

8th November 2019 Virtue of the week—Compassion

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

We have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in Connor Downs Academy.

After completing their trial period, our Year 6 children were presented with their prefect badges in our special assembly on Monday. We are extremely proud of their responsible, mature attitude and the way in which they take care of the younger children. After a challenging application process, our Head Prefects were also announced. Head Boy is Rowan, our Head Girl is Niamh, our Deputy Head Boy is Lewis and our Deputy Head Girl is Amber. This is a great achievement and we were delighted to celebrate this with the children. Well done Year 6!

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, our year 3, 4 and 5 children enjoyed an afternoon learning about various religions including Hiduism and Sikhism with Daya. The children were able to role play addressing the Guru Granth Sahib in traditional Indian clothes and learned about the five Ks of Sikhism. Daya taught the Year 5 some Indian dance moves and the children made and shared a meal at the "langar" created in the class-





room.









On Wednesday, our footballers travelled to St John's for the first game of the league campaign. All eight players were fantastic, battling well in tough conditions to record a comprehensive 8–0 victory. A great start to the season.

Diary Dates

 Thursday 21st November—Discos - Years, R, 1 & 2—5.00pm—6.00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6—6.15pm—7.15pm. £1.50 entrance and refreshments available to purchase. Thursday 28th November—Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 3rd December—Maths Morning for parents—Year R—9.15am—9.45am and Years 1—6 inclusive—9.15am—10.30am.
Wednesday 11th December—EYFS & KS1 Christmas Performance—1.30pm 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

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

Mrs Eddy

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Remembrance Sunday

A reminder that on Sunday 10th November, there will be a remembrance service at Hayle War Memorial. The head prefects will lay a wreath on behalf of Connor Downs Academy. The student representatives will also attend. Thank you to parents for your support with this.



Children In Need

CHILDREN On Friday 15th November, children are invited to come to school dressed in Children in Need CHILDREN Clothing/Pudsey ears etc, or their own clothing, in return for a suggested £1 donation to raise money for Children in Need. Where possible, please can donations be made via ParentPay.

Times Tables Rockstars

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in competition next week that is part of Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2019 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Thanks for your support,

Mr Pascoe



Year R Welly Walk Fundraising

On Friday 18th October, year R held a sponsored welly walk around Tehidy Woods to raise funds for classroom resources. Even though it was a cold and wet day, the children had a huge amount of fun and behaved impeccably.

Mr Masters and Mrs Malyan would like to thank all the parents, carers family members and friends, who dug deep to sponsor the children. We would also like to say a big thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy who topped up the money raised with a £150 donation. The total funds raised including this amount, is in excess of £600, which is incredible.

With some of this money the early years team have been able to develop the block area and have on order, several maths resources.





ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 4	99.3%
2nd Place	Year 2	98.9%
3rd Place	Year 3	97.5%

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday15th November**, 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	Daniel	For demonstrating fantastic mathematical thinking and problem solving skills, using Reception's new block provision to construct detailed replicas of famous landmarks.
Year 1	Dari	For having a super week of learning especially in her phonics lessons, working hard with our new sounds.
Year 2	Масі	For retrieving and explaining relevant detail from non-fiction texts to demonstrate an understanding of character events
Year 3	Beth	For working hard on Maths challenges when adding ones to three digit numbers.
Year 4	George Go.	For significant improvements in all areas of his work. We are delighted by George's efforts with his presentation as well.
Year 5	Ellie R.	For the extra effort that she puts in to all of her subjects. Ellie always reaches her target and is eager for the next
Year 6	Esme	For demonstrating an excellent growth mindset and volunteering her ideas in every lesson.
Writer of the week	Alfie Year 1	For writing a wonderful Autumn poem, using a range of adjectives to describe Autumn words.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Ella Year R	For showing real enthusiasm towards her reading with Mr Masters and Mrs Malyan. Ella is working very hard to learn her sounds.
KS2 Reader of the week	Caleb Year 3	For super progress with reading. Caleb consistently reads every night, sometimes two books in the evening.
Mathematician of the week	Alara Year 6	For using a clear, methodical approach when finding equivalent fractions this week.
Performer of the week	Lana Year 4	For real effort and enthusiasm in all practical sessions, especially PE.
Citizen of the week	Oliver Year 5	For being so helpful and welcoming to Daya when she visited our academy.