



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Good afternoon everyone. Happy Red Nose Day!

What a fantastic week of learning the children at Pondhu have had. I have seen some great maths in Year 5 where they've been learning about decimals and in Year 6 Valency where they were finding the area of triangles. I have also seen some amazing writing in Year 4 where they were using some superb vocabulary. Year 6 Tamar have also impressed me this week with their reading and understanding of the text.



## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Pondhu, we are working hard to improve our school attendance. In these difficult Covid times I am sure you can appreciate how hard this can be. Obviously if your child tests positive for Covid you still need to follow the government advice as below:

If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

Please make sure that you contact school if your child is unwell. If we do not know why a child is not in school, we have to record this as unauthorised absence. Please note:

*If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.*

Obviously we want to ensure children are in school as much as possible so that they are able to learn effectively and reach their potential, preparing them the best we can for their secondary education.

## DIARY DATES

### April

8<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

25<sup>th</sup> Return to school

### May

2<sup>nd</sup> Bank holiday

27<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### June

6<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Bank holiday

7<sup>th</sup> Return to school

### July

26<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

Please keep checking the diary dates as they do sometimes need to be changed.

## Attendance this week

River Tiddy (R) – 96.1%

River Fal (Y1) – 86%

River Camel (Y2) – 93.2%

River Gannel (Y3) – 91.9%

River Cober (Y4) – 97.2%

River Fowey (Y5) – 94.1%

River Tamar (Y6RM) – 90.9%

River Valency (Y6HH) – 91.7%



# Star Learners



Well done to our star learners. They have truly tried their hardest this week. They have been kind and helpful and tried really hard with their reading. They have shown great word choices and enthusiasm in writing. They have also been superstars in maths. What an incredible week they have had – great work everyone!

Congratulations to **Rocco, Piper, Phoebe, Charlie T, Elliot, Maddox, Katelynn and Ebony!**

## SPORTS REPORT

Last Friday after school, our girl's football team and our Netball team competed in the Mid Cornwall round of the Cornwall School Games. Our footballers won one, drew three and lost one, to finish a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. The team only conceded two goals in their five games, and showed great determination and teamwork throughout. Our netballers won five games and lost three, and again finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Well done to both teams for representing the school so well!

This week we sent two more teams to Poltair sports events. On Monday, a Rugby League team competed in a tournament, followed by a Handball team which competed on Tuesday. Many of the players in these two teams have not represented the school before, nor have they played either of the two sports before - well done to all for giving both sports a good go!

On Tuesday after school, we also saw our Netball and Year 5/6 football teams compete against Lostwithiel. Our footballers won 3-1, and our netballer's 6-1. Well done to both teams for two good victories.

This photo shows just how many pupils competed for the school over the last week - well done to all!

Mr Martin (PE/Sports coordinator)





This week there are some new film clips shared on the virtual classroom. They will enable you and your child to practise what is being learned in school at the appropriate level. You will need your child's e schools log-in so please contact the office to get this if you need to.

More information can be found on the school website  
<https://pondhu.eschools.co.uk/website>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Poltair PE Event  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Cross-country Cornwall school games  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 4 library visit  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Boccia tournament at Truro college  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Football Tournament against Mevagissey

## **Voting Voice**

**Is world health the best it has ever been?**

Yes – 20 %  
No – 80 %

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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