

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have a very exciting week in our Academy.

On Tuesday we welcomed Sam Teasedale from the Cornish Pirates for the second rugby coaching session with Years 5 and 6. The children learned more catching and throwing skills, using Spiderman passes. They also played a fun game of cops and robbers using the skills they had used and ended the session with a mini game of rugby. Aiden and Berran from Year 5 both agreed it was lots of fun and are looking forward to next week's session.



Year 2 visit to Land's End Airport

This week, Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Land's End Airport. This visit enhanced the children's classroom learning on the history of flight. During the visit the children learnt about check in and Skybus operations, air traffic control, the role of the fire crew at the airport and the engineers work on maintaining the aircrafts. The children had a wonderful time which also inspired their study of hot and cold locations around the world back in the classroom. Many thanks to all the staff at Land's End who provided the children with such a unique experience.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs Hollis and Mrs Rees who accompanied us on the visit.



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Parent/Carer Consultations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend the consultations this week. We hope that you found them informative and that you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's/children's progress with their teacher.

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Year 1 & 2 Cricket

On Thursday, a number of children from Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an afternoon of continuous cricket at Mounts Bay Academy. The children all had lots of fun and Mr Lewis even managed to make a catch!



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Ian from Hayle Tennis Club joined us to celebrate tennis. He worked with Year 3 and Year 4 on key skills such as racket control. In the assembly he was joined by a tennis playing pirate who challenged our pupils and staff to a rally. We look forward to welcoming Ian back in the summer term to coach more of our children.



Author Visit - Postponed

Unfortunately, due to illness, the planned visit from Veronica Lamond, the author and illustrator of the much loved and highly successful Landy and Friends books, had to be postponed. Veronica wished for her apologies for not being able to join us be passed on to all the children and their families and she will look forward to joining us when another date has been arranged. All book orders received will be held securely in the school office until Veronica's visit.

During the day, the children had lots of fun sharing their favorite books with their teachers and peers. The older children discussed why they liked the book, the author's style and illustrations. We are delighted to see the enthusiasm and excitement in reading across all year groups and the wide variety of books shared.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents/carers to drive and park responsibly when dropping off and collecting your child/children from school. Please do not block driveways, or access to properties and be considerate of the residents and other road users. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Blue & Yellow for Ukraine

Today every Aspire academy pupil was invited to wear blue and yellow, the colours of the Ukraine national flag. This was as a sign of solidarity and compassion. Aspire are focused on children helping children affected by what is happening to their families and being able to help is a positive thing. For anyone who has not yet donated, but wishes to, the Trust have set up a central Aspire JustGiving page which is now live



www.justgiving.com/aspire-ukraine

Mindful of the increasingly tough economic times we all live in, there is no suggested donation amount and absolutely no obligation to contribute. The wearing of Ukraine's national colours on the day shows care and support.



Please see links below that may help parents/carers to talk to their children at home about conflict:

[How to talk about conflict impartially | British Red Cross](#)

[Department for Education - \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine \(schoolsweek.co.uk\)](#)

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Bags To School – Reminder

A final reminder, that in an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for next week. 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 bring your bags to school **on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th March 2022** where 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 quarantined to be collected on Thursday 17th March 2022. Please note, **we are unable to accept any bags after Tuesday 15th March.**



Support for Parents

Behaviours That Challenge Virtual/On-line Support Group

Do you find your child's behaviour sometimes challenging?

Would some friendly support and advice be helpful?

If you would like to be able to talk in confidence and meet other parents/carers experiencing similar challenges, then do come along. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend this group.

You can join the group using the link below:

14th March at 1.00 – 3.00 pm - Guest Speaker- SENDIASS

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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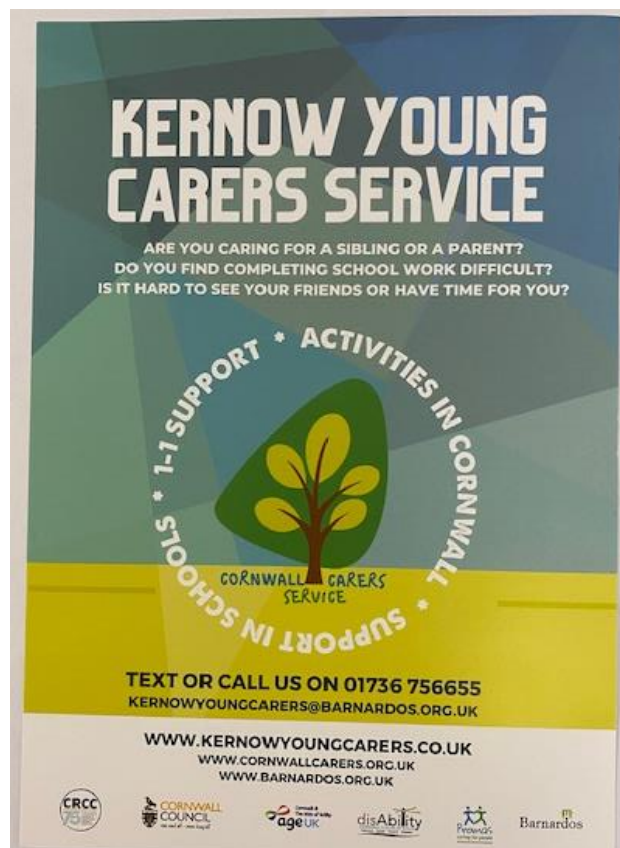
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Testing Positive for Covid-19

Adults and children who test positive continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. For more information, please use the link below to access the Aspire Academy Trust's Coronavirus (Covid-19) information page.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - The Aspire Academy Trust](#)

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 2	99.1 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.1 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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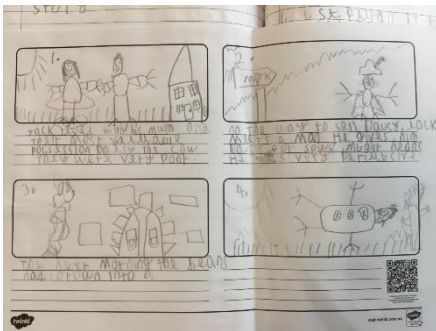
Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 11th March 2022

Year R – Arthur

For amazing writing in Phonics this week. Arthur is growing in confidence, writing more Phase 3 words. Well done Arthur!

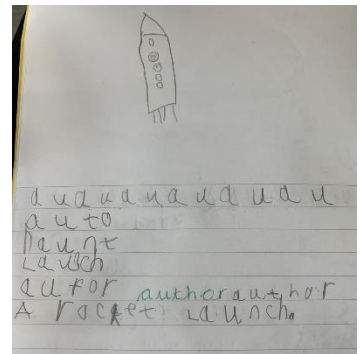
Year 1 – Barney

For his fantastic effort in his Phonics. Barney has a great attitude towards his learning and is a great role model I Year 1. Well done Barney!



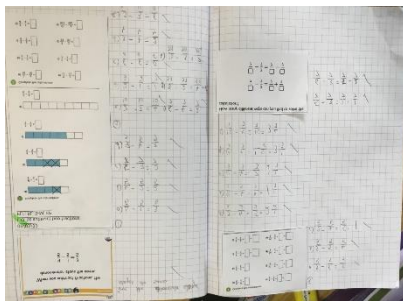
Year 2 – Carter

For reading, understanding and retelling a story in clear parts.



Year 3 – Lola

For showing great resilience when learning how to use forehand with a tennis racket. Lola took part in a great tennis rally as well. Well done Lola!



Year 4 – Max

For always working hard and setting a great example to the rest of the class with his attitude towards and his behaviour for learning. Keep it up Max, well done!

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Year 5 – Bailey

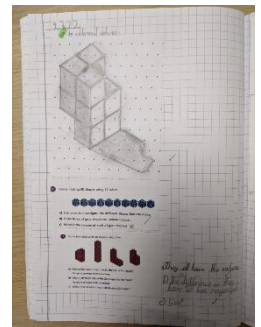
For his commitment and enthusiasm in our rugby training sessions with the Cornish Pirates. Well done Bailey!

Year 6 – Seb

For creating a superb 3D image on isometric paper in maths this week and for continuously being such a caring and friendly member of the class. Well done Seb!

Writer – Kingsley (Year R)

For great effort with his letter formation. Kingsley is now writing phase 3 words.



EYFS/KS1 Reader – Bella (Year 2)

For reading with joy and expressions while regularly reaching targets set.

KS2 Reader – Willow (Year 5)

For being inspired by Lemony Snicket and starting book four of the series. There is lots more mystery, misery and adventure to share with the Baudeliars.

Mathematician – Tino (Year 3)

Tino showed super perseverance and great calculation skills to solve challenges with money.

Performer – Arthur (Year 1)

For amazing progress during the Year 1/2 continuous cricket sessions at Mounts Bay Academy.

Citizen – Oliver (Year 6)

For being so helpful this week with sorting books for parents evening. Oliver is always willing to be a helping hand.

Kind Regards,

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