

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting week in our Academy.

Author Visit



On Monday, Years 2, 3 and 4 were fortunate to be visited by the author Julie Sykes and the illustrator Katy Riddell. They were joined by Heather from the Stories by the Sea bookstore in St Ives.

The children were told about the process of writing and illustrating the book 'Woodland Magic: Fox Club Rescue'.

Katy showed the children how to draw their own fox and Julie asked for volunteers to plant wildflower seeds. These seeds are now in the classrooms where they will be looked after until they are ready to be planted outside.



We would like to thank Heather, Julie and Katy for their visit and for sharing their new book with us.



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Healthy Body, Healthy Mind



On Wednesday afternoon Year 2 we're learning about keeping their bodies healthy and exercise. They joined the children from Reception class on the field where they taught the younger children some of the exercises that they could do each day to stay healthy.



Cornish Pirates – Bradfords Community Cup

Children from Year 5 and Year 6 were invited to represent our school at the inaugural Cornish Pirates – Bradfords Community Cup which was held at the Mennaye Field on Wednesday. The cup brought



together some 200 children from primary schools around West Cornwall to participate in a festival of rugby with each team coached by its very own Cornish Pirates player on the day. We were lucky enough to have fly half and super coach Harry Bazalgette on our team. The children had the honour of playing several games on the first team pitch and got to meet many of the players. As the tournament progressed, the children developed their passing, running skills and teamwork. Each player received a t-shirt (signed) and a medal to remind them of this special day.



Our Rugby Team Needs You!

Following the festival this week, the Cornish Pirates are offering the 2 school teams with the most likes on their Facebook page the opportunity to win a day they will never forget. To help us to be in with a chance, please use the link below to support Connor Downs team.

<https://www.facebook.com/BradfordsBuild/photos/pcb.5412586915442409/5412454025455698/>

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Year 4 – Bodmin Recycling Visit

On Thursday, Year 4 had an amazing opportunity to visit the Bodmin Materials and Recycling Facility. They began the afternoon by participating in a zero-waste lunchbox challenge. They then had a tour of the facilities, showing our children the procedures involved in the recycling process. They watched the vehicles unloading the different materials and watched how this was separated and processed. They learnt about the importance of reduce, reuse and recycle through interactive activities. and completed an upcycling activity and recycling game.

KS1 Multiskills – County Finals



On Thursday this week, children from Year 1 and Year 2 qualified for the county final at Newquay Sports Centre as part of the Cornwall School Games.

The children competed against 6 other schools from across Cornwall in a variety of activities. They displayed the Games values of **Passion,**

Teamwork, Determination, Honesty, Respect and Self Belief throughout the competition.



The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were delighted to meet "Choughy" the mascot of the Games.

At the end of the day, after all the points had been awarded, we were delighted to have won Silver medals. We are so proud of all their achievements which they were able to share with the rest of our Academy in our Shine Assembly, where they were invited to wear their Cornwall School Games T-shirts and medals to celebrate their achievement with the whole school.



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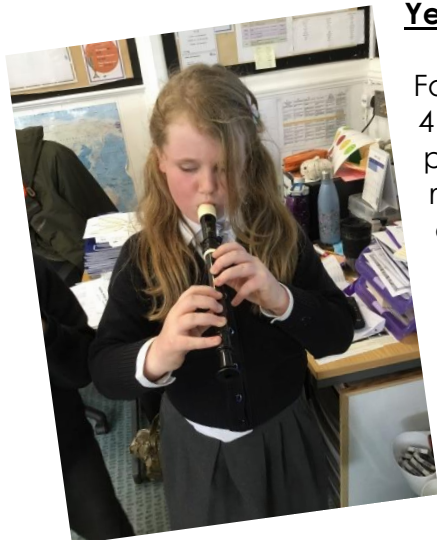
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Year 4 Science

For the final part of our science lessons, Year 4 investigated how to create high and low pitched notes. They used xylophones, recorders and bottles containing a small amount of water and a large amount of water.



Name The Easter Bunny!

Today in our Shine Assembly, Mrs Eddy and the Year 6 prefects, introduced our Easter Bunny to the whole school. Our bunny is looking for a name and a home!

Next week, between Monday and Friday morning, children are invited to bring in £1 to guess the name of the bunny. A board with the list of names will be held by Mrs Gallagher and the children can come and guess the name of the bunny. Your child can have as many guesses as they like but each guess is £1.

The name of the bunny will be drawn in our final assembly of term next Friday and the winner will get to take the bunny home!

Good luck to each and every one of our children.

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End of Term

A reminder to all parents/carers than next Friday, 8th April is the final day of term. We will be finishing at **2:00pm** on this day, so please ensure your child/children is/are collected at this earlier time.

Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between Monday 9th May and Thursday 12th May. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

Staffing update

After several rewarding years at Connor Downs Academy, Mr Masters is moving on to pastures new.

Mr Masters has shared the following message for the Connor Downs Academy community:

Since joining Connor Downs Academy in 2018, I have worked alongside many children, families and staff, all of whom have made my time teaching here very special.

When I look back on each class I have worked with during my time at Connor Downs, I feel truly privileged to have taught such inspiring children. I know that their futures will be bright and full of endless possibilities.

Thank you all for welcoming me so warmly into the Connor Downs Academy community.

Mr Masters

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Mr Masters for his contributions during his time at Connor Downs Academy and to wish him all the best for his future.

Whilst the recruitment process is underway to source a substantive EYFS teacher, I am pleased to share with you that remaining in EYFS will be Mrs Bartaby. This will provide consistency and continuity for the children.

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Aspire UNICEF UK/Ukraine Appeal

FINAL WEEK - A reminder for anyone who has not yet donated, but wishes to, the Trust have set up a central Aspire JustGiving page which is now live and will remain live until the end of the spring term – Friday 8th April.

www.justgiving.com/aspire-ukraine

Remain Alert: Covid-19

Cases of COVID-19 in Cornwall are very high compared to the national average. We ask all parents/carers to please continue to act responsibly and follow the guidance. For more information, please use the link below to access the Aspire Academy Trust's Coronavirus (Covid-19) information page.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

JOB ALERT! If you are multi-skilled, have a 'can do' attitude and are looking for a new challenge, then the Aspire Academy Trust is currently recruiting **SITE MANAGERS** across the Trust. Aspire is a family-friendly employer and offers a competitive salary and clear career progression paths. Full or part time positions are available, and apprenticeships will also be considered.

For an informal chat about the roles available, or to arrange a visit to an Aspire academy, please contact the Estates Manager Alastair on 07769 200049 or Estates Administrator Natasha on 07759 851076. Alternatively, send an email to alastair.sneddon@iaspire.net.



Job Alert
Site Managers

"Working together to maintain and improve our estate, providing environments where children thrive and learning flourishes"

[Get in touch today!](#)



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After School Club – New Independent Club

During the next two weeks, we will be sending out information about the school led afterschool clubs available for the summer term. In advance of this, we are delighted to be able to share with parents/carers an



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amazing opportunity to attend a French after school club. This club is run by an external teacher but will be held in school on a Thursday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It is open to children from Years 2 – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through their website. Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.

Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

Bonjour!



Sign up now to a NEW after school club at Connor Downs Academy!

My name is **Vicky** and I teach French in a fun and engaging way!

My French sessions consist of:

- ♦ Singing songs
- ♦ Playing games
- ♦ Following actions
- ♦ Role play

If you would be interested in your child taking part in a French club, please book your space here: www.kidslingo.co.uk



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Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	99.1 %
2 nd Place	Year 5	99.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	96.9 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Bruce

For his helpful, caring and hardworking attitude in Reception this week. Bruce also produced fantastic writing from the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Well done Bruce!

Year 1 – Colby

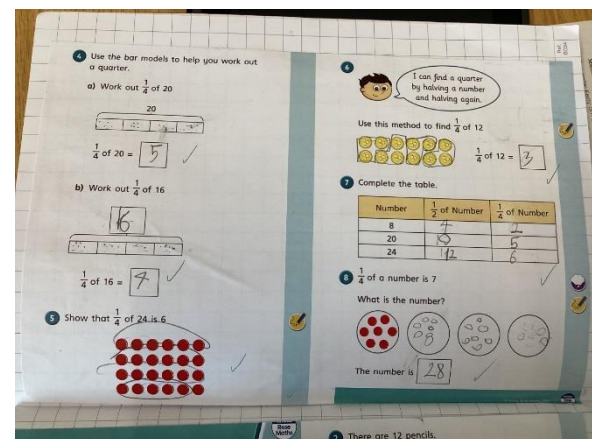
For his amazing resilience and effort during assessment week. Colby has really showed his skills in all subjects and made amazing progress especially in reading. Well done Colby!

Year 2 – Noah

For his fantastic maths focus this week when working out halves and quarters. Even when finding it tricky, Noah never gave up. Well done Noah!

Year 3 – Kerra

For excellent attitude to her learning giving 100 % effort in maths and English and explaining how she found the answers. Well done Kerra!



Year 4 – Violet

For working hard in all lessons to understand and complete tasks set. Well done Violet!

Year 5 – Isla

For her courage and enthusiasm to represent the school at the Pirates Rugby Festival. Well done Isla!

Year 6 – Heidi

For putting lots of detail into her story writing and creating tricky maths problems for her teacher to solve using ratio! Well Done Heidi!

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Writer – Henry (Year 2)

For his amazing comprehension on the Easter story. Henry answered all of the questions independently before we had even answered them as a class!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Amelia (Year 1)

For her amazing results during assessment week on our reading paper and phonics screening. Amelia has also made great progress completing our phonics reading books and is now reading books from the school library.

KS2 Reader – Riley (Year 5)

For the improvement in recording his reading regularly in his new sharer book.

Mathematician – Lenny (Year 4)

For always beginning his maths work with enthusiasm and completing mastery strips in every lesson.

Performer – Henry J (Year 6)

For the best pass of the day at the Pirates rugby festival.

Citizen – Dari (Year 3)

For helping to console a Year R child during lunchtime play when they were being given First Aid. Dari was a calming influence who supported the lunchtime staff completely spontaneously. Thankyou Dari!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School