



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

On Monday afternoon, we took our year 4 and 5 runners to a cross country event at St Ives Rugby Club. All the children gave everything in another challenging set of conditions, representing the school brilliantly. Lana (4th), Oliver (5th), Seb (8th) and Charlie (9th) managed top ten finishes. Congratulations and well done to all who participated.



On Tuesday morning we had a special visit from M & M Theatre productions to perform 'Jack and the beanstalk'. The production was amazing and was immensely enjoyed by all the children. We would like to extend our huge appreciation to the theatre company for putting on such an incredible performance, but also to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy who funded this opportunity. Some of the children commented;



'The show was very energetic and I enjoyed all of the dancing.' Ellie R

'The performance was fun, more fun than I had expected. I really liked when Mr Bogey tried to annoy Jack.' Eloise



'I liked the way the actors joined in with the audience. I got a high five from Jack!' Noah B



Wednesday saw year 3 spend an exciting day at Penlee Museum, where they took part in a Stone age to Bronze age workshop. The children were thrilled to see artefacts such as arrow heads, jewellery and pottery that had been discovered locally, as close as Gwithian and St Erth. They were able to handle replicas of Stone age pots and tools, dress in Iron age tunics and create their own Bronze age coins designs. Once again, the museum staff commented on the excellent behaviour, knowledge and creativity of all the children.



On Thursday, as part of the transition work with Hayle Academy and a finale to our space topic, Y5 enjoyed a morning of science and space. First, the children investigated fossils and discussed the reasons for the extinction of the dinosaurs. Next, in the science labs, the children designed, made and tested their own mars landers which had to protect an egg from the impact of landing. Finally, in the space dome, the children watched with awe and wonder as they were transported across the galaxy to visit different planets before enjoying Neil Armstrong landing on the moon.





Also on Thursday, Connor Downs entertained St Ives Junior school in the first round of the cup, ending up 5-3 winners in a thrilling game where both teams were competitive. Goals were shared by Jac (2), Leo, Kian and Charlie, to ensure we progressed to the next round. Well done to the whole team!



Christmas Cards

As usual, the Christmas post box will be available in the main corridor from next week until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the recipients name and their year group is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our year 6 when sorting into year groups for delivery.

With Christmas just around the corner, please can we remind parents/carers to carefully check the age rating for any computer games bought for your children. Please refer to this link for guidance and support.
<https://pwxp5srs168nsac2n3fnjyaa-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Internet-Matters-Tips-Set-up-Safe-checklist.pdf>

Mrs Eddy

Diary Dates

(Week beginning Monday 2nd December—LAST WEEK FOR ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)

Monday 2nd December—Swimming—Year 4—Week 1

Tuesday 3rd December—Maths Morning for parents—Year R—9.15am—9.45am and Years 1—6 inclusive—9.15am—10.30am.

Thursday 5th December—Homework Grid tasks displayed in the school hall—3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Thursday 5th December—Pop-up pre-loved uniform sale, also in the hall—3.15pm to 4.00pm.

Wednesday 11th December—EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance—2.15pm (amended time from previously advertised)

Thursday 12th December—EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance—5.00pm.

Friday 13th December—Christmas Fayre—3.30pm

Tuesday 17th December—KS2 Carol Service 1.45pm and EYFS & KS1 Christingle—5.00pm at Phillack Church

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December—RSPCA coffee and cake afternoon—2.00pm—4.00pm

Friday 20th December—Christmas Parties—Last Day of Term—2pm FINISH

Monday 6th January 2020—First day of Spring Term

Friends of Connor Downs Academy
Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December 2019
3.30pm—5.00pm
Please come along and join in the festive fun!

- * **Class Christmas Stalls**
- * **Father Christmas**
- * **Christmas Craft Room**
- * **Games—including Name the Elf and Hook a Bauble**
- * **Mulled Fruit Juice and Mince Pies**

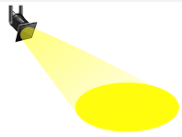
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ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

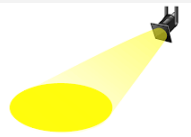
1st Place	Year 1	98.8 %
2nd Place	Year 5	97.0 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 6th December**, at 2.40pm.

Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Noah	For being an outstanding learner in all areas of the EYFS. Noah consistently tries his best and is making progress as a result.
Year 1	William	For putting 100% effort into every subject especially in phonics, learning our new split diagraphs u-e and e-e.
Year 2	Jack	For writing a well researched and informative factfile about the Wright brothers and the history of flight.
Year 3	Charlie D	For showing off great Stone age knowledge and asking thoughtful questions at Penlee Museum.
Year 4	Thomas Wa.	For excellent progress in all areas, reasoning in maths and comprehension especially impressive.
Year 5	Ben	For his concentration and engagement with learning and his ability to make us all smile with one of his many jokes.
Year 6	Courtney	For her positive attitude towards learning and for being an exceptionally helpful prefect at lunchtimes.
Writer of the week	Wesley Year 6	For independently using resources to help him to include fronted adverbials when writing a recount about our school trip.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Kerra Year 1	For always reading above her target every night and answering questions about The Gruffalo in our reading comprehension activity.
KS2 Reader of the week	Henry T. Year 4	Excellent progress in comprehension and consistently reading above his target.
Mathematician of the week	Aiden Year 3	For great work learning column subtraction with 3 digit numbers.
Performer of the week	Oliver Year 5	For his effort and determination to defeat the elements and complete the year 5 cross country at St Ives.
Citizen of the week	Tegen Year R	For always being willing to help the adults in Reception. Tegen is a kind and thoughtful member of our class.