



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th January 2023

Good afternoon everyone,

We have had another busy week at Pondhu. On Wednesday, it was great to meet with some of you at our parents' forum where Mrs Jolliff explained how we teach maths at Pondhu. If you could not attend, watch out for the parent leaflets which are being sent home with your children. These will also be put on the school website. Teachers will also be sending home the termly topic webs so that you can see what your children will be learning about this term.

Last Friday, Year 1 and Year 3 visited the Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro. The children had the opportunity to look around the museum and really enjoyed looking at the vast variety of artefacts. Both year groups also had the opportunity to take part in workshops linked to their school topics. Year 1 made dolls linked with their topic of 'Old Toys' and Year 3 made clay pots linked with their topic 'Stone age to Iron age'. It was such a great day and all of the children were a credit to our school.

DIARY DATES

January

23rd Kernow
King KS2 drama
workshop

February

10th End of term

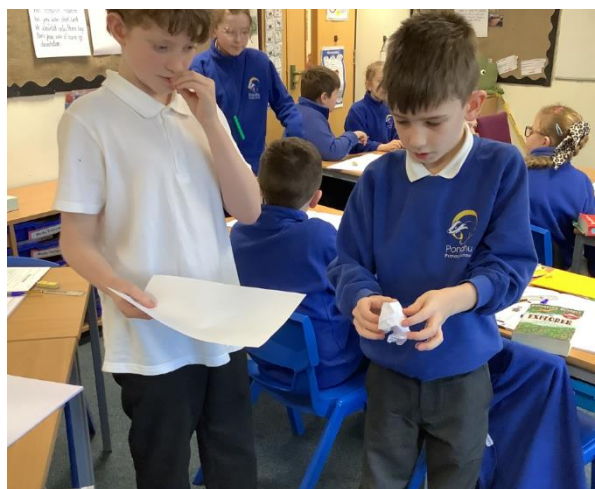
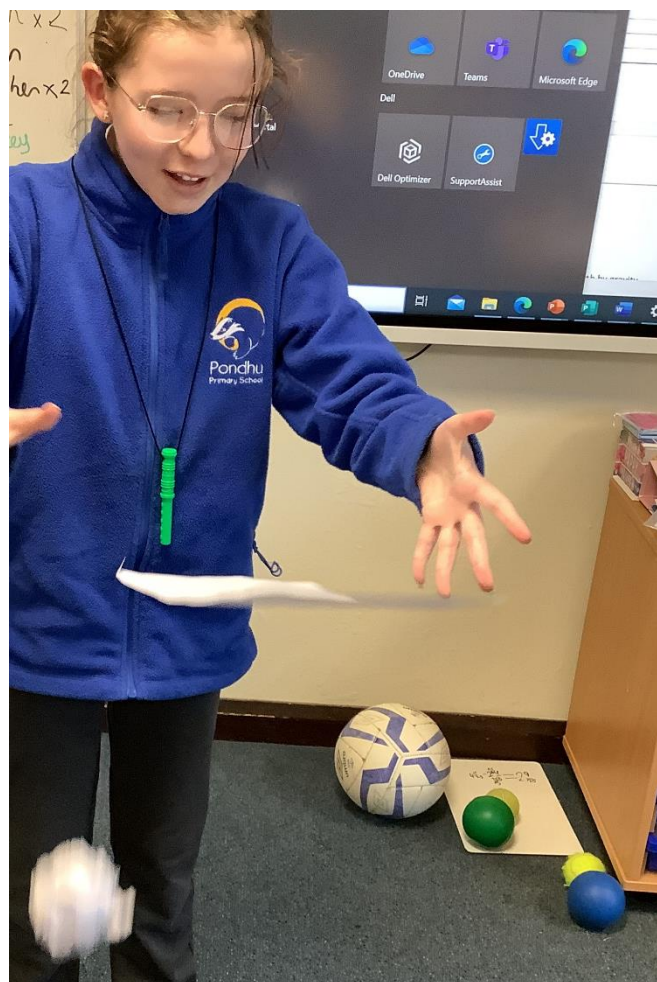
March

2nd March 2023
World Book Day



Year 5 Science

This half term Year 5 are looking at forces. We have been investigating gravity and the question 'do heavier objects fall more quickly?' The children set up their experiments, weighing and testing a range of objects and thinking about the variables involved. They found out that all objects are pulled with the same force by gravity, so they should take the same time to fall. However, the air can slow down the object. This is called **air resistance**. How much air resistance there is depends on how big the object is.



COFFEE MORNING – 16TH January 8.45-9.45am

Coffee Morning



Don't forget parents' coffee morning on 16th January at 8.45am. We will be joined by family worker, Carla Whitehouse, from Early Help Hub. Carla can help with any questions about housing, mental health, finances, parenting support, behaviour, foodbanks, routines and boundaries, sleep, and online safety.

We will be in the staff room until 9.45am with hot drinks available and advice and guidance as required. Hope to see you there.

Mrs Grainger



Star Learners



This week we have some great star learners!

Reception – Rwby
Year 1 – Rhian-Rose
Year 2 – Daisy
Year 3 – Frankie
Year 4 – Cyra-Lynn
Year 5 – Riley Grant
Year 6 – Charley

This week our star learners have been chosen for working hard and trying their best. They have tried hard in reading, maths and all areas of the curriculum. They have had a really positive week in school.

Congratulations everyone!

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 - Arial



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 - Alfie



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 97.1%
Anning (Y1) – 93.5%
Jemison (Y2) – 89.3%
Attenborough (Y3) – 98.4%
Thunberg (Y4) – 98%
Rashford (Y5) – 95.8%
Owens (Y6) – 94.3%

ACCELERATED READER UPDATE LEADERBOARDS

Year 1 – Artemi has read 1,771 words and Seth has read 1,375 words.
Year 2 – Piper has read 57, 408 and Allan has passed 19 quizzes.
Year 3 - Lola has read 269,978 words and Marley has passed 34 quizzes.
Year 4 – Theo has read 70, 845 words and Lucy has read 55,312 words.
Year 5 – Oskar has read 199,391 words and Elliot has read 189, 538 words.
Year 6 – Kyron has read an incredible 640,749 words and Amelia has read 459, 403 words since September.
What a great achievement everyone!



A message from Andy Payne (St Austell Foodbank Manager)

Just a quick reminder that we start our next Life Skills on Wednesday 18th January and we still have some spaces left.

This will be a 9 week course (first week taster and then 8 weeks on the course) helping those who are struggling to make ends meet - CAP say it is for those on low incomes but we know that for many people, the cost of living crisis is starting to bite.

Please see attached leaflet for further information.

Upcoming events

Monday 16th January – Parents' coffee morning

Monday 16th January – Parent representative group

Thursday 19th January – Football match Pondhu vs Sir Robert Geoffrey

Friday 20th January – SCD support group

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Clift



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