

7th February 2020
Virtue of the week—Honesty



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This week across the school we recognised Children's Mental Health week. Year 2 practiced drawing on another's back to build trust and friendships, while years 4 and 5 "found their brave" by discussing the term bravery.



The children learned how Keala Settle was faced with a challenge when first performing "This is me". Through courage and the support of her co-stars she overcame her fears and the rest is history.

On Monday, our footballers played Trythall School in the Rosewarne cup. In wet conditions, both teams battled hard in what was a great game. Our visitors showed excellent spirit and determination against us that saw us eventually run out winners by 7 goals to nothing. The goals were scored by, Jac (4), Kian (2) and Wes (1). All team members were a credit to our academy throughout. This win sees Connor Downs Academy progress to the county cup quarter finals.



On Friday all classes took part in maths activities and dressed in clothing depicting numbers to raise funds for the NSPCC as part of their annual Number Day.

Year 6 had fun reducing themselves to make a mini me that was 3 times smaller than themselves. Pictured is 3 times reduced Liam, posing as John Travolta.





We would like to say a huge thank you to parents/carers for all their support. To date we have raised an incredible £361.00 for the NSPCC. If anyone still has sponsorship money to pay in please do so using the option on ParentPay or alternatively, send into the

school office no later than the end of school on Tuesday 11th February 2020.





After School Clubs and Parent Consultation Bookings

Next week, details of the new after school clubs will be coming home with your child/children. These will begin the first week back after half term. Please note that all clubs will be available on a first come first served basis, bookable via the Arbor App. Details of how to book will come home with the clubs list.

Parent Consultations are due to take place on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March. Again, these will be bookable via the Arbor App, and details of how to book an appointment with your child/children's teacher will be sent home next week.

A reminder that the Scholastic book fair is being held after school this evening, and next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



Friends Disco's—Wednesday 12th—Years R, 1 and 2—5.00pm—6.00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Thursday 13th February—**Shine Assembly** and last day of half term—3.15pm finish

Friday 14th February—**INSET Day** (School Closed) **Mrs Eddy**

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 4	97.2%
2nd Place	Year 5	96.3%



SHINE AWARDS

Our next Shine Assembly is on **Thursday 13th February 2020**, at 2.40pm. Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special

Reception	Joseph	For producing some truly fantastic home learning, building on his number skills at home with his family.
Year 1	Finley	For sequencing and reading aloud, in front of the class, sentences from the story 'Little Red Riding Hood;'.
Year 2	McKenzie	For always being so willing to help and for some lovely achievements in phonics and written activities.
Year 3	Navarre	For using and explaining challenging vocabulary in writing and reading comprehension.
Year 4	Lola-Mae	For her super use of descriptive vocabulary and powerful verbs when writing a legend.
Year 5	Viktor	For his amazing vocabulary and thoughtful debate about whether books are better than TV.
Year 6	Jac	For great determination with all areas of his work, especially with arithmetic. Jac also led our football team to victory with 4 goals.
Writer of the week	Jenson Year 1	For writing a super innovation of a story, using full stops and capital letters.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Annabelle Year R	For her positive attitude, effort and enthusiasm in phonics, resulting in her significantly exceeding her reading targets.
KS2 Reader of the week	Olivia Bar Year 4	For her thoughtful, detailed responses during this week's reading comprehension, using a text focusing on mental health.
Mathematician of the week	Ethan Year 6	For methodical working when dealing with fractions for all 4 operations. We are also seeing real improvements with his
Performer of the week	Kacie Year 5	For sharing with the class her amazing dance and gymnastics skills and for regularly attending training.
Citizen of the week	Regan Year 3	For being a kind and supportive friend in Spiral maths sessions.