



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd May 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

We have been celebrating the successes of some amazing Writers and Artists this week at Pondhu.

We were pleased to have so many children from our school enter the Fowey Festival for Young Writers and Artists as part of The Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature. Many children received a certificate as their writing or artwork was Commended or Highly Commended. In the KS1 Story category of the competition, one of our Reception children came 2nd and one of our Year 1 children came 1st overall! Here they are receiving their awards. Well done!

DIARY DATES

6th May – Bank holiday

13th May – Y6 SATs week

22nd May – Sports Day

19th-21st June Y5/6 camp

3rd-5th July Y3/4 camp
17th July Summer Fair



RAQUET FESTIVAL

On Monday, a group of year 2 children took part in a raquet festival at Poltair School whereby they were able to try tennis and table tennis which most had not played before. The children showcased amazing hand-eye coordination and concentration throughout each activity and seemed to have enjoyed all of the fun ways in which they were taught. A huge well done to those who took part.

Mr Keast PE HLTA



ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Anning

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Hawking

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 91.3%
Anning (Y1) – 95.5%
Nightingale (Y2) – 92.4%
Attenborough (Y3) – 95.7%
Hawking (Y4) – 96.9%
Owens (Y5) – 94.8%
Einstein (Y6) – 96.8%
Whole school – 94.5%



Star Learners



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

Reception – Ollie for becoming increasingly independent with all of his learning

Year 1 – Oscar for doing some brilliant maths work

Year 2 – Arthur for being a superstar in every lesson, working hard and helping others

Year 3 – Olivia for having an outstanding attitude towards school

Year 4 – Ella Y for her excellent effort in class this week especially on her maths and handwriting

Year 5 – Austeja for always having an outstanding attitude to learning

Year 6 – Elliot for always trying his best and working so hard towards his SATs

Sports Star Learner – Holli-Rae for determination and effort during Multisports

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception – Jack for working hard to follow our golden rules

Year 1 – Rwby for being respectful and behaving well

Year 2 – Jago for always showing respect for others and property

Year 3 – Jesse for always showing tolerance to others

Year 4 – Frankie for his tolerance and willingness to help others in any way he can

Year 5 – Devi for always following our golden rules

Year 6 – Lacey for being respectful and kind to others



Well done to this week's British values champions!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

In order to be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund scheme in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you don't have to do anything else – you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators>.

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Their details can be found here <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children who are entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using our Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund awards are going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th May – Bank holiday

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May KS2 SATs

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift