

Pondhu Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th January 2022

Good afternoon everyone. We have had another busy week at Pondhu. There have been lots of sporting events along with some great learning in classes.

Year 3

Inspired by the works of the international Cornish artist John Dyer, Year 3 have begun to create their inspired master pieces. Painting the historic harbor town, Charlestown, to reflect St Austell's clay export links. What was Charlestown like 200 Years ago? What is Charlestown like now? Year 3 used their observational skills to create these inspired artworks.



Year 5

Year 5's topic is 'Inspirational Artists', and this week they have been studying the work of post-impressionist artist, Vincent Van Gogh. They have created a series of pictures, thinking carefully about their use of colour and line. They used oil pastels to create their pictures.



DIARY DATES

February

17th Last day of term

18th – 27th Half term

28th Return to school

April

8th Last day of term

9th – 24th Easter
Holidays

25th Return to school

May

2nd Bank holiday

27th Last day of term

June

6th Jubilee Bank
holiday

7th Return to school

July

26th Last day of term

Please keep checking
the diary dates as
they do sometimes
need to be changed.

Reception

Our reception class have been learning about dinosaurs and they have been busy making dinosaur eggs. They particularly enjoyed a visit from the tortoises on Thursday.



Star Learners



Well done to our star learners this week. They have consistently shown excellent behaviours for learning, determination and resilience. They always work hard and push themselves to be the best that they can be. Congratulations everyone!

Well done to **Zara, Louis, Bailey, Lucy, Riley, Kyron, Rosie and Kye!**

COVID 19

You will be aware that we have had an increasing number of confirmed cases of Covid-19 within the school this week. Students and staff who have tested positive are isolating. Control measures are in place within the school and we are working with Cornwall Public Health and the trust to ensure we reduce the transmission in school.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your children have any of the symptoms above please ensure you carry out an LFD or PCR test. LFD tests can be obtained from pharmacies or by ordering online at [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

PCR tests can be booked online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Please note: Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home until they are well (48 hours fever free) **and either:**

- a) 10 full days have passed, *or*
- b) They have produced two negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 5.

Please inform school if your child tests positive and follow the government guidelines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 31st January – Poltair PE Event KS1 Cross-country

SPORTS EVENTS

Cross Country competition

On Tuesday, it was my pleasure to accompany a team of our cross-country runners at the competition at Poltair School. I was so impressed with the children's determination and team spirit, supporting and encouraging each other. Everyone ran brilliantly and many children improved their rankings from the last competition.

Congratulations to our medal winners – Brooke, Iyla, Dexter, Sky and Frank



Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Athletics Championships

On Thursday, some children in Key Stage 2 attended the athletics championship. They all had a great time and represented Pondhu school brilliantly!



Voting Voice

Should writing fake news be considered a crime?

Yes - 80 %

No - 20 %

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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