

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. This week in school has once again been incredibly busy and exciting.

## **Year R Tehidy Woods Visit**

On Tuesday our Reception children enjoyed visiting Tehidy Woods for their first school trip. During this sponsored welly walk, the children enjoyed exploring the natural world, sharing some of their favourite stories and splashing through lots of muddy puddles!



Throughout their visit, the children were a true credit to Connor Downs Academy. Thank you to all of our fantastic parents, carers and volunteers who were able to join us on our autumn adventure! All funds raised during this sponsored welly walk will be spent further



enhancing our Early Years provision, both inside the classroom and outdoors.

The total amount of funds raised will be announced once all sponsorship forms have been returned to Mr Masters.



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## Year 5 Minack Theatre Visit



On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed the sunshine on their visit to the Minack Theatre. The children had a backstage pass to see behind the scenes and learn how the theatre works. The staff taught the children the history of the iconic destination. Finally, the children split into three groups to create a short play to perform to their peers on the world-famous stage.

The children had a great day and the staff at the Minack complemented them on their excellent behaviour.



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## RE

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome a special visitor back to Connor Downs Academy. Daya, an RE specialist visited Years 2, 4, 5 and 6 to deliver exciting workshops on both Islam and Hinduism.



During these workshops, the children thoroughly enjoyed developing their knowledge and understanding of their focus religion. Activities involved a virtual tour of a mosque, themed role play, dancing and an exploration of religious artefacts.



The children's enthusiasm was outstanding, with Daya noting that the children were respectful and engaged throughout the day.



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## Year 4

The children in Year 4 this week have been making simple electrical circuits. They worked together in small groups to see how electricity flowed through wires to connect to and power a lightbulb.



## Children In Need

Thank you to all those who have donated to Children in Need. To date you have donated £253.00 which is incredible. If you still wish to donate and haven't done so already. Please use the link below. This link is active until 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Thank you all for your support.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5486>



## Christmas Post Box

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas post box has returned to the main corridor in our KS2 building. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



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## Christmas Events Reminders

### EYFS /KS1 Nativity

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing their Christmas Nativity, 'I'm Gonna Shine!' on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Letters to request tickets have been sent home this week and should be returned to your child's/ren's class by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets will be sent home with your child on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.



### Christmas Fayre

**Friends of Connor Downs  
Academy**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 10th December 2021**

**3:30pm**

**Please come along and join in the  
festive fun!**

**Class Christmas Stalls**

**Father Christmas**

**Games**

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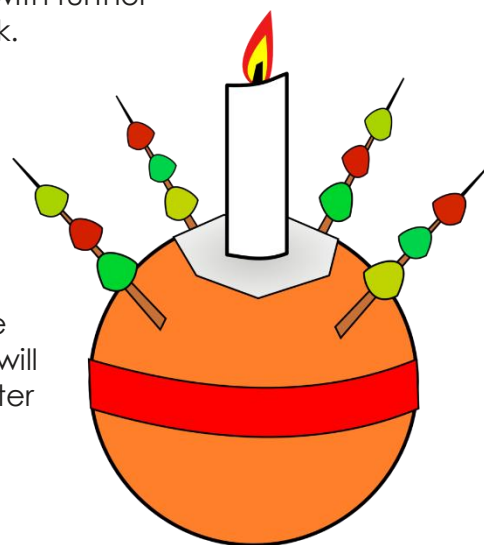
## KS2 Carol Concert

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in their carol concert at Phillack Church, on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 6:00pm. Letters with further details will be sent home next week.

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

The children from Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be invited to take part in their Christingle, also being held at Phillack Church. This will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5:00pm. A letter with further details will be sent home next week.



**PLEASE NOTE, ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE IN COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/GUIDANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING.**

## Parent/Carer Survey

At Connor Downs Academy, we truly value our parents'/carers' feedback, support and suggestions. Please find below a link to a short survey, that we would kindly ask all parents'/carers' to complete. The survey is open until 3:00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zVxKxqVrsA>

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## Home-start Kernow Support



**CHRISTMAS WALKS**  
WITH HOME-START KERNOW  
FOR FAMILIES FINDING THINGS TOUGH AT THE MOMENT, COME AND JOIN US



1st December, Hayle  
2nd December, Heartlands  
8th December, Newquay  
14th December, Truro  
15th December, Bodmin  
16th December, Falmouth

Completely free events. To book contact  
gabrielle@homestartkernow.org.uk  
07494777088



## Carbis Bay Hotel Christmas Fayre



**COASTAL CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
On The Promenade,  
Carbis Bay Beach

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS \* ARTISAN STALLS \* LIVE MUSIC  
SANTA'S GROTTO \* FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK

12 noon - 9 pm  
FRIDAY / SATURDAY / SUNDAY  
December 3rd, 4th, 5th / 10th, 11th, 12th / 17th, 18th, 19th

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## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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### Year R – Kingsley

For really impressing Mr Masters and Mrs Eddy during Reception's sponsored Welly Walk to Tehidy Woods. Kingsley's behaviour and enthusiasm shone throughout the morning. Well done Kingsley!

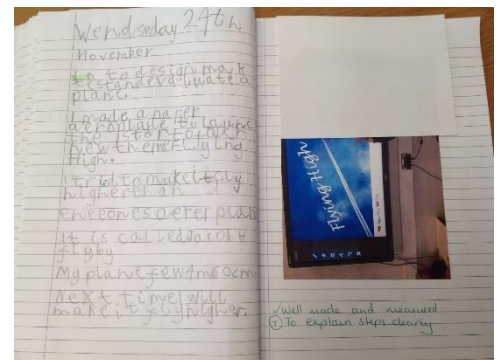


### Year 1 – Phoebe

During our SCARF session this week, we looked at why we have school rules and what makes a good rule. Phoebe took all this on board and made her own school rules poster, using her own phonics, supported by a lovely drawing. Well done Phoebe!

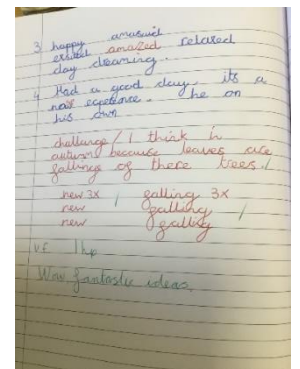
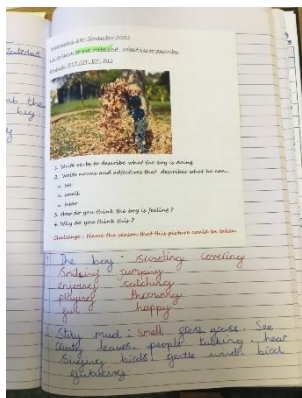
### Year 2 – Jacob H

For designing, constructing and evaluating a plane which flew the longest distance of 4m 60cm.



### Year 3 – Seth

For excellent choices of verbs, adjectives and nouns to describe an Autumn scene in English. Seth is a super role model in class always using impeccable manners to all the adults and his peers. Keep up the great work Seth!



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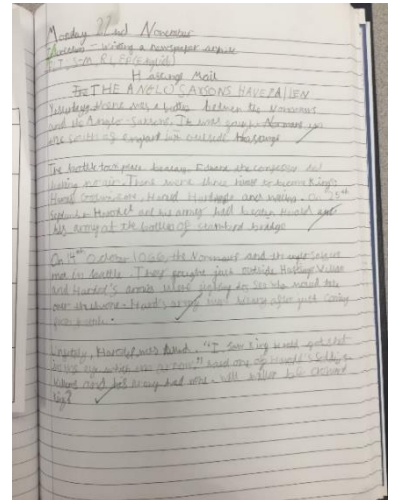


## Year 4 – Oriana

For working so hard to improve her handwriting to make it uniform in size, form letters correctly and make it look so neat. Well Done Oriana!

## Year 5 – Emir

For his enthusiasm and projection of his voice when performing on the world famous Minack stage.



## Year 6 – Henry T

For writing a fantastic thank you letter to Mr Pascoe. It was written with a great deal of thought and care. Well done Henry!

## Performer of the Week

### George Gr. in Year 6

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. George's total was 36,251 steps. Well done George!

Kind Regards,

*J. Eddy*

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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