Pondhu Primary School

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Friday 17th June

Good afternoon everyone,

What an amazing week the year 5 and 6 children have had. Some children have been having a great time in school with Mrs. Horner.







On Monday we researched and designed our new library space. The children had some wonderful ideas for how to make this space really creative. Watch the library develop over the next few months to see our ideas come to life! As well as cooking, playing instruments, doing watersports and outdoor sports we have been working towards the RSPB School Wild Challenge. The children

DIARY DATES

June

27th – 30th June Book Fair

July

1st July Sports Day (pm) 6th – 8th July Y3/4 camp at Camp Kernow 26th Last day of term (finish at 1.30 p.m.) Please keep checking the diary dates as they do sometimes need to be changed.

Attendance this week
River Tiddy (R) – 88.8%
River Fal (Y1) – 92.5%
River Camel (Y2) – 95.8%
River Gannel (Y3) – 92.9%
River Cober (Y4) – 95.7%
River Fowey (Y5) – 99%
River Tamar (Y6RM) – 99.3%
River Valency (Y6HH) – 96.4%

have carried out lots of outdoor activities that have encouraged them to experience nature but also to help it as well. This week we have managed to achieve our bronze award through all of our hard work.

We have had a really great week! Mrs Horner







CAMP BISHOPS FORUM

Some of the year 5 and 6 children have been lucky enough to spend the week at Bishops Forum where they have done kayaking, quarry steering, climbing, slip and slide, archery, zip wire and many other activities. I have had the pleasure of joining them on Monday, Thursday and Friday and it has been amazing to see children overcome fears, develop their resilience and cope remarkably well being away from home. They have had an incredible time and the food was lovely!

The staff have been really impressed with all of the children on camp and the way they have approached new challenges and developed



personally. We are sharing a few of the photos on the newsletter however there are many more we will be able to share with you.







PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

Hello to you all,

I would like to say thank you to everyone for the warm welcome I have received at Pondhu in my first week as Parent Support Advisor. I have joined Pondhu after working in a number of schools in the county over the past 23 years. I have experience in primary, secondary and special schools and am very much looking forward to starting to work alongside parents/carers and school to ensure the best primary school experience for you all. If you think I can be of any help please feel free to contact me on vgrainger@pondhu.cornwall.sch.uk or just come and find me on the gates.









Well done to all our star learners this week. They have made excellent contributions in class and have been wonderful role models. They have shown an incredible determination to succeed at all things and have also planned and written some great narratives and recounts.

Congratulations to Rhian-Rose, Jordan, Phoebe, Austeja, Jack R, Ruby G, Frank and Ruby! Our camp star learners this week are: Tiffiny G, Matthew E and Keagan for determination, resilience, positivity and being a pleasure to have on camp!



BOOK FAIR REMINDER

On 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th June, the travelling book fair will be held in the hall every afternoon from 2.30-3.15pm. 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 2.30pm 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!



THE WOODLAND TRUST

Mrs Hadley has been working really hard with some children and I am pleased to inform you that Pondhu has been awarded the bronze and silver green tree school award. The children have taken part in fun, practical projects while helping the environment and improving our school grounds. They have also planted a variety of new trees. We are now working towards the gold award. What a great job – well done everyone!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 20th – Friday 24th June – Y1 swimming Wednesday 22nd June – Polkerris sailing Y6 Tamar

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2022-2023

Here are the term dates for the next academic year.

Autumn term 1 2022: Monday 5th September - Friday 21st October. Autumn term 2 2022: Monday 7th November - Tuesday 20th December. Spring term 1 2023: Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 10th February. Spring term 2 2023: Monday 20th February - Friday 31st March. Summer term 1 2023: Monday 17th April - Friday 26th May. Summer term 2 2023: Monday 5th June - Friday 21st July.

INSET DAYS: Thursday 1st September 2022 Friday 2nd September 2022 Monday 31st October 2022 Tuesday 1st November 2022 Wednesday 2nd November 2022 Thursday 3rd November 2022 Friday 4th November 2022

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift

