

4th October 2019
Virtue of the week—Charity

## **HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE**

At the end of last week, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy held a very successful cream tea to welcome new and existing families to the new school year. We must say a huge thank you to the Friends for organising this new event and to all those who were able to join us. The total amount raised on the day was £128.91. The proceeds of the raffle will go towards Macmillan Cancer and the donations for the cream tea and the cake sale will go towards resources for the children.

Another busy and exciting week began with a visit on Tuesday from two of the Trustees from Aspire Academy Trust. They were given a tour of the school and outdoor area and spoke to some of the children in classes. Once again we were so proud of the behaviour of all the children.

Also on Tuesday we had the BAGS2SCHOOL collection. A big thankyou to all of you who donated your bags of clothes—we raised a total of £64 which will go towards resources for the children.

On Wednesday, year 5 attended Hayle Academy for an arts morning. The class was split into groups to attend different workshops. The children had a very enjoyable morning gaining some new skills.

Also on Wednesday, Year 2 had an exciting and informative morning exploring healthy relationships. Danny from Barnardo's came in to work with the children and through a range of activities including puppet shows, dance and art the children discussed and explored good relationships and how to promote them. The children were engaged, enthusiastic and gained in understanding.



Thursday was National Poetry Day. To celebrate, our English lessons across the school focused on different types of poetry. In class R and KS1, the children wrote acrostic poems about characters from their class book. In lower KS2, the children wrote Kennings poems about their dreams for the future, while in upper KS2 the focus was on analysing the structure and effect of 'The Dreamer' by Brian Moses. The children have produced some fantastic poetry—well done to everyone!

#### **Reminders**

Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th—Book Fayre—**Amended Dates**Tuesday 8th October—English Morning for parents—Yr R 9.15am—9.45am and Years 1—6, 9.15am to 10.30am.

Tuesday 15th October—Music Performances—1.15pm start and 6.00pm start
Wednesday 16th October—Music Performance—6.00pm start
Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October—Parent Consultations (Booking Sheets in the school office) Appointments available between 3.30pm and 6.20pm

#### Transfer to Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6 the window is now open to apply for their secondary school place.

### Information and guidance

Website and Application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY Telephone: 0300 1234 101

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31ST OCTOBER 2019

Mrs Eddy

## **ATTENDANCE**

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 5	98.3%



# **SHINE AWARDS**

Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 11th October**, 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	Jacob H	For making fantastic progress, particularly in phonics. Jacob always comes to school with a smile on his face ready to do his best.	
Year 1	Lola	For amazing maths. Counting backwards from 10 to 0 and writing each number correctly on the board.	
Year 2	Isobel	For always concentrating totally on her work, always trying her very best and showing resilience and perseverance when tackling new challenges.	
Year 3	Flora	For excellent effort in English and maths, always looking for more challenges.	
Year 4	Callum	For impressive writing using a variety of punctuation and super reasoning about addition and subtraction in maths.	
Year 5	Chelsey	For her determination and pride in her work.	
Year 6	Amarah	For her fantastic effort with her swimming this week. Amarah showed great determination and perseverance.	
Writer of the week	Leo VP Year 5	For his variety of sentence types in his Wing it story.	
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Sydney Year R	For reading with exceptional fluency and demonstrating brilliant comprehension when reading very tricky texts.	
KS2 Reader of the week	Lewis Year 6	For his excellent, thoughtful contributions to our reading comprehension lessons this week.	
Mathematician of the week	Archie Year 1	For filling in missing numbers on a number line in front of the whole class.	
Performer of the week	Harriet Year 3	For a super performance when teaching the class her creative actions for music night.	
Citizen of the week	Elodie Year 4	For always looking out for adults and children in year 4 and around the school. Elodie is a great support to us all.	