last day of term





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★ **Year 6** – Our star learner deserves this award for three very different reasons this week. Firstly, the progress that they've made with Maths over the course of this year. They are a great mathematician, as they're not afraid to make mistakes and then have another go, and try a different strategy. Our star learner's confidence in the subject has increased significantly and they clearly enjoy the subject – which also makes it much easier to learn. Secondly I'd like to acknowledge the helpfulness of our star learner. Whether it's handing out resources, offering to take the lunch trolley or working as a member of school parliament, they are always positive and conscientious, and a real asset to the class. Finally, I'd like to celebrate our star learner's attitude towards the water sports sessions. They very clearly understand that the sessions are partly about improving skills in kayaking, paddle boarding and sailing, but mainly that they are about having fun. Seeing our star learner and her group of 5 all try and stand up on one paddleboard was a definite highlight of the week. They must have tried twenty-five or thirty times to all get on, and throughout the process of falling off, getting submerged and trying again, our star learner did not stop smiling and laughing. So keep up the great work and the great attitude – our star learner is Holly.

★ **Year 5** – Our Star Learner this week has had a fantastic return to school since half-term. She has worked incredibly hard on everything, shown great enthusiasm for her learning and to push herself to be the best she can be. She has worked especially hard on learning her spellings, on her joined handwriting and on her reading. She is becoming a much more confident reader. She has also been working extremely well in Maths this week. We have worked on adding and subtracting decimals with a different number of decimal places, which needs a lot of careful thought and organisation when setting out the calculation. Another of the many reasons to choose this person as Star Learner this week is that she is really growing in self-confidence and she is much more willing to share her ideas with the class. This is really lovely to see and I'm so proud of her effort. It is really important that she builds on this newly found self-confidence by reading at home more and completing her homework. So for all these reasons the Year 5 River Lynher Star Learner this week is **Brooke**. Well done Brooke.

★ **Year 5** – Our star learner is someone who makes me smile every single day. It helps that she has a great sense of humour and is forever making me laugh with it however she also constantly has a smile on her face and this is infectious. What is so admirable about our star learner is her determination to learn. She does not find learning easy yet she works so unbelievably hard without ever giving up. Furthermore, she also has a fantastic attitude regarding it. She takes on board everything that the grown-ups tell her and always tries her very best to apply what she is told. She is a delight to work with. This attitude is evident in every lesson however I particularly wanted to mention how hard she has been applying her learning to her fresh start sessions. She has made so much progress already with this and we are delighted to see her hard work paying off. Well done Nicole for being such a superstar!

★ **Year 4** – We have chosen Charley to be our star learner this week. All of the adults in River Cober have spoken about how polite, kind and hardworking Charley has been. He has been an absolute pleasure to have in our class. Charley has shown great manners and has helped so many people and has always been there when needed. In lessons, Charley has been working extra hard. I am so proud of Charley's determination to answer as many questions as he can during our daily 10 maths challenge and has been working hard to improve his knowledge during mental maths. He has been listening carefully to the input and this has enabled him to show some great learning in his class work. He does all of this with an enormous smile on his face.

★ **Year 3** – This week I wanted to choose someone who has tried really hard during swimming lessons. I found this decision very difficult because every person in our class has impressed me this week. Some children began the week holding on to the side, not wanting to get their face wet and now they are swimming 5 metres! Other children started off the week being able to swim a few metres and now they are swimming much longer distances as well as being confident enough to jump in the diving pool! It has been fantastic to see this progress and all of the adults, including the swimming teachers have been amazed with your determination to try your best. I have been feeling very proud of not only your swimming progress but also your behaviour at the leisure centre. You have been able to get changed quickly and sensibly and you have listened well to the adults, following instructions and being in the right place at the right time to keep everyone safe. So...this week's star learner is all of you!!

★ **Year 2** – I am so proud to announce that this week's star learner is Aimee! We have been doing lots and lots of reading this week, learning a new poem ready for Poetry Assembly, and writing new words in Read Write Inc. In Maths, we have been exploring different numbers in our Mental Maths Activity, we have been looking at direction and movements too. And in PE this week we have been practicing lots of the events for Sports Day, such as running, jumping and speed bounce. All this to say, that in each and every lesson, at each and every transition, Aimee has been ready and giving it her best. I feel like I have said, "Well done, Aimee." So often this week that she just has to be the Star Learner.

★ **Year 1** – Leon has impressed us this week with his independence and hard work. It has been lovely to see Leon becoming more confident and having a go at things by himself. He has shown us that he can manage a lot of things by himself now and is doing these things very well. Sometimes we have gone to remind Leon to do something but have found that he is already doing it! Leon has been working hard in all of his lessons. He has been listening more carefully and has been joining in and answering some questions, He has been trying extra hard in his English and Maths lessons and is becoming more confident with the different activities. He has settled down to work and has completed his tasks, trying his very best.

★ **Reception** - Amber is someone who has come a very long way since her first day in Reception and it has been a privilege to watch her learn and grow during her time at Pondhu so far. She is such a character in our class who always keeps us on our toes but also makes us so proud of all of her achievements. The past few weeks we have been so impressed with how settled Amber is at school, how well she can follow routines and what an incredibly hard worker she is. She can now sit independently for a whole RWI session and joins in with every aspect of the programme. We have seen her writing improving week on week and it is lovely to see her being willing to try the next step of holding her pencil in the tripod grip. We are so proud of Amber and can't wait to see more of the wonderful things she will continue to do at Pondhu!

