



NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th November 2022

Happy Friday everyone!

The children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed returning to school on Monday and seeing the new library. A big thankyou to Miss Gray who has decorated it during the half-term holiday. My favourite reaction was when a child told me they wished it was their bedroom! It looks amazing and was designed by the children in Year 6 last year.



SPORTS REPORT

On Tuesday evening the Pondhu Year 3-4 and the Year 5-6 football teams competed against Lostwithiel in our first league fixtures of the season. Both teams played incredibly well and we ended up winning the games 7-1 and 7-0 respectively. The teamwork and link-up play between the players was very impressive as was the hard work to win the ball back when we were out of possession. Every player should be proud of their performance. A special thanks to Marley and Jacob, who each kindly played a half for Lostwithiel to help them out, and to Mr Floate for giving up his time to support the two teams. Thank you as well for the positive support from the Pondhu families who came to watch. A great start to the season!

Mr Martin (PE coordinator)

DIARY DATES

November

14th-18th – Anti-bullying week
14th Odd socks day
17th KS2 Anti-bullying workshops
18th Children in need day
30th Parents coffee afternoon

December

7th Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
9th Santa Fun Run
12th Year 1 Christmas café
13th Reception Christmas café
14th Year 2 Christmas cafe
15th KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
16th December end of term





Star Learners



This week our star learners have been chosen for many brilliant reasons!

Reception – Max
Year 1 – Jago
Year 2 - Charlotte
Year 3 – Kayden
Year 4 – Ella
Year 5 – Lacey
Year 6 – John

The children have shown great enthusiasm for reading and a great attitude towards their learning. They have tried their best, been good listeners and worked incredibly hard in class. They have also made fantastic choices during the week.

Great job everyone!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week in school we are working together to learn about how to stop bullying. On Monday, we would like all of the children to come into school in odd socks to celebrate our differences.



During the week in PSHE lessons the children will be learning about bullying and how to unite against bullying. On Thursday, children in KS2 will be taking part in Stay Safe workshops during the morning.



Come to Our

BOOK FAIR!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

From 28th November - 2nd December, the travelling book fair will be held in the hall every afternoon from 2.40-3.15pm.

Last time we held a book fair at school, we raised lots of money to buy new books for school and we would love to do the same again! We also had lots of positive feedback from children who enjoyed browsing and purchasing new books. Please collect your child from their classroom door from 2.40pm onwards if you wish to attend the book fair and go around to the outside entrance to the hall. Please see the attached poster to browse some of the books that will be available. **Please note, we will only be accepting cash payments.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas celebrations

This year we would like to parents to be involved in our Christmas celebrations in school. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited in to the class Christmas café at 2pm on the following dates:

Monday 12th December Year 1

Tuesday 13th December Reception

Wednesday 14th December Year 2



KS2

We will also be having a Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1.30 pm on Thursday 15th December for all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Parents are invited to attend the Carol Service and join in our Christmas celebrations.

CHILDREN IN NEED

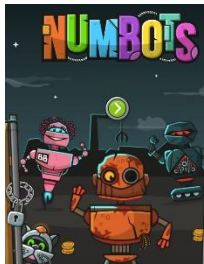
On Friday 18th November, we will be joining in with Pudsey day. The children can come to school dressed in their own clothes or dress up as Pudsey. Any voluntary donations you would like to give will be sent to the Children in Need appeal.



SANTA'S ON THE RUN

Pondhu will be taking part in this year's Santas School Challenge on the 9th December whereby children (and staff???) will be completing 2km (1.2miles) dressed as Santa, a reindeer, Christmas tree, elf or any other Christmas Character of their choice – even a Christmas jumper.

This will be a memorable experience for everyone whilst raising funds for the Children's Hospice South West. Further details will be sent out later regarding sponsorship and fundraising.



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots **Half Term Competition**



Numbots competition

Reception and KS1 children have competed in a Numbots competition over half-term to see who could score the most coins. The winners were:

Reception – Holli-Rae Morcom

Year 1- Archie Blake

Year 2- Jordan Ogunnoiki

TTRS competition

KS2 classes will took part in a 'Battle of the Bands' Competition where classes which competed against each other to see who could score the most coins. The most valuable players in each class were:



Y3 - Lola Robinson

Y4 - Austeja Umbrasaite

Y5 – Antoni Pszczolkowski

Y6 – Maddox Floate



and the winning class was: **YEAR 4** (a great achievement as they are the smallest class in KS2.)

PARENT VOICE GROUP

We have decided to set up a Parent Voice Group to find out more about what it is like being a parent at Pondhu Primary. This will involve a representative parent from each year group, meeting each term to share ideas and views so that we can work together to improve the education provided for our children.

We have still to agree what time of day the Parent Voice Group will meet. If you are interested we will try to arrange our meetings at a time that will suit you.

Please let me know if you are interested. If you want to know more about what is involved, please call me for a chat.

Upcoming events

Monday 14th November – Maths workshops @ Penrice

Monday 14th November - Hearing screen retests

Tuesday 15th November – Football Tywardreath vs Pondhu

Thursday 17th November – KS2 Anti-bullying workshops

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I hope you all have a great weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 92.6%

Anning (Y1) – 94.6%

Jemison (Y2) – 88.1%

Attenborough (Y3) – 98.4%

Thunberg (Y4) – 91%

Rashford (Y5) – 95.2%

Owens (Y6) – 95.7%



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