Pondhu Primary School

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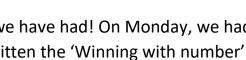
Friday 22nd November 2024

Good afternoon,

What a busy week we have had! On Monday, we had a visit from Ben Harding who has written the 'Winning with number' maths fluency program which we have introduced across the school. The children

were excited to meet the man in the videos in person and he was impressed with how well the children are doing.

On Monday afternoon our Reception welcomed into school some 'people who help us' from our local community this week. They listened so well to Ally from St Austell Police who explained how the police help people. She showed them the police car and all of the equipment that they need to do their jobs. It was a fantastic experience!













DIARY DATES

November 28th November NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6

HUNGRY CATERPILLAR WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday, our school caterers Chartwells, ran some workshops for our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. They had the opportunity to taste a variety of fruit and vegetables which they may never have tried before.











OPENING OF SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday, Pondhu carried out the 'State Opening of Parliament' ceremony to teach the children about the process of democracy and open our school parliament. All of year six took part in the ceremony, while the king (who looked remarkably like Mrs. Dunn) read the speeches of our parliament members. These explained the aims of each parliament member for the area they minister, during their term this year. Our school parliament members are:

Allison Edwards - Prime Minister

Lincoln Mclinden - Leader of the Opposition

Summer Hensby - Parliamentary Speaker

Flint Tyler - Minister for Attendance

Aimee Hensby - Minister for Art

Theo Davies - Minister for Fundraising & Events

Tommy Hodgson-Venner - Minister for the Environment

Ella Mcintosh - Minister for Maths

Quinn Daems - Minister for English

Austeja Umbrasaite – Minister for PE & Sports









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

Reception – Elora for consistently trying hard with her writing.

- Year 1 Frankie for joining in with lessons so well.
- Year 2 Brogan for trying hard in maths and fantastic partner working.
- Year 3 Rhian-Rose for always trying really hard with her learning.
- Year 4 Conor for his increasing confidence and participation in lessons.
- Year 5 Isaac for working so hard and focussing so well on his learning.
- Year 6 Lucy for consistently outstanding writing.

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception – Riley for always showing kindness to others.

Year 1 – Autumn for being respectful of others.

Year 2 – Milly for being tolerant of her peers.

Year 3 – Josh for showing tolerance with his peers.

Year 4 – Jesse for always following the rule of law and his consistent kindness to others.

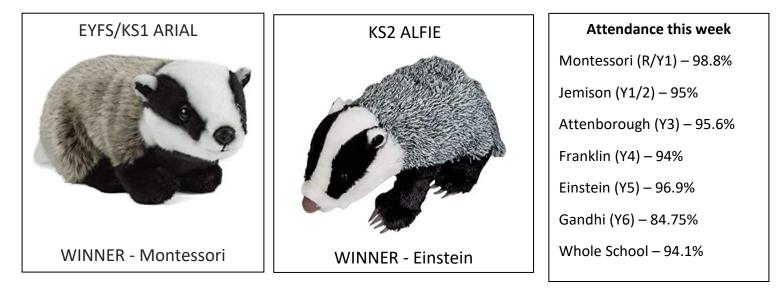
Year 5 – Locryn for being so kind and respectful.

Year 6 – Allison for respecting and working with everyone.



Well done to our British values champions!

ATTENDANCE



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.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Tuesday 3rd December – Santas on the Run Wednesday 11th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December – Year 1-2 Christmas Café @2pm Friday 13th December – Reception Christmas Café @ 2pm Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Carol Concert at the church @ 1.30pm Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Cinema Trip Thursday 19th December – FOPS Christmas Fun Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 25th November – Dance project @Poltair Tuesday 26th November – Netball and Football matches at home vs Bishop Bronescombe Thursday 28th November – NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6 Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift

