

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Cross Country – Event 3

On Monday, our cross-country team went to St. Ives to take part in their third cross country event. The Year 4 girls and Year 6 girls and boys all performed brilliantly and tried their best. It was great to see how determined they were. The children who have taken part in each of our cross-country events should all be very proud of themselves for working so hard and being a credit to Connor Downs Academy. Well done everyone.



### Year 4 Minack Theatre – Shakespeare



On Tuesday morning, Year 4 attended the Minack Theatre Shakespeare festival to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> year. We were one of four schools who had each learnt a different act from 'The Tempest'.

At the Minack, each school took it in turns to perform their part of the play. The children all did an amazing job. They projected their voices, performed their poses together and did themselves proud.



All the adults who came with us were so impressed with the whole class and how they had memorised their lines and moves and how well they performed on stage at the Minack. You should all be very proud of yourselves.



We would like to say a massive thank you to Miss Tonkin and Mrs Devey for all their help and also to John Brolley from the Minack, who came to school last week to work with the class on their performance.



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## Year 1



This week, the children in year 1 have enjoyed their science and outdoor learning. They have learnt what plants need to grow and then planted some seeds during outdoor learning.



# Welcome

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that, following a successful round of interviews, Miss Tegan Pedley has been appointed as our new teaching assistant in Reception class. Miss Pedley has been volunteering in the class since last summer as part of her Level 3 Childcare course at Cornwall College. Miss Pedley will join Mr Masters and Miss Tracey Pedley to complete the EYFS team. Through her volunteering, Miss Pedley has become familiar with all the children and I am sure you will join myself and all the staff in welcoming Miss Pedley to our Connor Downs family. To avoid confusion in class and on Tapestry, Miss Tracey Pedley is referred to as Miss Pedley 1 and Miss Tegan Pedley as Miss Pedley 2.

## Wonde Support at Home

For any parents/carers having difficulties supporting their child/children with online tasks please use the link below to access the Aspire Academy Trust Home Login Support page.

[Home Login Support - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that their next disco is being held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022. We are unable to accept any bags after Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



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## 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.

We are happy to report that Year 5 have completed their isolation in their class Bubble and from Monday will return to the standard drop off and collection times and mixing with the rest of the classes at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support as always.

## 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

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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## Menu Change – Around The World – China – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February



### **Safeguarding**

The UK Government has launched a new advice and support site to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. The site includes advice for parents and carers on spotting the signs of sexual abuse and speaking to your child about relationships and safety. It also signposts to sources of further support for children, adults and professionals including the NSPCC helpline and Childline.

**Visit the website:** <https://stopabusettogether.campaign.gov.uk/>

### **See also on NSPCC Learning**

> [https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-abuse?utm\\_source=Adestra&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Protecting%20children%20from%20sexual%20abuse&utm\\_campaign=20220117\\_KIS\\_CASPAR\\_January17](https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-abuse?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Protecting%20children%20from%20sexual%20abuse&utm_campaign=20220117_KIS_CASPAR_January17)

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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](mailto:jobs@aspireacademytrust.org) or returned via post to:

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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](mailto: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/holiday-camps)

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 2	97.2 %
Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	97.2 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	96.7 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	96.3 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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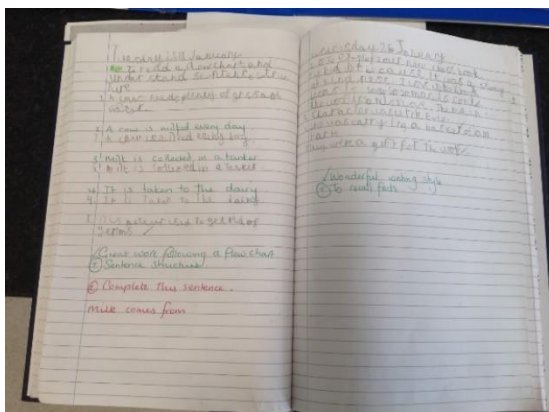
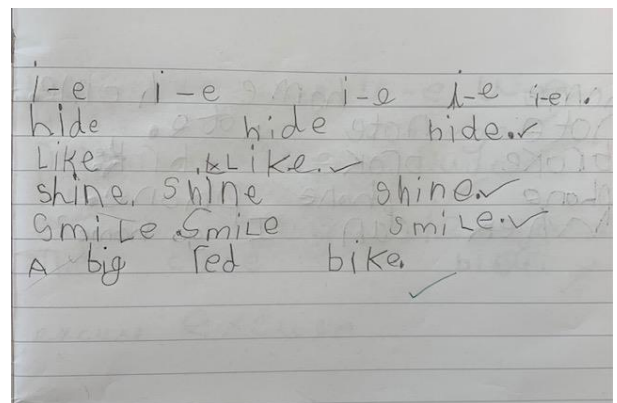
## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Year R – Coco

Coco has shown amazing balance and enthusiasm during PE this week. She followed a set of instructions and climbed through our imaginary jungle. Well done Coco!

### Year 1 – Sophie

For her fantastic phonics skills and for the effort Sophie has put into the presentation of her work. Keep up the amazing work Sophie!



### Year 2 – Peyton

For practising his reading and showing his understanding through his weekly comprehensions. Well done Peyton!

### Year 3 – Lowen

For creating an amazing 3D model of a volcano, showing super skills in building and sticking materials together. Lowen also supported his peers with their models. Well done Lowen!



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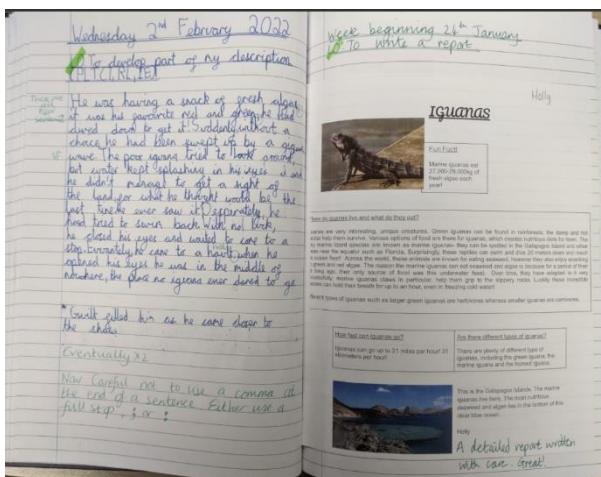


## Year 4 – Kian

For stepping in to take on someone else's lines despite being absent for two rehearsals. Kian delivered the lines amazingly without the need for prompting. Well done Kian!

## Year 5 – Jude

For his great conversation in French and amazing cartoon strip. Well done Jude!



## Year 6 – Holly

For her magnificent writing this half term - your biography, your report and this week your description of an iguana. Wonderful to see. Well done Holly!

Kind Regards,

*J. Eddy*

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Head of School

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