Pondhu Primary School

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NEWSLETTER



Friday 10th January 2025

Good afternoon,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, filled with quality time with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see the children returning to school with such enthusiasm, energy, and a positive attitude as we embark on a new term.

The start of this term has been fantastic, and it's clear that our children are eager to continue their learning journey. From the moment the bell rang on the first day back, there has been a buzz of excitement in the air. We have seen a return of focus and determination, as well as a real sense of community spirit.

The positive atmosphere in school has been remarkable since we returned. There have been smiles, laughter, and a genuine excitement for the year ahead. Our children are settling back into their routines quickly and are already showing how committed they are to making 2025 a successful year. It's been especially heartening to see the children welcome new children in their classes, stepping up to support their peers, reinforcing our British values.



Star Learners



The children have been fantastic this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Charlie for settling back into school well after the break and for really enjoying her play.

Year 1 – Ivy for working hard in maths

Year 2 – Jasmine for following instructions well and working hard on all of her learning

Year 3 – Miracle for making such a great start in our school

Year 4 – Isabelle for her enthusiasm in Maths and helping others in class

Year 5 — Harvey for being a positive learner and soaking up knowledge in our Opening Worlds lessons

Year 6 – Eugene for always giving 100% in every lesson

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception – Nancy for being a role model to the other children by always making great choices

Year 1 – Frankie for being kind and respectful to our new class members

Year 2 – Nancy for being kind and respectful to our new class members

Year 3 – Jago for showing respect to others

Year 4 – Conor for his respectful attitude to others at all times

Year 5 – Caleb for being kind and respectful to others

Year 6 – Devi for being respectful and kind towards everyone



Well done to our British values champions!

ATTENDANCE





Attendance this week

Montessori (R/Y1) - 89.4%

Jemison (Y1/2) - 98.2%

Attenborough (Y3) - 98.6%

Franklin (Y4) – 95.7%

Einstein (Y5) - 96.6%

Gandhi (Y6) - 90.6%

Whole School - 94.6%

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

Tuesday 14th January - Netball / Football away at Gorran
Wednesday 15th January - School Nurse height and weight Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 15th January - Parent and toddler group 2pm - 3pm
Friday 17th January SCD parent / carer support group

I am proud of the positive start we've had in 2025 and look forward to what lies ahead. I encourage all children to stay focused, continue to work hard, and take full advantage of all the learning opportunities available. Together, we will make this term one to remember.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish all our students and their families a fantastic start to the new year.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Rachel Clift

