



# Connor Downs Academy

25th January 2019

Virtue of the week— Peace

## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

### DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to announce that we have a defibrillator heart restarter device fitted to our external wall by the main reception. This is a wonderful asset for not only the school community but also the wider community of Connor Downs. Special thanks must go to the Gwinear Gwithian Parish Council and the Ronnie Richards Memorial Fund for their generous donations towards the defibrillator. Also special thanks must go to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for organising a series of successful fundraising events to support this. Thank you to everyone involved for supporting the fund raising.

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Our aim is to help children and young people to grow healthily, safely and responsibly. All children in year R, 1 and 2 are offered a piece of fruit or vegetables at morning break. The children enjoy this healthy snack. If your child/children like to bring their own snack with them to school for breaktime, please can we kindly remind parents/carers that only fresh fruit is permitted. Thank you for your support with this.



### YEAR 5 VISIT

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Hayle Community School for a STEM workshop. The children enjoyed a myriad of activities including a murderous maths investigation, making different colours using Bunsen burners, batik and food technology to name but a few.



### SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

On Thursday, the whole school community had the exciting opportunity to work with Shawn Brown; engineer, presenter and inventor from Kidsinventstuff.com. Shawn launched the day with a whole school assembly focusing on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) and then worked with each class to inspire and engage them through inviting them to design a mode of personal transport.



### STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Ridge, our teaching assistant who supports Year 3, will be taking some time off school for some medical treatment, as of next week. I am delighted to inform you that Ms Reed, our teaching assistant who is returning after maternity leave, will be working in Year 3 from next Friday onwards.

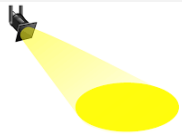
Mrs Eddy

## ATTENDANCE

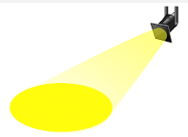
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	99 %
2nd Place	Year 1	97 %

# SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 1st February** 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	Corey	For impressing Mr Masters with a fantastic piece of independent writing. Corey used his phonic knowledge to label images taken from our current focus story.
Year 1	Finley	For fantastic spellings when writing in sentences independently about penguins.
Year 2	Charlie M	For an excellent growth mindset across the curriculum with impressive progress.
Year 3	Heidi	For great progress with independence skills in reading comprehension and maths reasoning challenges.
Year 4	Amber	For an amazing growth mindset in her maths work. Practising her times tables which has resulted in her achieving full marks in her test.
Year 5	Kian	For his ability to achieve in all subjects and the desire to reach the next challenge.
Year 6	Sophie	For her positive, hardworking attitude and her considerate nature evident in everything she does.
Writer of the week	Alfie Year R	For making amazing progress in his writing. Alfie's confidence with his phonics has grown massively since September and this has had a very positive impact on his written work.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Logan Year 1	For showing fantastic effort and enthusiasm during phonics. Logan is now reading and writing a range of phase 5 words.
KS2 Reader of the week	Lola-Mae Year 3	For great progress in reading using great vocabulary to answer. Always putting in the effort to read every night above her target.
Mathematician of the week	Berran Year 2	For skills mastery when drawing and interpreting tally charts and pictograms.
Performer of the week	Ben Year 4	For an incredible invention on our science day with Shawn Brown and explaining in detail how his transport would work.
Citizen of the week	Jake M Year 5	For being such a positive role model to the YR children when he visits the year R classroom.