#### **Pondhu Primary School**

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# NEWSLETTER



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

What a fantastic afternoon Years 4, 5 and 6 had seeing Maz Evans, author of Who Let The Gods Out and Vi Spy. They heard about the inspiration for her books and the different genres of books that she has written. Some of the teachers also got involved in a game! It was very special to get books signed by the author and ask her our questions.





### **DIARY DATES**

### October

10<sup>th,</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
October Parents
evenings
13<sup>th</sup> October end of
term
30<sup>th</sup> October term
starts
30<sup>th</sup> October
Halloween disco





# **SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME**

We would like to kindly remind parents/carers not to bring children to school prior to 8:25am unless they are attending Breakfast Club. The road adjacent to the school is very busy in the mornings with staff parking and work traffic therefore can be quite dangerous.

# **SCHOOL PARLIAMENT**

Our new school parliament has been elected by the children across school. The children gave some brilliant speeches in front of the whole school about why they wanted to be a member of parliament.

The new parliament members are:

Prime Minister: Elliot Bone

Deputy Prime Minister (Minister of Fundraising): Lewis Crutchley

Leader of the Opposition: Oskar Riches

Speaker: Poppy Cook

Minister of PE and Sport: Lacey Cummins

Minister of Maths: Ellie Thacker

Minister of English: Tommie-Lee Tromans

Minister of Attendance: Finley Grant

The Parliament will lead their own assembly every term and work together to listen to children's views and ideas on how they could improve our school. They will also work on Fundraising projects for charities.



# **Star Learners**

The children have worked really hard this week and have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Autumn for working really hard to learn her RWI sounds

Year 1 – Penny for her good behaviour and working hard

Year 2 - Evie for being a brilliant learner and her impressive reading fluency

Year 3 – Conor S for being such a kind and caring friend

Year 4 – Bailey for her consistent hard work and effort

Year 5 – Lucy for an outstanding attitude to learning and always having a big smile to share with us all

Year 6 – Corren for his thoughtful and careful writing

# **CONGRATULATIONS** everyone!



## **ATTENDANCE**



#### Attendance this week

Montessori (R) - 98.8%

Anning (Y1) - 94%

Nightingale (Y2) – 92.4%

Attenborough (Y3) - 96.7%

Hawking (Y4) - 99.4%

Owens (Y5) - 97.5%

Einstein (Y6) - 94.2%

Whole school - 95.5%

# **PENWINNICK DEVELOPMENT**

Last Friday afternoon, I had a meeting with the developers who are leading the demolition of the Council Offices. They are beginning to demolish the buildings away from the school site over the next few weeks and will demolish the buildings nearer the school site over the Christmas holidays.

For the next couple of months, they will keep an area of parking for school at the bottom of the road through the white gate if you turn left at the roundabout. This will be open from 7.45 until 4.00 every day then it will be locked.

At some point, they will be moving this area of parking for school up the road towards school on the right-hand side of the road near the family centre. I have asked that we are notified of this in advance and I will let you know when the changes come into place.

There will be no lorry / works deliveries to the building site during drop off and pick up times to ensure the children's safety as they are walking home.

If you have any concerns, please continue to let me know so that they can be dealt with swiftly. I have been assured by the developers that the children's safety is paramount.

### **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.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y1/2 Multi-skills festival Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evenings Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Performance Poetry Assembly Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – SCD parents group

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Rachel Clift

