

Friday 12th November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all well. Once again, we have had a very busy and exciting week in our academy.



On Monday after school, members of our cross country group attended the first of three events, held at Mounts Bay Academy. We are so proud of the drive and determination shown by all those who ran, with a special mention to one of our pupils who came first in the year 6 boys event. The next event is being held at Hayle Academy on Monday 29th November. We wish all our runners well for their next outing.



Aspire Autumn monitoring visit

On Tuesday, we hosted our Autumn term monitoring visit, where we welcomed our academy's Strategic Partner and our Hub Councillors. Our visitors were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the fantastic learning taking place in all of our classes. The children were noted for their impeccable behaviour and attitude to learning and we are so proud of each and every one of them. To quote our visitors:

Mrs Osborne, Strategic Partner

The behaviour is outstanding, as judged by the Ofsted criteria. The ownership of the curriculum is a shared approach and staff are really clear about what they do and why. The children and staff are part of an exciting development in the curriculum.

Mr Gallagher, Hub Councillor

I found the visit very inspiring. I felt that the learning was totally focussed. There was a strong emphasis on history linking into all subjects. Children's behaviour is exemplary. The children were keen to share their learning in an enthusiastic way.

Mrs Brown, Hub Councillor

The children were very interested in their learning and wanted to share their learning experiences with the visitors. They were proud of their learning and their achievements. The children could see the relevance of their learning.

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Armistice Day

This week, in honour of Remembrance Day, EYFS and KS1 shared a special assembly together. The children reflected on the significance of Remembrance Day by watching the short animation 'Poppies' and observing a two minute's silence.

After watching the animation, the children discussed how, at various points in the past, people forgot how to be friends.

They sent soldiers to fight and sadly many died, so we remember them because all people are special.

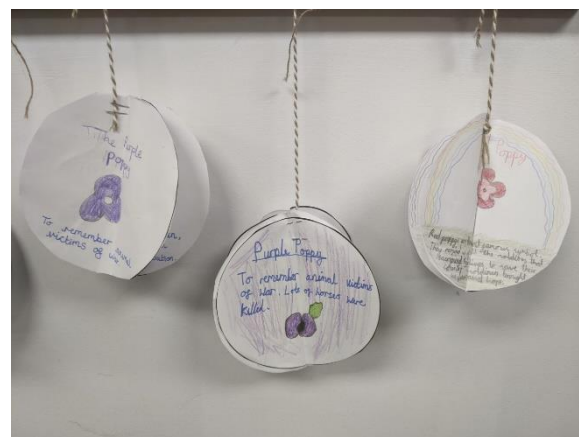


We learned that poppies grew where the soldiers died and, because of this, we can choose to wear poppies each year to remember them. Poppies remind us to be kind and peaceful.

KS2 children have been learning in their classes about remembrance and the significance of poppies. They also remembered the fallen in a special KS2 assembly where the children were shown images of the cenotaph at Whitehall and heard the importance and significance of Remembrance Day from war veterans. They observed a two minute's silence at 11:00am.

Year 6 made some 'circle books' about the different coloured poppies that people choose to wear. The children then made a tissue paper poppy to wear themselves to help us

commemorate those who sacrificed their lives during WW1 and WWII.



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Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 14th November, our Head prefects will lay a wreath on behalf of Connor Downs Academy at Hayle War Memorial as part of the annual service of remembrance. The School Council members will also be attendance, along with Mrs Eddy and Mrs Kitching.



Year 5

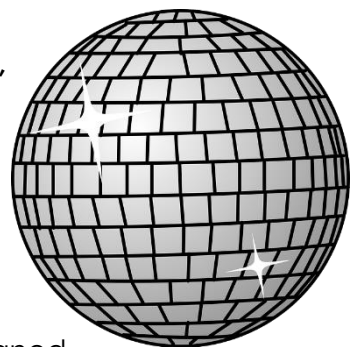
This week, year 5 have been using their artistic skills to make Greek vases.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the previously advertised disco planned for next Thursday, 18th November 2021 will go ahead.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.



Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.

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World Kindness Day

It is World Kindness Day on Saturday 13th November. Kindness is free and in these turbulent times it is even more important we keep using it in abundance to support each other. Checkout the 50 random acts of kindness chart on this website:

[World Kindness Day | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Children in Need

Next Friday, the 19th November 2021 is Children in Need day. We are inviting children to come to school on this day wearing their own clothes/Pudsey items for a donation of their choice which should be paid via the link below. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5486>

Covid Update

With cases still high and rising in the community, we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the Aspire Academy Trusts Outbreak Management Plan should we need to reintroduce restrictions at any point due to increased cases within our school community. Please see link below to the Aspire Academy Trust website where you can access all the guidance and plans:

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

| <u>Attendance</u> | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Our school target for attendance is 96% | | |
| 1 st Place | Year 3 | 99.6 % |
| 2 nd Place | Year 5 | 99.2 % |
| 3 rd Place | Year 1 | 98.5 % |

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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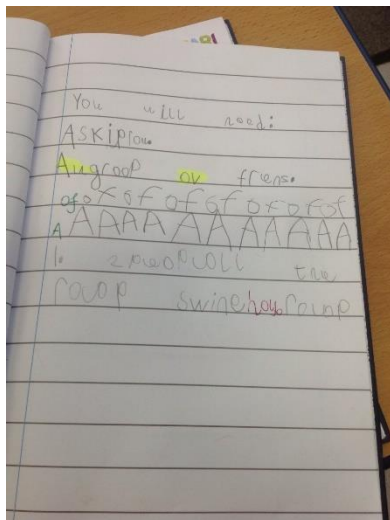
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Year R – Otis

For his fantastic work during SCARF time, creating a super story map of 'Harold Shares his Scarf'. Otis creatively illustrated the beginning, middle and end of the story. Well done Otis!



Year 1 – Lissi

This week in English, Lissi has truly shone! Lissi remembered to write left to right to produce a lovely set of instructions on how to play the skipping rope. Lissi used her phonics knowledge to spell words and made sure her writing was neat. Well done Lissi for working so hard!



Year 2 – Ruan

For excellent writing which is always clear and well punctuated as well as exciting to read. Keep up the fantastic work Ruan!

Year 3 – Eryss

For creating a colourful and unique camouflage poppy. Eryss has settled well into Year 3 and demonstrates fantastic behaviour for learning. Well done Eryss!



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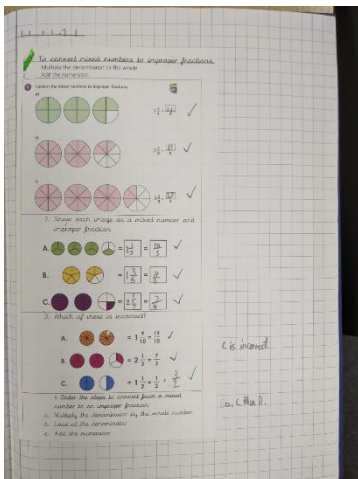
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Year 4 – Charley

For always presenting his work so beautifully, responding to red pen corrections and re-reading every single night. Well done Charley!

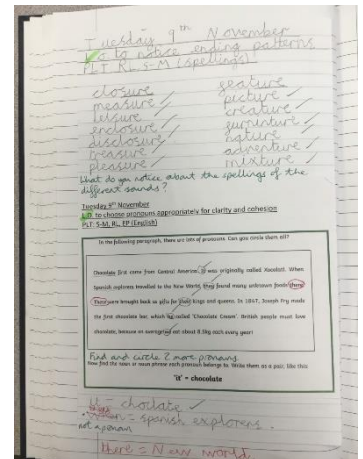
Year 5 – Rhys

For his superb concentration and attention to detail when making his Greek vase. Well Done Rhys!



Year 6 – Ewan

For showing such focus and concentration this week with your maths. It has been wonderful to see your skills and confidence develop. Well Done Ewan!



Performer of the Week

Kiani in Year 3

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Kiani's total was 35,553 steps. Well done Kiani!

Kind Regards,

J. Eddy

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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