

Friday 11th February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in our academy.

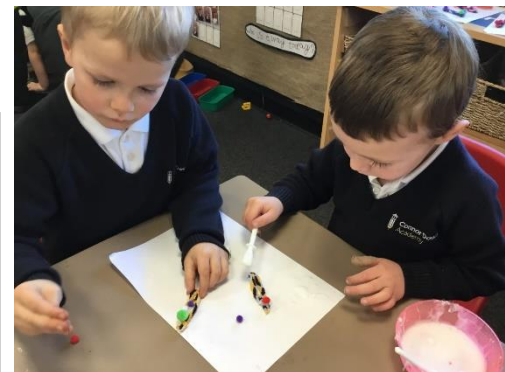
Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme, **Growing Together**, is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.

In Reception class this week the children have been discussing their different feelings and emotions. They talked about how they can help themselves and others if they have worries. They listened to a story and also had lots of fun making worry worms.



I'm your little worry worm. Keep me close, keep me near. When a worry pops in your head, hold me tight and whisper in my ear. I will try to take away your worry, so you have nothing left to fear!



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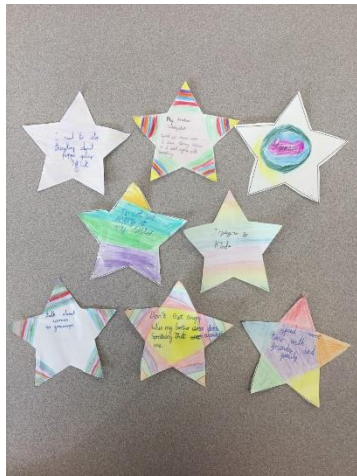
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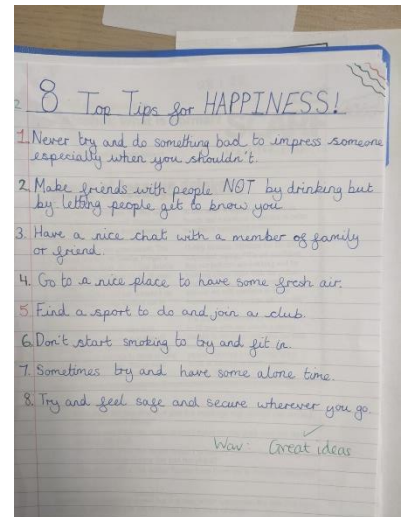
Year 3 have been thinking and sharing ideas about different emotions. All the children really enjoyed learning how to make worry boxes to help them overcome their worries.

The children have been listening to calm music by Bach while drawing mindful doodles in their sketchbooks.



As part of mental health week, Year 4 talked about this year's focus 'Growing Together' and then listened to 'Reach' by S Club 7. After that, the children all wrote an emotional goal on a star and decorated it. We talked about taking small steps to reach your goal and we will revisit our goals in a few weeks time.

The children in Year 6 made posters of the 8 ways to find happiness.



Year 5/6 Football Festival at Hayle Academy

On Wednesday 24 children from Connor Downs represented our school at the Hayle Academy football festival. In a round robin tournament the teams competed against teams from St. Erth and Bodriggy in a fiercely competitive but sporting competition. The children had fun and were a credit to our school. Our travelling fans provided great support and we would like to thank Mrs

James for managing Connor Downs 1. We were delighted when Connor Downs 3 were announced as shared winners on points with St. Erth. Thank you to Hayle Academy for arranging the fixtures.



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Year 1 – 'To The Rescue'



This week in year 1 linking to our topic 'To The Rescue' we had some special visitors from the RNLI. During the session we learnt what RNLI stands for, what the flag looks like and that the Queen is in charge of the RNLI. We also learnt about the different flags and what they mean when visiting the beach. We then reenacted a rescue scenario. We had children that needed rescuing, lifeguards, a swimmer and rescuers on

the boat. For the final part of the session we all got to wear a life jacket and helmet and go on the rescue boat. It was a great visit and fun was had by all, a special thank you to Mr Shilston for arranging this.



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Year 3 – Volcanoes

Year 3 have had a brilliant week building a volcano model as part of their learning in Design Technology and Geography.

The final Science lesson caused great excitement as the children used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create volcanic eruptions.



Year 5 – Great Fire of London

Year 5 invited Year 2 to watch their reconstruction of the Great Fire of London. The fire started off in the bakery and the children watched it spread from house to house along their "Pudding Lane". In the classroom, the children linked this to how the fire spread in 1666. In a link with science, the children investigated the fire triangle and discussed the rules of fire safety.



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Year 6 – Fabulous Fossils

This week, Year 6 have created some beautiful prints of fossils. Firstly, they created some line studies in their sketchbooks and then chose their final design. The end result looks amazing!

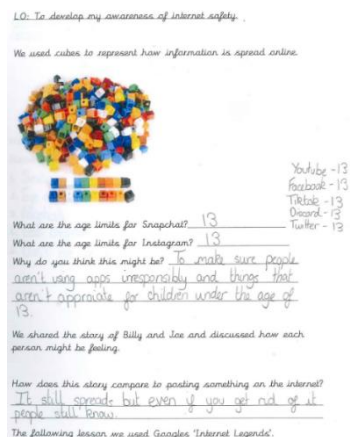


Safer Internet Day 2022 | Tuesday
8 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org



Year 6

The children in year 6 watched a video produced for the NSPCC as part of their 'Share Aware' campaign. The video, using animation that combines a light humorous touch while conveying a serious message focussed on the importance of not sharing information or pictures on the internet that are not appropriate. It depicts two boys messing around with smartphones and sending an inappropriate picture to a friend on a picture sharing app that automatically deletes the photo within a few seconds. It shows just how easily this can be be shared around with people that are complete strangers.



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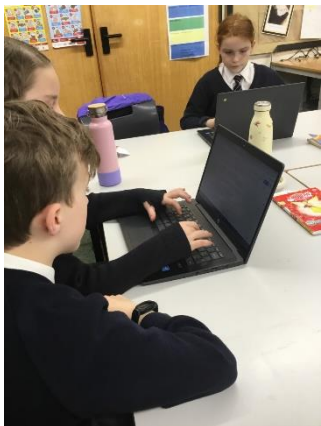
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Year 5

As part of the SCARF PHSE programme, the children in Year 5 discussed the similarities and differences between bullying and cyber bullying and recorded their answers on a Venn diagram. The children also discussed several scenarios and decided whether the case study was bullying and what action should be taken

Year 4

In Year 4, we celebrated Safer Internet Day by watching the virtual assembly and answering the quiz questions. This built on work we did in the Autumn Term where we were thinking about being respectful online.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

A reminder that The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are holding their disco next Thursday, 17th February 2022, subject to any last minute restrictions due to any increase in covid cases.

**Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm
and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.**

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.

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Bags To School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for later this term. To be COVID secure, please could we ask for any clothes to be put into black bin liners – we will not be handing out bags as on previous occasions. Please **do not** bring your bags to school **until Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th March July 2022** as we will not be able to accept them. A member of the Friends committee will be on site on these mornings to accept the bags in the playground at morning drop off. The bags will then be quarantined to be collected on Thursday 17th March 2022. We are unable to accept any bags after Tuesday 15th March.



Drop off/pick up procedures:

With the current increase in Covid-19 cases within the Connor Downs community, we politely ask that you continue to socially distance and **wear a mask at the gates and on site**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Aspire Covid-19 Information Page

For up-to-date guidance, parents/carers should refer to the Aspire web page using the link below

<https://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

Aspens staffing and possible short notice changes to normal meal provisions

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Ownership

Aspens, our catering provider has been hit, like many businesses by staff levels due to Covid which includes their cover team. If staff are not available for a school, a critical service is implemented. This means a delivery of food from nearby secondary or other primary schools in the form of cold sandwiches. Currently Connor Downs are not affected, but it is important that parents/carers are aware that this situation may change quite suddenly. This will of course be communicated with parents/carers at once so that you have the option to provide your child with a packed lunch from home.

We thank you all for your support and understanding in these still uncertain times.

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Connor Downs Academy & St Uny Academy – Site Manager Vacancy

TYPE OF POSITION:	Site Manager
SUBJECT:	Support
SALARY:	Grade G - Annual salary range £19,239 - £24,400
START DATE:	ASAP
CLOSING DATE:	21st February 2022 at 9am

Working together to maintain and improve our estate and provide an environment where children will thrive and learning will flourish.

The Premises Team, sitting within the Core Service Team, is responsible for ensuring that our buildings are fully operational, legally compliant and excellent learning environments. You will be joining a highly skilled and professional team.

This Site Manager role will be responsible for Connor Downs Academy and St Uny Academy but as part of the Premises Team may be required to carry out duties in nearby schools. *For more information contact Alastair on 07769 200049*

The role will be both challenging and rewarding. It is essential that you hold a full driving licence due to the demands of the role. The role is permanent and all year round for 37 hours per week.

Working for Aspire comes complete with a wealth of employee benefits including a salary linked pension, HR friendly policies, eye scheme, access to a company van and a comprehensive employee wellbeing programme.

The proposed interview date is 25th February 2022

Completed application forms can be emailed to jobs@aspireacademytrust.org or returned via post to:

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Half Term

A reminder that School finishes for the half term break, on Thursday 17th February 2022 at the normal time of 3:15pm and we return on Monday 28th February 2022.

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February Half Term Holiday Camps – Cornwall Cricket



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM CRICKET CAMPS

GRAY-NICOLLS
ALL PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE 20% OFF GRAY-NICOLLS ONLINE SHOP & CORNWALL CRICKET CERTIFICATE

BOOK YOUR PLACE
[HTTPS://CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK/JUNIOR-CRICKET/HOLIDAY-CAMPS.HTML](https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html)
OR SEARCH CORNWALL CRICKET HOLIDAY CAMPS

Win one of two Gray-Nicolls bats by simply attending Cornwall Cricket holiday camps between now and summer 2022. You'll be automatically entered for each time you participate. Draw to be made August 2022.

WIN A BAT

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Age Group	Activity	Cost
Feb 21	10-3pm	Y1-Y5 (5-9)	1 day softball, Engagement into cricket	£15 Per day
Feb 22	10-3pm	Y4-Y8 (8-12)	Hard ball Camp	£20 Per day
Feb 23	10-2pm	ALL AGES (W&G)	Cricket fun day	£10 Per day
Feb 24	10-3pm	Y1-Y5 (5-9)	1 day softball, Engagement into cricket	£15 Per day
Feb 25	10-3pm	Y4-Y8 (8-12)	Hard ball camp	£20 Per day

Softball equipment provided

BOOKING QUERIES CONTACT
admin@cornwallcricket.co.uk

WWW.CORNWALLCRICKET.CO.UK

Cornwall Cricket are offering Cricket Camps over the February half term. These camps will help children keep active, meet new friends and have lots of fun learning and developing new skills. If you would like your child/children to access this amazing opportunity, please use the link below to book a place. Places are filling fast so act now to avoid disappointment.

Book here:

[Holiday Camps | Cornwall Cricket](https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/holiday-camps.html)

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	98.4 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 5	97.6 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 2	97.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	97.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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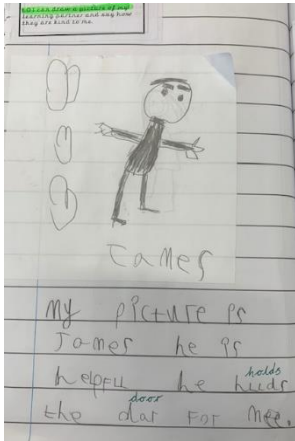
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Year R – Daisy

Daisy is enthusiastic and hardworking every day. She approaches all activities with a smile and a positive attitude. Daisy has also made huge improvements during Bikeability.

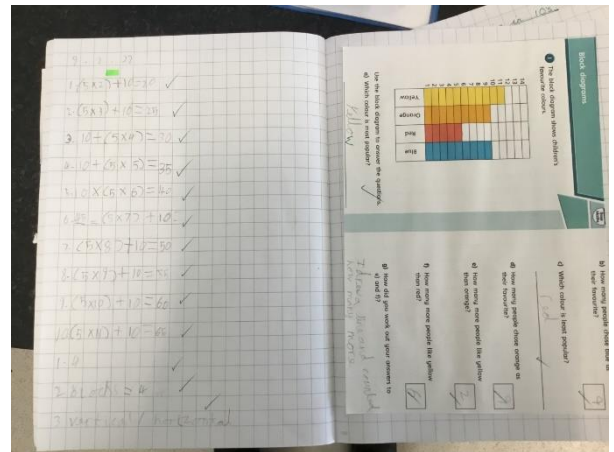


Year 1 – Harriet

For her fantastic effort and ideas during our SCARF lessons. Harriet is a great role model to her friends, is very kind, caring and helpful.

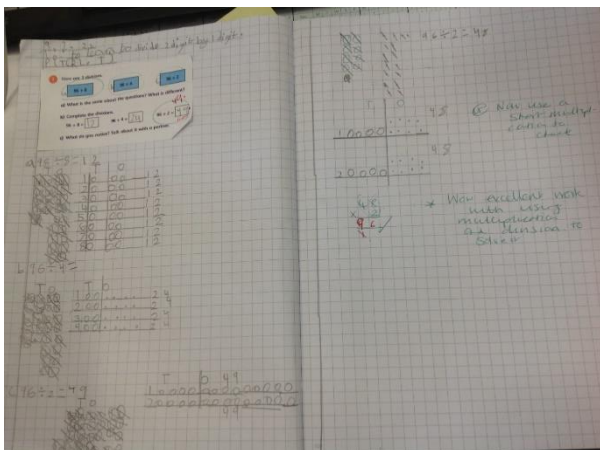
Year 2 – Jacob M

For excellent maths reasoning and problem solving during our unit on statistics.



Year 3 – Amara

For super independent work in maths. Amara showed confidence using a place value grid to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number.



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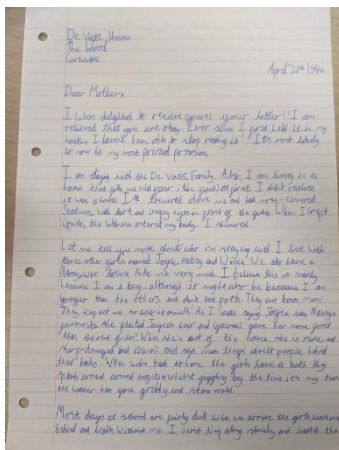
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Year 4 – Cooper

For challenging himself and doing a fantastic job writing his script, even though he was a little concerned that he hadn't written one before. Also, for bringing his home sharer book in everyday this week.

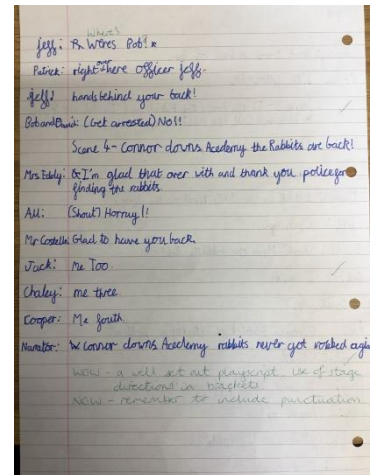
Year 5 – Charlie D

For his determination and sportsmanship at the Hayle football festival.



Year 6 – Ethan

For the amazing writing you have completed this week. Ethan has listened carefully and really done his best.



Performer of the Week

Jack in Year 4

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Jack's total was 40,947 steps. Well done Jack!

Kind Regards,



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