

Friday 8th October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another busy and exciting week!

Science Workshop at Nexus

Last Friday, Y6 were invited to take part in a practical Science Workshop at the Nexus campus of Camborne Science and International Academy. The children performed a series of experiments to find out if the reaction they could see was reversible, like melting chocolate, or irreversible like burning a splint or frying an egg. The children thoroughly enjoyed being in a real science laboratory and using exciting equipment like the Bunsen burners. A massive thank you to Nexus for organising this opportunity.



World Poetry Day 2021

Thursday was World Poetry Day, and Year 6 made a 'gift of poetry' to each class. Small groups of Year 6 pupils performed a chosen poem in each class to inspire them to learn it themselves during the day. A few classics, such as 'Macavity' by T S Eliot were enjoyed in Y5 and 'Now we are Six' by AA Milne in Y1. The hum of



children's voices around school on Thursday was a joy to hear!



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SumDog – The Aspire Academy Trust Contest



The Aspire Academy Trust SumDog Contest for October is here!

Between 08:00 today, 8th October and 20:00 on Thursday 14th October, your child/children can take part in the contest.

- Your child/children can play at any time.
- For their score to count, the 'The Aspire Academy Trust' activity must be showing in the green panel on the left of your child/children's screen when they click to start each game.
- Their scores are based on correct answers and a class's score will be the average of the scores from all students within that class who take part.
- To appear on the leader board, at least five children from a class need to take part.
- Every child is limited to 1000 contest questions, to allow those with limited computer access the ability to take part.



Parent/Carer Consultations

We are delighted to announce that this year we are able to hold face to face parent/carers consultations in line with current guidance. These consultations will take place on the evenings of Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October, with meetings available in 10 minute slots between 3:30pm and 6:10pm each evening. To book a consultation with your child/ren's teacher/s, please do so using the Arbor App. Bookings will **open from 5:00pm on Friday 8th October** and **close at 5:00pm on Sunday 17th October**.

The consultations will take place in your child/s classroom/s, with books available outside of the classroom/s for you to review while waiting. Please remain in the corridor until you are called into the classroom. We would ask that:

- Each parent takes a Lateral Flow Test on the day of the appointment
- You arrive no more than 10 minutes before your appointment time
- All parents/carers sanitise hands on arrival at the main school reception
- Wear face masks at all times while on site unless exempt.
- Remain socially distanced as much as possible from other parents/carers

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Reminders

As the weather has now turned more autumnal, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat every day. We are encouraging the children to get some fresh air at all break and lunch times as well as taking advantage of our amazing outdoor area during lesson times, so it is vital that your child has a coat to wear to keep them as dry and warm as possible.

Naturally, with the colder weather comes more illness, in terms of colds, sickness bugs etc. If your child/children has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is the requirement for them to be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

Please can we also remind parents/carers, that if your child/children is/are absent from school due to illness, please ensure you telephone the school every morning they are absent and leave a message on the absence line. Thank you.

Year 5 Swimming

A reminder that year 5 are swimming every day for the next two weeks starting from next Monday. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit and towel with them every day. Thank you.



Tempest Photographs

Please note that the deadline for passing your orders of school photographs into school has now passed. The Tempest online ordering portal will close on Monday 11th October 2021. If you would still like to order your child/ren's pictures, please do so before Monday to avoid disappointment. Thank you.



School Council and Eco Warriors

This week each of our classes have held elections for their class representatives on the School Council and also Eco Warrior committee. We would like to say a huge congratulations to all our representatives and look forward to working with them over the coming year.



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**CHANCE
TO SHINE**

Chance to Shine Cricket

We are delighted to invite Piran Kent (level 2 cricket coach) to Connor Downs Academy to provide a six-week block of cricket coaching.

Chance to Shine is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play, learn and develop through cricket. They believe that cricket can help to develop the personal, social and physical skills of the 500,000 children that they work with every year.

	Year 3	Year 2	Year 6	Year 1
Tuesdays	9:15-10:15	10:45-11:45pm	13:05-14:05	14:15-3:15

Tuesday 19th October
Tuesday 2nd November
Tuesday 9th November
Tuesday 16th November
Tuesday 23rd November
Tuesday 30th November

On the above dates, the four year groups detailed above will need to wear their PE kit, as well as on their normal PE day.

Drop off/pick up procedures:

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.

Glen Cleaning Vacancies

Our school cleaning partners, Glen Cleaning are currently hiring and have vacancies for part-time cleaners at a number of schools within the Trust including Connor Downs Academy. Pay rate is £9 per hour
15 hours per week – 41 weeks of the year (3:30pm till 6:30pm)

Anyone interested should contact Sonia Heathcote on **07787 513557** or **soniaheathcote@glencleaning.co.uk**

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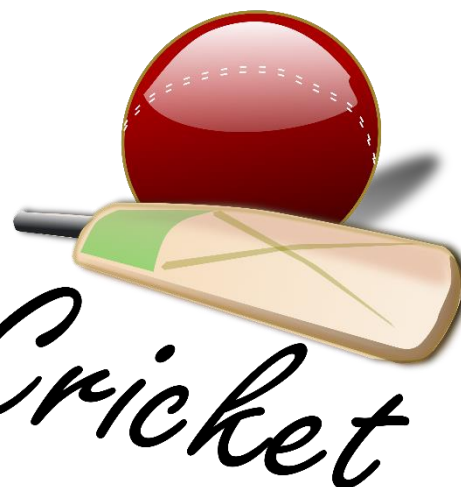
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Diary Dates

October

Tuesday 19th October – Parent Consultations – evening 1

Wednesday 20th October – Parent Consultations – evening 2

Friday 22nd October – Last day before half term – **3:15pm Finish**

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October – HALF TERM

November

Monday 1st November – First day after half term

Monday 1st November to Friday 12th November – YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Tuesday 2nd November – Nasal Flu Immunisations

Monday 15th November to Friday 19th November – YEAR 3 SWIMMING – Week 1

Thursday 18th November – Disco's – EYFS/KS1 – 5:00pm – 6:00pm and KS2 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm **(dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

December

Monday 6th December to Friday 10th December – YEAR 3 SWIMMING – Week 2

Tuesday 7th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance 1 **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Wednesday 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance 2 **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Friday 10th December – Friends Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm – 5:00pm **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance)**

Monday 13th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm to 7:00pm **(provisional date – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Tuesday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5:00pm to 6:00pm **(provisional date – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Wednesday 15th December – CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 17th December – Last day of Autumn Term – **2:00pm Finish**

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Transfer to Secondary School



Together
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The
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31 October
2021

Transfer to secondary school September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2022

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2021

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 4	98.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	97.4 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	96.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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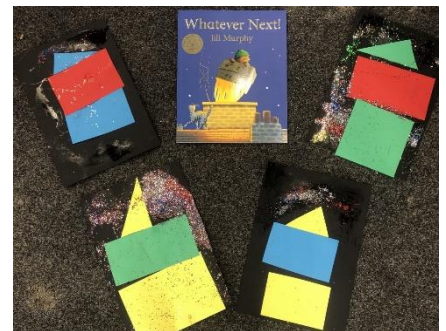
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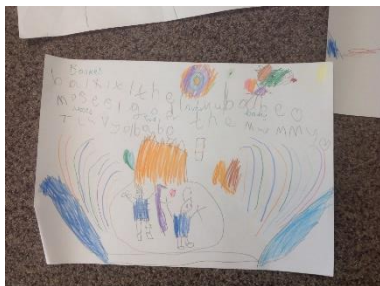
Year R – Finlay

For outstanding effort in maths. As part of Reception's World Space Week learning, Finlay used colour to create a fantastic repeating pattern rocket collage.



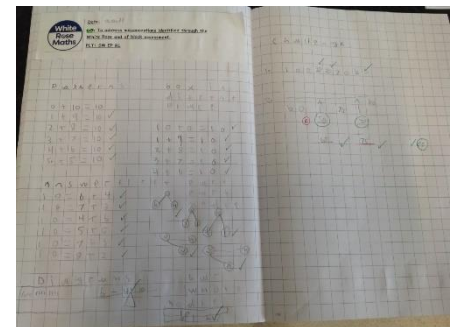
Year 1 – Elsie B

Elsie has been working so hard this week in her writing. In RE, Elsie went above and beyond to independently write some words related to the story of Moses. Well done Elsie!



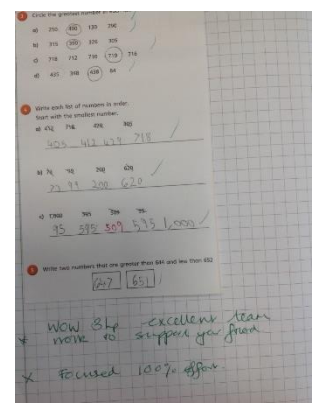
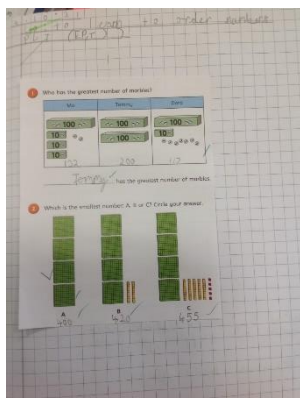
Year 2 – Isabella

For developing amazing mastery skills in maths during her learning journey through her place value unit.



Year 3 – Dari

For her excellent work in maths solving challenges using her place value knowledge to find the answer. Dari has been a super role model showing independence in completing her reading quizzes and great kindness in supporting her friends.



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Year 4 – Amelia B

For being so creative when building her hedgehog home, taking into consideration all their needs are met for the winter.



Year 5 – Riley

For his clear presentation and precise calculations when adding large numbers.

Year 6 – Joel

Joel has made an excellent start to Year 6. His attitude towards his work is superb and he should rightly be proud of the work in his books. Joel is a true role model for all the other children in school. Well done Joel - keep up this incredible work!

Performer of the Week

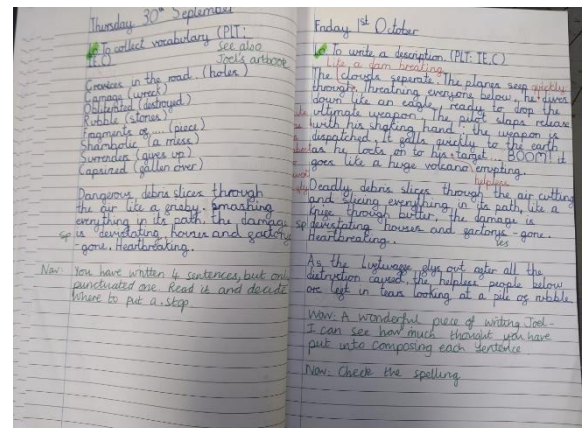
William in Year 3

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. William's total was 46,345 steps. Well done William!

Kind Regards,

J. Eddy

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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