



Connor Downs Academy

18th October 2019

Virtue of the week—Determination

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



The final week of this half term has seen our annual music performances take place. This year the theme was the 1990's and each class performed a selection of songs from the decade. We are so proud of all the children and their performances. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers that came to watch and for all their support with helping the children learn the songs and for



providing the costumes. We would also like to extend a huge thank you



to the Boundless Brothers who accompanied our year 4 performance on Wednesday night, along with performing some of their own material. We really hope that this has inspired some of our children with a love of music.



Cauliflower Cards

As on previous occasions, we will be taking part in the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Card project. Every child is currently working on their own design which can be printed on to cards, mugs and many other items. Each order will raise funds for the school, so please look out for your child/children's artwork which will be sent home after half term. Orders can be placed on line. Further details and the link to the website will be shared after half term.

We would like to remind parents of our parent consultations that are being held on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October. All appointments have been written in your child/children's home/school link book for your ease of reference. We look forward to seeing you at these appointments.

I would like to wish you all a very happy half term and hope that the weather is kind. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 28th October 2019.

Academy News



After a very busy week, year 5 enjoyed their visit to the Minack Theatre as part of their topic studying the Titanic. The children were able to see backstage and learn about the history of the theatre. Working in small groups, the children then wrote, rehearsed and performed a play based on their knowledge of the Titanic. We would like to thank Mr freestone and Mrs Brigden for volunteering their time to support our visit.



Mathletics and TT Rockstars

Please note, during the half term holiday, both Mathletics and TT Rockstars will be available should your child/children wish to access it at any time. Please see the inside cover of your child/children's home/school link book for login details.

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

Diary Dates

Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October—HALF TERM

Monday 28th October—First day back after half term

Monday 28th October—Year 5 1st week of swimming

Tuesday 29th October—Parent Consultations (appointments between 3.30pm and 6.20pm)

Wednesday 30th October—Parent Consultations (appointments between 3.30pm and 6.20pm)

Thursday 21st November—Friends of Connor Downs Disco's—years R, 1 and 2—5.00pm—6.00pm and years 3, 4, 5 and 6—6.15pm—7.15pm. £1.50 entrance, payable on the door and refreshments available to purchase.

Thursday 28th November—Flu Immunisations (more details to follow)

Monday 2nd December—Year 4 1st week of swimming

Monday 2nd December—Last day for homework grid tasks to be brought into school

Tuesday 3rd December—Maths morning for parents—year R—9.15am—9.45am and years 1—6, 9.15am—10.30am.

Thursday 5th December—Homework Grid tasks displayed in the school hall for parents/carers to view—3.15pm—4.15pm.

Wednesday 11th December—year R and KS 1—Christmas Performance—1.30pm

Thursday 12th December—year R and KS 1—Christmas Performance—5.00pm

Friday 13th December—Christmas Fayre—3.30pm

Tuesday 17th December—KS2 Carol Service—Phillack Church - 1.45pm

Tuesday 17th December—year R and KS1 Christingle—Phillack Church—5.00pm

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December—Christmas parties

Friday 20th December—**Last day of term—2pm finish**

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January 2020—**Christmas Holidays**

Monday 6th January 2020—**First day of Spring Term**

Monday 6th January 2020—Year 4—week 4 of swimming

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	98.0%

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 1st 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	Ruan	For truly 'shining' during Reception's music performances. Ruan's confidence has improved massively since joining Connor Downs Academy.
Year 1	Seth	For always putting 100% in to every subject, especially in English comprehension, answering questions about Sunflowers.
Year 2	Cooper	For the pride you take in your work and the increasing skills you are applying across the curriculum.
Year 3	Jude	For being a great role model, always working hard to complete his maths and English challenges.
Year 4	Beth	For an amazing recount with a variety of literary features and great contributions to all lessons.
Year 5	Leo W	For a great performance at the music events and being a superb captain of the Titanic at the Minack Theatre,
Year 6	Tai	For excellent effort and concentration in all areas of his learning. Keep it up, Tai!
Writer of the week	Charlie Year R	For being a confident and enthusiastic writer. Charlie consistently produces written work of an outstanding quality.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Isla Year 1	Amazing reading every night which has resulted in her moving from red band to yellow.
KS2 Reader of the week	Orla Year 3	For being a great role model in reading for pleasure above and beyond her target consistently.
Mathematician of the week	Daniel Year 6	For concentrating hard and using a methodical approach to solve multiplication problems.
Performer of the week	Leon Year 4	For superb enthusiasm and effort during our music performances. Leon was a great role model.
Citizen of the week	Alice Year 5	For regularly using her own initiative to collect litter from the Cultivating Futures area and keeping our environment inviting for everyone.