



Pondhu
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NEWSLETTER

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DATES

October

27th – 31st Half term

November

3rd INSET day –
school closed to
pupils

7th Admissions,
Personnel and
Finance meetings
from 9am.
12th / 13th Parents
Evenings

December

3rd Full Governors
meeting 5pm
5th Admissions
meeting 9am
17th School
Christmas lunch
19th Last day of term

January

5th Back to school
15th Parents Forum
3.30 or 6.00pm.

February

16th – 20th Half term

March

27th last day of term.

FAREWELLS

Today we said goodbye to two members of the school support staff. Mrs Barron has worked at Pondhu since it opened and before that at Trinity Street Infants. In typical Mrs Barron style she wanted no fuss at her retirement (and I shall probably be in trouble for even mentioning it on the newsletter this week – sorry Mrs Barron) but I could not let this moment in the history of Pondhu pass without recognition. On behalf of the many children you have helped and supported over the years we say a very big thank you. We hope that as you start your retirement you will take with you many happy memories and our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

We also said goodbye today to Mr Brandon another of our teaching assistants. I would like to thank him for his help and support for the classes he has worked with. We wish him every success in the future.

ARTS MARK GOLD

I am delighted to inform you that our school has been awarded the Arts Mark Gold Award. A big thank you to all the children and staff for their contributions to this award and a special thank you to Mrs Newnes who was the main coordinator of our application. Please see attached a letter from Mrs Newnes inviting you to join the children and staff for an Arts Day on Thursday 6th November.

STAR PUPILS

The star pupils this week are Leah, Iwan, Harry, Kai, Savannah, Emily, Lilly and Rose. Thank you for all your hard work and for being our star pupils this week.

TEXTILE COLLECTION

Once again our Eco Team have organised a textile collection to help raise funds to be spent on Science Equipment. The bags are available in school if you require any extras, The collection date is Wednesday 5th November.

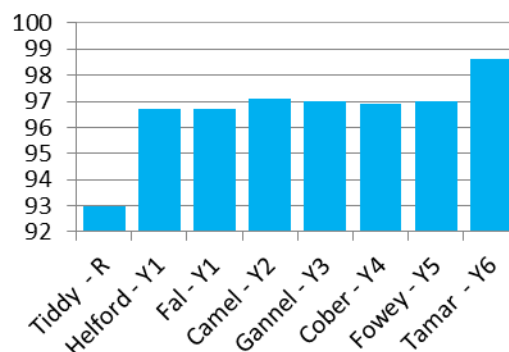
ATTENDANCE

Well done to River Tamar Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance last week.

HALF TERM

School finishes today for half term. There will also be a staff training day on Monday 3rd November so the school will be closed to the children. Children return on Tuesday 4th November.

Percentage Attendance
week ending 17/10/14





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MESSAGE FROM MR DAWES

Movember - MOPS (Moustaches Of Pondhu School).

Parents, partners, grandparents and uncles (and any other male relatives or friends) we invite you to join the male staff at Pondhu and raise money by changing your appearance through the growth of a new a moustache for the 30 days of November. The annual, worldwide Movember appeal aims to raise awareness of prostate and testicular cancer. To join MOPS just go to our Pondhu MOPS team page or if you don't relish the thought of growing a magnificent moustache then please donate at <http://uk.movember.com/team/1561257> or Google Movember 2014 MOPS. Thank you.

RBL POPPY APPEAL

After half term poppies will be on sale during school breaktimes. To mark the centenary year there will be some additional merchandise for sale such as badges, stickers etc. If you would like your child to make a donation or purchase some of the other items please ensure their money is in a named purse or envelope. Thank you.



Hockey Tournament Report

On the 23rd of October some of Year 6 and Year 5 went to Poltair School . Our team included Jacob, Owen, Jessie, Jessica, Charlie, Chelsea, Boris and Isabel. The first game was against Charlestown we played exceptionally well but we lost 4-2. The next game we played against Carclaze and we won 5-1. After that we played Mount Charles we won 9-0. Next we drew against Bishop Bronscombe 3-3. Next was the best result yet. we won against St Mewan 13-0. Next we played Mevagissey and won 4-2.that was the end matches. Thank you Mrs Green for coaching us. Well done team for coming 2nd overall.
Report by Isabel.

MAYOR OF ST AUSTELL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION.

Pondhu has been asked by the Mayor and Town Council to hold a competition to select the design that will be on the Mayor's official Christmas cards this year. The design must be the children's own work and be entered on an A4 piece of paper. Please ensure the child's name and age is written on the reverse of the entry. This might be an activity your child would like to do over half term. Please can all entries be returned to school by Friday 14th November.

FOPS NEWS

The 100 club winners for October are 1st Zoe Hicks, 2nd: Anne Holbrook and 3rd Lynda Lucas. Thank you to everyone for their support.
The Halloween Disco yesterday evening saw 159 pupils enjoying the event. A total profit of £234.58 was raised. Thank you to FOPS for organising this event and to all the children who supported it.

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a happy and fun filled half term.

Mrs D Tregellas