



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Good afternoon everyone,

This week has seen a lot of trips and visits at Pondhu. Years 2, 3 and 5 have been to St. Austell library. Year 4 have been to Polkerris for Watersports. Some children in Year 5 have also visited the farm at Penrice Academy where they learnt about animal care. Last Friday Year 2 also visited the Eden Project.

## Year 2

Last week, Year 2 went on a trip to The Eden Project. The children were all really excited and behaved brilliantly all day. We started with a workshop called Ready Steady Sow, where we got to take part in different activities such as investigating different seeds, dissecting a butterbean and planting a nasturtium to take home. This was all linked to our Science learning about plants. After lunch we got to explore the biomes. The children particularly enjoyed the rainforest biome where they went across a wobbly rope bridge, spotted geckos, disappeared on a cloud bridge and got soaked by the sprinklers!



## DIARY DATES

### May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> –

Industrial Action

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May –

Coronation

Celebration Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> –

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Y3/4

Mountbatten trip

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May –

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term

### July

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday

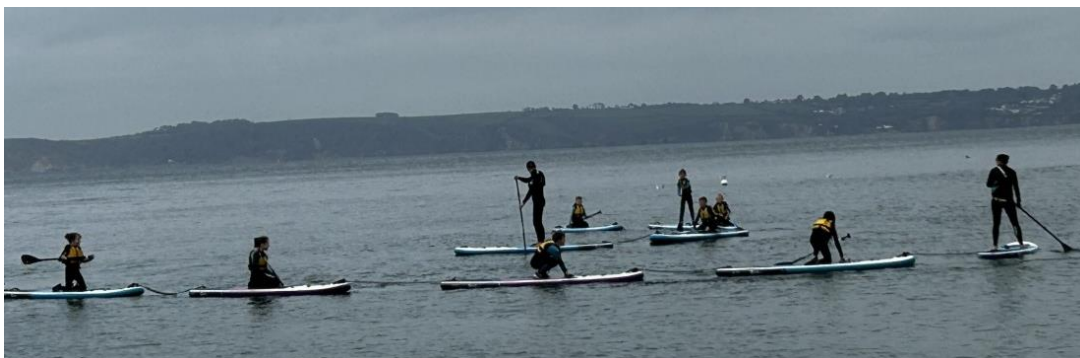
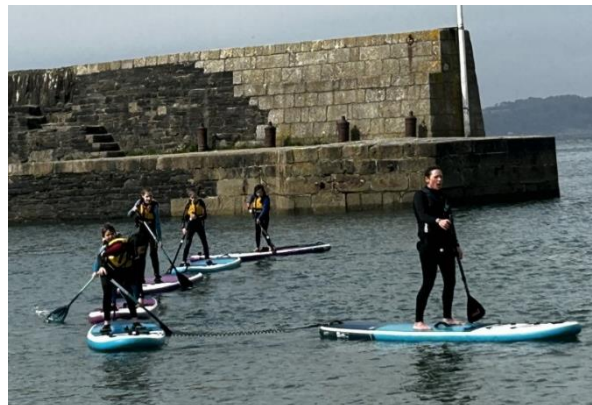
14<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 London trip

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term 1.15 pm finish



## Year 4

Year 4 spent a fantastic morning at Polkerris Beach on Wednesday. They improved their paddle boarding and sailing skills. They really impressed the staff with their attitudes, giving everything their best. They worked well as a team and encouraged each other lots! We can't wait to go back next week!



## EARTH DAY

On Saturday it was fantastic to see lots of Year 4's and their family celebrate World Earth Day at Wheal Martyn. The Year 4's that attended joined in in a special flash mob that was created especially for the event. Other activities were bird feeder making, pond dipping, clay sculpting and an art and poetry workshop. Many thanks for those families that came and supported this event and represented the school so well.





## Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed a great afternoon at the library, learning about borrowing books and the library system. They also designed their own book covers and listened and joined in with a story.



Some children in Year 5 enjoyed an exciting afternoon meeting all of the animals at Penrice farm. They met a variety of animals, learnt how to care for them and got to hold and pet lots of them. Mrs Jolliff was very upset that they wouldn't bring her back a goat!



## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Please note that the school will be open to **Year 6 pupils only** on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, due to industrial action. There will be no Breakfast Club or After School Club on this day.

## INCLUSION TEAM

Sadly we said goodbye to Mrs Burgess this week as she leaves us to take up a position at Perranporth Primary School. Moving forwards we are developing an Inclusion Team at Pondhu, which will include:

Mrs Grainger  
(SENDCo)



Mrs Guest  
(Operational SENDCo)



Mrs Hadley  
(Autism Champion/  
SEND assistant)



and we will be appointing a new Parent Support Advisor.

## REMINDER - CORONATION CELEBRATION



The School Parliament have agreed that the theme for the Coronation Celebration on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** will be kings and queens. Therefore, children have the option of coming into school dressed as a king or queen, in a crown, a cape/robe or anything that represents the Coronation. Alternatively they can just wear non-uniform.

## **RWI VIRTUAL CLASSROOM**



The Virtual Classroom links for this week are attached to the newsletter. Virtual Classroom is a fantastic resource for children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 to practise reading sounds and words at home. Please follow the links that are matched to your child's Read Write Inc group. If you have any questions about Read Write Inc or Virtual Classroom, please come and speak to me and I would be happy to help.

Mrs Rundle



# **Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots**

## **Easter Competition**

### **Numbots competition**

Reception and KS1 children have competed in a Numbots competition over the Easter holidays. The winners were:

Reception – Holli-Rae Morcom

Year 1- Archie Blake

Year 2 – Isla Grant

### **TTRS competition**

KS2 classes took part in a TTRS competition. The winners were:

Y3 - Lola Robinson

Y4 – Eden-Jade Davis and Theo Davies

Y5 – Francis Traverse

Y6 – Masen Welch-Hart



## **Star Learners**



This week we have some fantastic star learners!

Reception – Luna

Year 1 – Oscar

Year 2 – Josh

Year 3 – Kayden

Year 4 – Flint

Year 5 – Teddy

Year 6 – Evan

Star learners have been chosen this week for reasons such as: being kind, a good friend and working hard. Also for good behaviour and an improved attitude to learning. They have overcome fears in the water and demonstrated an excellent articulation of their learning

Congratulations! Well done everyone!

## **PARKING**

The road outside school continues to be really busy due to the building works. Can I please ask that no parents drive up the drive to school after 8.15 in the morning as children are on the drive at this point. Also wherever possible, could you park in the car park opposite the school (by Pondhu house), in the family centre car park or down in the council car park. Please do not park at the bottom of the drive by the gates as we are concerned about the safety of the children as they come out of school.

Some parents have expressed concerns about cars coming out of the council car park. Please take care as you leave the car park as many families are walking down and cross the entrance to the car park. Thank you for your support with this.

## **ATTENDANCE**

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER – Anning & Jemison

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

### **Attendance this week**

Montessori (R) – 97.2%

Anning (Y1) – 98%

Jemison (Y2) – 98%

Attenborough (Y3) – 99.2%

Thunberg (Y4) – 97.5%

Rashford (Y5) – 96.9%

Owens (Y6) – 95%

Whole school – 96.7%

## **PARENTS' FORUM**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding our Summer Term parent forum. This will start at 3.30pm and will give you the opportunity to find out what your children are learning about this term. After half term all year groups will be following the 'Changing me' unit in PSHE. Your children's class teachers will explain what learning they will be covering in this unit and it will give you the opportunity to ask any questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Teachers strike day

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 4 Polkerris watersports

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Virtual Author Visit - Layla Gibiliru

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Day

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Parents' Forum

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 Water safety talk RNLI visit

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend. Hopefully it will warm up a bit!

Mrs Clift



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