



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th December 2022

Good afternoon everyone,

What a lovely end to term we have had this week. There have been some amazing performances by Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at their Christmas Cafes. We have also enjoyed a wonderful Carol concert by our Key Stage 2 classes. The children have had a lovely week sharing the Christmas festivities with you. Thank you all for coming!

As we are closed next week on Monday and Tuesday for staff training, your children will be coming home with a pack of home learning.

There will be activities which they can complete over the Christmas holidays when they have some time.



Star Learners



This week we have some great star learners!

Reception – Ziggy

Year 1 – Riley

Year 2 - Isla

Year 3 – Tommy

Year 4 – Aimee

Year 5 – Stephen

Year 6 – Keagan

The children have done so well in their Christmas performances this week. Teachers have been impressed with their hard working attitudes this term. They have shown great resilience and been positive, helpful and kind.

Congratulations everyone!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK MRS PAREKH!

Today we have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Parekh. We would like to thank her for everything she has done in her time at Pondhu. She will be greatly missed by everyone. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future!

DIARY DATES

January

3rd Return to school

5th KS2 Cinema trip

6th Y1 / Y3 trip to

Cornwall museum

11th Parents forum

23rd Kernow King

KS2 drama
workshop

February

10th End of term

YEAR 2

Last week, Year 2 had a visit from Samuel Pepys as part of their Great Fire of London topic. They had a brilliant day and took part in lots of different activities. Some of the children dressed up as town criers to spread the news of the fire to the rest of the class, everyone had a go at writing their name in fancy lettering with a quill, they helped Samuel to sort his old objects from new ones and they played a game where they tried to get their belongings onto a cart before the fire destroyed them. At the end, they did so well in a quiz that everyone got chance to dig up cheese that Samuel had buried to keep safe.



PARENTS FORUM

Our parents forum meeting next term will be on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 3.30 pm. In this meeting, we will be talking about Maths at Pondhu and you will be able to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss what they will be learning about in the Spring Term. We look forward to seeing you there!



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

Christmas competition



Over the Christmas holidays, Mrs Jolliff will be running another competition for those who have accumulated the most coins over the two week period. Good luck and have fun playing!

MATHS HOMEWORK

After the Christmas holidays, children in Year 2-6 will be coming home with a homework folder containing their weekly maths homework. This will consist of either times tables worksheets or work connected to the learning they have been completing in school that week. This work will be sent home on a Friday and will be expected to be completed and returned by Wednesday. Reception and Year 1 children will be able to continue to use Numbots at home. We will still be using the Times Tables Rockstars website for continued practise of these important skills and Mrs Jolliff will be running some more competitions in the near future.

SPORTS REPORT

Pondhu's Girls football team beat a team from Mount Charles 4-1 to qualify for the next round of the cup competition. The whole team played well - working hard for each other and enjoying some competitive football. Well done to Amelia, Chelsea, Brooke, Summer, Iyla, Caitlin and Brooke.

The boys also played a friendly against Mount Charles, to make sure that everyone who had attended football club had an opportunity to play a competitive fixture before Christmas. The game ended in a 1-1 draw, which was a very fair result. Well done to Antoni, Benjamin, Oscar, Keagan, Alex, Finley and Evan for playing so well as a team.

Mr Martin
(PE/Sports co-ordinator)

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, 7 pupils took part in the second race of the cross country season at Poltair School. Even though it was really cold, the weather did not deter the runners who all really enjoyed themselves. Well done for representing Pondhu School so well despite the big chill.



READING RAFFLE

We always like to celebrate those children that read regularly, congratulations to the following children who were lucky enough to win the reading raffle:

Year 6: Chelsea & Noah

Year 5: Leon & Corren

Year 4: Sonny & Austeja

Year 3: Kyla & Jacob

Year 2: Charlotte & Isabelle

Year 1: Arthur & Harley

Reception: Holli-Rae & Jackson

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 94.1%

Anning (Y1) – 84.2%

Jemison (Y2) – 79.9%

Attenborough (Y3) – 87.5%

Thunberg (Y4) – 66.3%

Rashford (Y5) – 91.3%

Owens (Y6) – 83.3%

CHARITY DONATIONS

I am delighted to announce the following donations have been made to two different charities. Thank you so much for all of your contributions and sponsorship:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - £242.20

Children's Hospice South West – Little Harbour £358.11



Upcoming events

Tuesday 3rd January – Return to school

Thursday 5th January – Key Stage 2 cinema trip

Friday 6th January – Year 1 / 3 trip to Cornwall Museum

A message from Andy Payne at Light and Life centre

We are starting our next Christian Against Poverty (CAP) Life Skills course on Wednesday 18th January, 10-12 at the Light & Life Centre.

We ran our first course in September and the feedback was very encouraging with comments like:

'I've done well and learnt alot'

'I've reduced my bills and have a better awareness of spending money'

'Thank you so much, I've learnt so much about saving money'

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 the attached leaflet for further information or drop me an email
vgrainger@pon.celtrust.org with any questions.
Mrs Grainger

Parent Support Advisor

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy
New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back
in school on January 3rd 2023.

Mrs Rachel Clift



Where we laugh, learn and grow