

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear parents/carers,

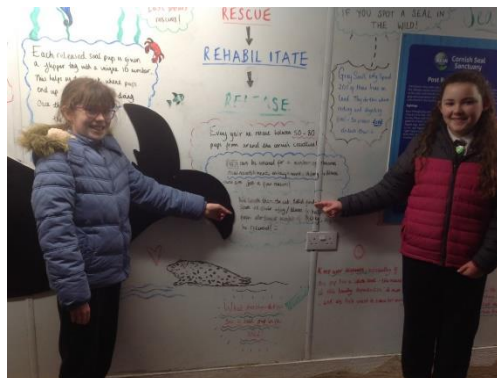
I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have had another busy and exciting week in our academy. We would like to wish you all a very happy half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

## Year 6 - Seal Sanctuary



This week, Year 6 visited the Seal Sanctuary in Gweek to celebrate the end of their current topic called 'Darwin's Delights' which is all about evolution. The children thoroughly enjoyed touring the sanctuary and meeting the residents. 'Banana' and 'Baby Face' were particular favourites! The children took part in a workshop where they learned all about

the dangers of microplastics in the oceans as well as watching a mock-seal pup rescue. Everybody got back on the minibuses full of knowledge and enthusiasm about protecting precious animals in the oceans.



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## Bags To School

Today, a leaflet has been sent home with all children, detailing the items that can be accepted in bags for the Bags2School collection. 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 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 stored 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.**

## Aspire Covid-19 Information Page

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

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## Aspens Catering Services

The new Spring/Summer Menu being offered by our catering provider Aspens, is attached and will be available on ParentPay for bookings during the half term break. Please note, Aspens will no longer be offering a packed lunch option, but instead, will be offering a hot tomato pasta option each day.

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## World Book Day

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**To be celebrated at Connor Downs Academy on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

[Veronica Lamond | Land Rover Children's book author & illustrator](#)



Veronica Lamond is the author and illustrator of the well-loved and highly successful Landy and Friends books. Veronica will be visiting us on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and spending time in each class.

She was born, and grew up, in Durban, South Africa. Veronica has lived in Cornwall, UK since 1979.

There are eight books in the series so far. The seventh book is a special edition about Landy visiting the Defender Factory in Solihull.

Please note, that we **will not** be inviting children to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character. Instead, if children would like to, they may bring in a copy of their favourite book to share with their class.

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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.

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**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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## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	99.5 %
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	97.4 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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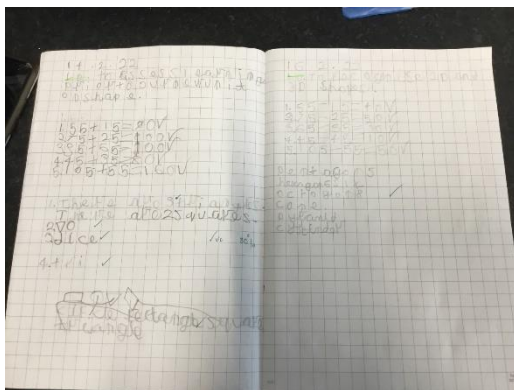
## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Year R – Bruce

Bruce has shown great enthusiasm and interest learning about Polar animals, always wanting to learn more. Bruce also demonstrated great creative skills when making a polar bear mask.

### Year 1 – Arthur

For his fantastic contributions in our maths lessons looking at subtracting lengths. Arthur used his amazing explanation skills during the whole class carpet time of the maths lesson. Arthur is also a great role model, with his kind, caring, helpful and considerate nature.

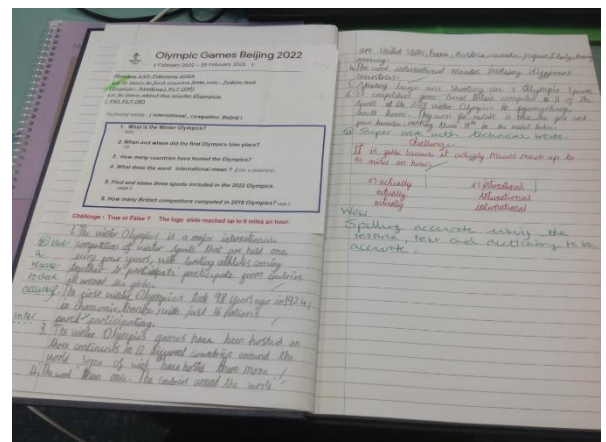


### Year 2 – Emilie-Rose

For outstanding behaviour for learning and always giving 100% in everything she does.

### Year 3 – Sam

For great effort in learning about the history of the Winter Olympics in our reading comprehension. Sam showed super independence skills using the text and a dictionary to answer the questions and learn about the speed of the luge race.



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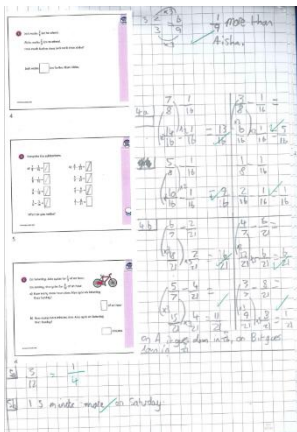
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## Year 4 – Alice

For always showing fantastic behaviour for learning in lessons and working so hard.  
Keep it up!



## Year 5 – Seth

For his joy of maths. Seth thrives on challenges and always completes his work to a high standard, with a smile on his face!

## Year 6 – Beth

For thorough responses in maths and for writing excellent character profiles during our reading lesson about Crater Lake.

## Performer of the Week

### Aiden in Year 5

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Aiden's total was 25,537 steps (for 3.5 days). Well done Aiden!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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