



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

WAMPA

We are delighted to announce that we have a new addition to our animal family at Connor Downs Academy. 'Wampa,' a beautiful grey rescue rabbit has been homed alongside Cherry after a successful bonding period over Christmas. The children have been excited to learn all about Wampa and how to care for him. Please see the attached photographs!

It may be winter, however our children have been outside this week developing their gardening skills applying garden tool safety and preparing planters for the spring. They have also been recording the weather and the many bird species who visit our grounds.

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to our football team who beat Troon 4—1 away. We are very proud of you all.

ROAD CLOSURE

We would like to notify parents/carers that Cormac have advised us of road closures throughout Connor Downs between 21st January and 25th January and again between 28th January Wednesday and 30th January. From our understanding, there will be no through access during the closure from 9.30am to 4.30pm each day. First buses have stated that buses will not be able to serve the stops at Horsepool, Greenbank/Tresdale Parc, Turnpike and Mutton Hill during the times of this road closure. Please see www.Firstgroup.com for information regarding changes to the local bus services during this time. In light of this information, please could we suggest that you allow extra time for your journey to and from school. Many thanks for your support with this.

PARKING

Please can we remind parents and carers that when dropping off and collecting your child/children from school, to be considerate to our local residents. Please do not block driveways or cause any obstructions.

INTERNET SAFETY

You may have seen recent reports on social media regarding risks associated with children talking to strangers when playing Fortnite. Fortnite is 12+ rated game and therefore it is advised that children of primary age should not have access to it. However, if you do allow your child to play Fortnite, it is important that you understand the risks that they face and have the information needed to help your child stay safe. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/fortniteadvice> to read the **Fortnite: all you need to know guide**.

Mrs Eddy



YEAR 5

In year 5, the children are having fun, studying the Ancient Greeks. They are learning about the achievements of Greek civilisation and their influence on the modern world. The children have also been studying Greek art and culture. They used their observational skills to design, make and evaluate their very own Ancient Greek pots. The children were delighted with their finished products which are currently on display in the year 5 classroom.



WILD CHALLENGE PROGRAMME

We are very proud to announce our exciting news, regarding our involvement with the 'Wild Challenge' Programme. As a result of the hard work of our outdoor learning lead Mr Costello and Miss Pedley along with the contributions of the children, we are proud to have been awarded the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Bronze award for giving nature a home.



HOMWORK GRIDS

Do you want to support your child's learning by working with them to complete fun topic-based activities at home?

We hope you will enjoy discussing the new **homework grid** which will be going home next Wednesday. **These grids are full of fun ideas for children and their parents or other family members to try at home.**

The activities are entirely optional although we hope lots of children and families will take part!

On the grids, one or two boxes will have the title: **WILD CARD FREE CHOICE!** We hope this will encourage children to think up their own ideas.

Children can choose how many activities they try – they can try one or many. For children who like to respond to a challenge, they can work towards achieving a bronze, silver or gold award.

Each time your child completes an activity at home they can bring it in to show their teacher. If they wish they can have the opportunity to share their task with others in their class.

Items will be displayed so the children's achievements can also be shared with and celebrated by others at school and with Parents and Carers.

The closing date for all completed activities to be brought in is **Friday 22nd March 2019.**

We warmly invite **Parents and Carers** to join us in celebrating the fantastic tasks children and their families have enjoyed creating on **Thursday 28th March 2019 from 3.15 – 4.30pm.**

We hope parents, family members and children enjoy completing the tasks!



ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 5	98 %
2nd Place	Year 1	97 %
3rd Place	Year 3	96.5 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 25th January**, 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	Senara	For her consistently outstanding attitude towards her learning. Senara has produced work of an exemplary standard in both phonics and maths this week.
Year 1	Ashton	For fantastic understanding of tens and ones when counting to 50.
Year 2	Holly	For being an enthusiastic writer and applying new grammar skills and vocabulary to enhance her stories.
Year 3	Beth	For making outstanding progress in Maths and English by always looking to challenge her learning.
Year 4	Noah B	For setting in so well to school and putting 100% effort into all his subjects.
Year 5	Hayden	For being such a kind and considerate member of the class who always delivers great work.
Year 6	Skye	For making an extra effort to concentrate resulting in improved understanding in reading and maths activities.
Writer of the week	Sebby Year 3	For using great technical vocabulary when explaining how volcanoes erupt.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Riley Year 2	For developing a love of reading, reaching targets and demonstrating a secure understanding.
KS2 Reader of the week	Denasia Year 6	For reading her target more often resulting in an improved AR score.
Mathematician of the week	Annabelle Year 4	For brilliant focus in her maths lessons when multiplying two digit numbers by one digit numbers.
Performer of the week	Cooper Year 1	For always performing at a high standard with all P.E activities. Cooper works well as part of a team.
Citizen of the week	Abigail Year 5	For her support of children in YR during her visits and being a great friend to all the children who travel in her taxi.