



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

What a busy and exciting week we have had here in our academy.

This week we were visited by Daya who leads workshops focussing on different religions and cultures. Daya worked with our year 3, 4 and 5 children. Please see the following page for more information and photographs from her visit.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our English morning on Wednesday this week. It was lovely to see children working with parents and carers. Thank you for your positive comments.

Also on Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Robert Mitchell to Connor Downs to work with all of our children. Each and every child completed a circuit alongside Robert and he led an assembly where he illustrated the importance of well-being and the steps it takes to become a professional sports person. We also witnessed him jump some of our gymnastic equipment. Robert was a great inspiration throughout and we were delighted to work alongside him. We hope that this inspires our children to take up a new sport. Thank you for all the contributions that we received and thank you to the children for their efforts on the afternoon, we raised a fantastic £396.20 towards sports provision.

This term our children have been exploring cultivating futures, digging up a variety of vegetables, picking tomatoes and finding out the importance of plants in our diet. The children have also been preparing our planters, sowing new seeds and investigating what material different seeds prefer to grow in.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your support with our bake sale and coffee morning last week we raised an amazing £79.60 for MacMillan Cancer Support .



Mrs Palmer our SENDCo, will be holding a Coffee and Cake session next week on Wednesday 10th October 2.15pm—3.05pm. Mrs Palmer will be available throughout the session for any questions you may have and will also have information relating to autism. If you have an interest in autism, and want to know more please do come along.

Parents Consultation appointments will be held on Tuesday 16th October and Wednesday 17th October, from 3.30pm till 6.20pm. Booking sheets will be available in the school office from Monday next week until Friday to allow you to book an appointment with your child/children's teacher.

Finally, can we please ask that parent/carers drive carefully and thoughtfully when dropping off and collecting children. We realise it is a very busy time both before and after school but it is vital that the safety of the children comes first. Thank you for your support in this.

Mrs Eddy



VISIT FROM DAYA

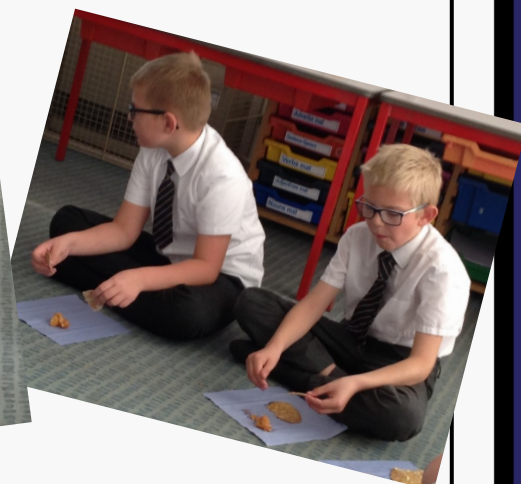
This week we had the pleasure of a visit from Daya, the children were fascinated to learn more about Hinduism in year 3, Islam in year 4 and Sikhism in year 5.

Zach - "I liked working with Daya because she taught me about Islam and how to make chappatis. I learnt that you do not use knives and forks to eat your food, you use the chappati."

Emy - "I enjoyed the dancing and dressing up in beautiful clothes."

Leo - "I learnt all about Daya's culture, I now know that she wears different clothes to me, has lovely jewellery and she eats different foods, like vegetable curry."

Thank you to Daya for such a wonderful three afternoons teaching year 3, 4 and 5.

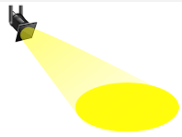


ATTENDANCE

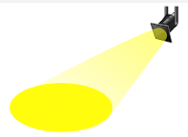
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	99 %
2nd Place	Year 2	97 %
3rd Place	Year 3	96 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 12th 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	Logan	For settling into school routines so well and forming positive relationships with his peers.
Year 1	Jack	For showing great enthusiasm and interest during our Autumn topic. Jack produced detailed sentences using key words.
Year 2	Beth	For the pride you are taking in your work and the increasing skills you are applying across the curriculum.
Year 3	George Go	For excellent behaviour for learning in all lessons. Brilliant work in English writing using great vocabulary.
Year 4	Leo VP	For settling in so well in school and using adventurous and rich vocabulary in his writing.
Year 5	Wesley	For increased effort in all areas. Wesley has worked really hard this week especially on his spellings.
Year 6	Jamiee	For improved effort with her writing and for stepping out of her comfort zone by swimming 25m this week - a fantastic achievement!
Writer of the week	Sid Year 4	For writing an amazing innovation of a fairy tale, using a range of fantastic vocabulary choices.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Lily-Mae Year 1	For her reading and understanding some tricky words during our Autumn topic work.
KS2 Reader of the week	Jake D Year 5	For putting extra effort in to his reading at home resulting in increased scores on his AR quizzes. Keep it up Jake!
Mathematician of the week	Sophie Year 6	For persevering with a difficult maths problem—Sophie would not give up until she had solved it.
Performer of the week	Oscar Year 2	For his enthusiasm in outdoor learning lessons, giving it a go by presenting a weather forecast and singing while making a mini garden outside and getting others to join in.
Citizen of the week	Thomas Year 3	For always being such a happy, kind member of our school community. Thomas is always looking out for the other children at lunchtimes, taking care of his peers.