

A message from Mrs. Eddy.

As we come to the end of our autumn term, it is time to reflect on what a fantastic term this has been for us all in school. With the lifting of Covid restrictions at the start of term, we were able once more, to join together as a school community and our children were able to learn, socialise and have fun together.

The opportunity for our children to attend school trips to support the teaching and learning in their year groups returned. Our children experienced a range of exciting and engaging trips including a sponsored walk in Tehidy Woods for EYFS, a memorable and magical visit to Lanhydrock House for Year 2 and an interactive and thought provoking visit to Penlee House Gallery and Museum for Year 3. In Year 5 and 6 the children enjoyed exciting visits to Nexus at Camborne Science and International Academy to support their science and maths learning. The Year 5 children also perfected their performance skills during a wonderful workshop visit to the Minack Theatre.



Year 5 developing their performance skills at the Minack Theatre.

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Swimming lessons returned, beginning with Key Stage 2, along with sporting fixtures. Our children represented themselves and the academy brilliantly whilst competing in cross country heats, a football festival and also a netball festival.



Year 6 competing in the cross-country heats.

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Our children also experienced the fantastic opportunity to be taught lyrical and commercial dancing skills within the amazing purpose built Savvy Studios in Hayle.



Year 4 dancing at Savvy Dance Studios, Hayle.



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We were delighted to welcome a range of visitors to our school to enhance our learning provision.

A very memorable visitor was Mr. Ivor Pascoe, a World War 11 veteran who shared his war time experiences with the Year 6 children. Ivor shared how his home had been bombed in 1941, sadly losing many of his family members. He later went on to serve in the Royal Navy, taking part in the D-Day landings. Ivor's positive attitude to life and resilience in adversity was a real inspiration to all.



World War 11 veteran, Mr. Ivor Pascoe sharing his wartime experiences with the Year 6 children.

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A true highlight at the end of this term has been the opportunity to hold our much loved Nativity, Christingle Service and Carol Service. Seeing our families come together during these performances was a delight and one which we all treasured as a school community.



EYFS and KS1 at the Christingle Service, Phillack Church.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. During the Covid updates, you have worked alongside us to follow all the latest guidance and we are incredibly grateful for your cooperation and understanding. Thank you to you all for your ongoing support in ensuring that your child/ren are in school every day, ready and eager to learn. We appreciate all that you do.

Thank you to our Friends of Connor Downs Academy who have continued to support us with their fundraising efforts and their dedicated pursuit of grant funding streams. We hope that in the new year, a successful bid will be secured to replace our current bicycle shelter with a brand new structure to encourage and entice more children to cycle to school.



Our new outdoor play equipment funded by Gwinear -Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund

Our children throughout the term have remained inquisitive to learn, embracing the learning opportunities on offer with enthusiasm and gusto. They have grown as individuals and as a school community, supporting one another with thought and care.

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A highlight for me this term was the appointment of our Head and Deputy prefects. They have demonstrated true pride and commitment to the school community and are exemplar role models to our younger children. The Head and Deputy prefects, along with our student council members, represented us admirably on Remembrance Day by laying a wreath at the Hayle war memorial.



Head Prefects and Student Council representatives at Hayle War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Each class teacher has created an autumn term year group newsletter to showcase the amazing work which has been produced by the children. I hope that you enjoy reading these pages and can share with us the wonderful learning which has been taking place.

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Year 3 at the KS2 Carol Service, Phillack Church.

On behalf of all from Connor Downs Academy, I would like to wish you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this Christmas and in the coming New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2022.

Kind regards,



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