



Connor Downs Academy

8th March 2019

Virtue of the week— Integrity

Academy News

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

We have had an exciting week in the academy.

At the start of the week, Year 3 children and our Eco-warriors, visited the recycle centre at Bodmin. The children learnt about the vital importance of recycling to help preserve our planet. They saw first-hand how recycled goods are sorted and then reutilised in a variety of different ways. They then had the exciting challenge of designing their own product using purely recycled materials.



On Tuesday, we enjoyed an action packed Shakespeare workshop, delivered by Shakespeare today, focusing on the famous play; Hamlet. The children enjoyed receiving class drama workshops, learning how to bring the language and theatre of Shakespeare to life. The day culminated in a spectacular production with a range of our children taking part with great enthusiasm. Special thanks must go to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for funding this day, it was greatly appreciated by all. Ebony Y6 stated ***"It was a really interactive workshop and a fun way to learn about Shakespeare. It was really different to our usual lessons"***.

World Book Day was celebrated in style on Thursday with many children dressing as their favorite book characters. Thank you to parents/carers with your support with the costumes, the children looked amazing. During the day, children shared their own favorite book with their class mates and also other children in the academy. Much literary discussion and enjoyment was had by all. Thank you to parents/carers for your £1.00 donations on the day. Thank you also to our Friends of Connor Downs Academy for holding a World Book Day cake sale after school. The joint proceeds raised were £164 and this will be used to purchase new books for each class.

Thank you to Mr Kirkland for kindly coming into school this week to share his grandfather's experiences of WWII with our Year 6 children. The presentation delivered was very informative and interesting.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Nash and their local business HandyKam.com for their very kind donation of a bird box, complete with web cam. This is a fantastic addition to Cultivating Futures and we are all looking forward to seeing which family of birds take up residence in this super bird home! We will keep you updated.



A reminder that next week is Science week. On Tuesday 12th March, you are warmly invited to visit your child's/children's class for our science morning. Year R will be open from 9.15am to 9.45am. Years 1-6, will be open from 9.15am-10.30am. Do come along get involved if you are free.



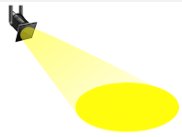
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ATTENDANCE

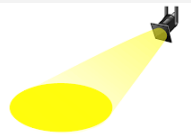
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 5	98.6 %
2nd Place	Year 3	98.4 %
3rd Place	Year 4	98 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 15th March**, 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	Ellawyn	For writing a brilliant story about mermaids using her phonic knowledge and the story opener 'Once upon a time'.
Year 1	Kian	For showing outstanding progress in his writing. Kian uses capital letters, fullstops and is now working hard on his spellings.
Year 2	Rhys	For excellent reading aloud with expression and improved comprehension skills demonstrating understanding across a range of genres.
Year 3	Oliver	For being a shining example of determination and resilience and winning a swimming gala.
Year 4	Tru	For always putting 100% effort into everything she does, especially in maths, solving tricky fraction problems.
Year 5	Tai	For always being a kind and considerate member of the class who tries his best in all subjects.
Year 6	Fred	For giving a fantastic presentation to the class about his great grandad's experiences during WWII.
Writer of the week	Lexie Year 2	For writing descriptively including new vocabulary and demonstrating spelling skill including common exception words.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Evie Year 1	For showing greater effort and enthusiasm towards reading and writing phase 5 words.
KS2 Reader of the week	Molly Year 3	For her super progress in her reading comprehension and AR quizzes.
Mathematician of the week	Tino Year R	For demonstrating a fantastic understanding of how to count in 10s and even recognising the place value of 10s and 1s in digit numbers.
Performer of the week	Ben Year 4	For an outstanding performance in our Shakespeare play—projecting his voice and acting out the part of Hamlet so well.
Citizen of the week	Niamh Year 5	For her excellent leadership skills when training other pupils on how to take care of the animals.