



NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th November 2022

Good afternoon everyone,
What a busy week we have had in school. We have all been thinking about anti-bullying week and KS2 had a fantastic workshop with 'Stay Safe' on Thursday morning.

Reception have been thinking about kindness during 'Anti-Bullying Week'. They each printed a hand to add to a big class heart to remind them to always be kind to others.



Year 1 enjoyed wearing their odd socks on Monday. They watched the anti-bullying assembly and then talked about what bullying means. The children then sorted pictures of friendly and unfriendly behaviours as part of our discussion about being kind to others.



DIARY DATES

November

28th FOPS meeting
30th Parents coffee afternoon

December

7th Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
9th Santa Fun Run
12th Year 1 Christmas café
13th Reception Christmas café
14th Year 2 Christmas cafe
15th KS2 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
16th December end of term

As part of anti-bullying week, the children have been thinking about how to 'speak out' about any bullying they see or hear, including cyber bullying. We know that the online world is ever changing and we want to support our school community to understand the world our children are living in. Each week we will be sending out an online safety guide which we hope you will find useful. This week's guide is on 'Online Bullying' and is attached to the newsletter.

Stay Safe



As part of our anti-bullying week, Key Stage 2 had Richard Pomfrett, founder of the 'Stay Safe Initiative' in to carry out a morning workshop on antibullying and friendship. He covered many key points including: what bullying is; the types of bullying; how to deal with the different types of bullying and the golden rule – 'Speak up and tell someone'. The children learnt a great deal and thoroughly enjoyed the interactive and engaging activities. Year 3 followed up the workshop by producing posters of what they have learnt. Thank you to Richard Pomfrett for such an informative and relevant workshop.



YEARS 3 & 4 BASKETBALL

On Monday a group of year 3 & 4 children took part in a Basketball festival at Poltair School along with other primary school children in the local area. They were taught how to shoot some hoops, dribble and passing skills. Afterwards they were mixed into groups with the other schools to compete in a mini competition. Well



done to Kyla, Mia, Caleb and Tommy, who were awarded a certificate as were on the winning teams, but a huge well done to everyone for representing Pondhu so impeccably.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been continuing their topic of the Stone Age to the Iron Age by producing their very own cave paintings. They created a rough textured surface to replicate the stone by using grains of wheat and seeds. They also made their own paint using flour and water and used spices to add colour.



Finally they drew and painted their very own line drawings that they had practiced earlier on in the topic.



Y4 Trip to Wheal Martin

On Wednesday, Thunberg Class went to Wheal Martyn to learn about how the clay pits operated in the past. We had a guided tour where we learnt the processes involved in working at the china clay pit. During our guided tour we were even lucky enough to see an explosion to extract the china clay and we had the best view as we were looking down on the clay pits. Children learnt what it would have been like to work in the clay pits in the Victorian era and how they used water to generate energy. This linked to our class topic from last term, water, rivers and generating hydro-power. We were very lucky to visit the outside areas during the sunny part of the day and we got to view the beautiful nature reserve as we were walking through the site.

In the afternoon, we took part in a sound workshop which consolidated all the learning we have been doing in science. Children took part in different activities to investigate how sound is produced, pitch and volume. The activities included playing boomwackers, making an orchestra with glasses and even making a telephone, which they particularly enjoyed! The children were able to explain the learning we had carried out in class using great scientific descriptions and vocabulary.

Mrs Povey



YEAR 6

Year 6 have also enjoyed a trip to Wheal Martyn museum to complete our topic on the Victorians. The workshop had been designed by the staff at Wheal Martyn to cover all of the areas that we have been looking at in class, and it was really good to see the children being able to consolidate their knowledge with an in-depth look at our local history. We learnt how the discovery of China clay and the subsequent development of the industry, the railway network, and the ports during Victorian times completely changed the St Austell area. We also looked at what life would have been like for the workers during Victorian times. Thank you to everyone for supporting the trip and making sure that it was such a success.





Star Learners



This week we have some amazing star learners!

Reception – Lexi
Year 1 – Bella
Year 2 - Jensen
Year 3 – Savannah
Year 4 – Theo
Year 5 – Poppy
Year 6 – Benjamin

They have all been great learners and they have made excellent contributions in lessons. They are making great progress and faced challenges head on even when they have found things tricky.

Well done everyone!

CHILDREN IN NEED

Today it was brilliant to see all the children dressed up for children in need.

We have raised £131.72 for this great charity.



FRIENDS OF PONDHU SCHOOL (FOPS)

After a long break due to Covid, we would like to restart our FOPS group. FOPS is a group made up of parents/carers of the children at Pondhu School. FOPS plan events throughout the year which help to raise money for the school. Previous events have included discos, bingo nights, cinema nights, Mothers' Day gift sales, Quiz nights, Summer and Christmas fayres. In order to do this we need your support! We will be having our first meeting on Monday 28th November at 2.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and we really value your support.

LIBRARY VISITS

Next week children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting St. Austell library. They will visit during the afternoon but will return by the end of the school day.

Monday – Year 5
Wednesday – Year 4
Thursday – Year 6

Come to Our

BOOK FAIR!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Fair

From 28th November - 2nd December, the travelling book fair will be held in the hall every afternoon from 2.40-3.15pm.

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 2.40pm 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!

Upcoming events

Monday 21st November – Library visit Y5

Speech and Language Festival

Tuesday 22nd November – Fire Service Visit Reception

Tuesday 22nd November – Pondhu vs Bishop Bronescombe
Football and Netball

Wednesday 23rd November – Library visit Y4

Thursday 24th November – Library visit Y6

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 92.6%

Anning (Y1) – 87.9%

Jemison (Y2) – 97%

Attenborough (Y3) – 98.4%

Thunberg (Y4) – 93.3%

Rashford (Y5) – 93.5%

Owens (Y6) – 92.7%



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