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The Spring term has been full of energy and life, just like the season itself. Despite our school community suffering from significant numbers of positive Covid cases, our provision for the children has remained consistent. I am delighted at the quality of teaching and learning which has taken place and the progress which the children have made as a consequence. I am also thrilled with the many varied and exciting activities which the children have accessed to enrich their learning experiences.

School trips to support the current learning in class have taken place and our children have visited a range of different sites to enhance their learning.



Year 4 acting out a scene from 'The Tempest' at the Minack Theatre.

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Year 1 visiting Trengwainton Gardens as part of their topic, 'Brilliant Bodies' exploring their senses.

Year 2 enjoying an exciting visit to Lands End airport as part of their topic on the history of flight.



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Years 3 and 4 had an amazing day visiting the Wadebridge County showground to experience a fun packed Farm and Country Day.

The children learned first hand, the important role which farming plays in our lives and how this industry is prominent in our local area and the county of Cornwall.



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Year 4 Kresen Kernow visit

As part of their topic on crime and punishment topic, Year 4 enjoyed a fascinating visit to Kresen Kernow in Redruth – the home for Cornish archives.

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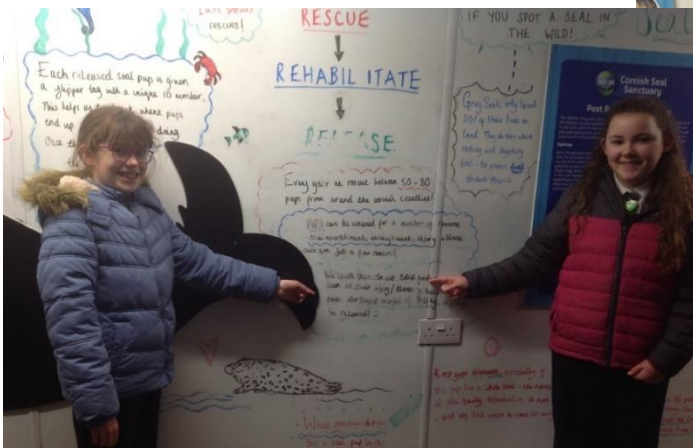
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The Year 6 children visited The Cornish Seal Sanctuary in Gweek near Helston. The children took part in a workshop where they learned about the dangers of having microplastics in our oceans and the damaging impact this has on the animals and the environment.



They also learned about the important role that the seal sanctuary plays in rehabilitating injured seals back into the wild.



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Music and the arts have played an important role in our work this term.

Year 5 have visited Hayle Academy to begin work preparing to take part in a Summer concert known as the 'Hayle Fiesta.' The concert will bring together other local primary schools, working alongside Year 10 music students, to perform a song that has been written specifically for the primary school children. In addition, our Year 5 children will also learn the traditional Cornish song, 'Trelawny.'

The choir represented Connor Downs Academy admirably at the Cornwall Music Education Hub Songfest 2022

Since 2016, the Cornwall Music Education Hub has worked with thousands of children on its countywide vocal project, Songfest. This year, our children performed alongside other primary schools to create a spectacular massed choir, performing within the beautiful setting of Truro Cathedral.



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There has been a huge range of sporting events accessed by the children this term across the school including balance bike lessons for the EYFS children, swimming lessons for Year 1, a multi-skills event for Years 1 and 2, Savvy Dance lessons for Year 3, rugby coaching by the Pirates rugby players for Years 5 and 6 and participation in a rugby festival along with individual runners taking part in the County final for cross country, to name but a few.

Members of the Y5/6 football club attended a competition in February at a local school- the children returned to school having had an excellent time playing against other teams.



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This term we have seen many visitors enriching the curriculum offer.

Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from the RNLI, linking to their topic, 'To the Rescue.'



The RNLI showed the children the equipment they use during a rescue and shared with the children the importance of staying safe on our beaches and in the water.



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Our children have experienced a fantastic term of outdoor learning set within our own outdoor classroom and Cultivating Futures area, in addition to visits off site. The benefits of accessing the outdoor environment both in terms of children developing their knowledge and understanding of the world and also in supporting their emotional health and well being, have been clear to see.



Year 5 pond dipping.

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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. I am delighted to share with you that a recent grant application to the Gwinear Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund to purchase a new bicycle shelter has been successful. During the Easter break, the shelter will be installed and we look forward to seeing more parents/carers and children cycling to school.



Name the Easter Bunny event organised by the Friends of Connor Downs Academy.

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Each class teacher has created a spring 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.



EYFS being creative.

On behalf of all from Connor Downs Academy, I would like to wish you and your family health, happiness and a joyful Easter break.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school for the summer term.

Kind regards,



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