

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. We have had a busy and exciting week in our academy.

### **Service of Remembrance**

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021, our Head prefects, school council representatives

and their families, joined Mrs Eddy and Mrs Kitching at the War Memorial in Hayle to lay a wreath on behalf of the Connor Downs Academy community.

All the children were impeccable in their behaviour and the Head prefects were a real credit to our school community in the respectful way they conducted themselves when laying the wreath. We are so proud of each and every one of you and would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who were able to accompany their

children to this very special commemoration.



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## Year 4 Swimming

Last week Year 4 came to the end of their intensive block of 10 swimming sessions at St Ives Leisure Centre. We are delighted to see the impressive progress that has been made by all the Year 4 children, and although swimming every day has been very tiring, they have shown great resilience and engagement. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the Year 4 parents/carers for ensuring their child arrived at school every day with their swimming kit, ready to learn. Well done Year 4!



## Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 have come to the end of their first intensive block of 5 swimming sessions. They now have a two-week rest before they begin their second intensive block of 5 swimming sessions, beginning on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the Year 3 parents/carers for their support in making sure their child arrived at school each day with their swimming kit.



## Year 3 Dance workshop

On Tuesday morning the Year 3 children had the amazing opportunity to attend a free, 90-minute dance workshop at Savvy Studios in Hayle. This included two, 45-minute classes in both Lyrical and Commercial dance, taught by fully qualified and experienced teachers, in their two professional studios. The children participated with great enthusiasm during the lessons and once again showed their incredible behaviour and pride in themselves and Connor Downs Academy.

## Mrs Penny Shilston, Chair of the Board of Trustees for Aspire Academy Trust Visit

Also this week, Mrs Shilston visited Connor Downs Academy and spent the morning observing the teaching and learning and interacting with the children and staff. Mrs Shilston visited each class in turn and was impressed by the children's impeccable manners, behaviour and positive attitude to learning.

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## World War II Veteran, Mrs Ivor Pascoe

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children had the amazing experience of meeting Mr Ivor Pascoe, a WWII veteran. Mr Pascoe shared with the children his experiences during WWII including his house being bombed during an air raid, which sadly saw many of his close family members killed. Mr Pascoe shared his experiences of active service in the Royal Navy during the war including his role piloting the



landing craft during the D-Day landings. Mr Pascoe who turns 99 years old on his next birthday, captivated the children and staff with his wartime experiences and the children were able to ask many questions in order to develop their understanding of life during WWII.



## Bikeability

Over the last two weeks, a number of our Year 5 children have taken part in Bikeability training. Bikeability is cycling proficiency for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, giving pupils the skills and confidence to cycle in today's traffic conditions. The training has been delivered by Penwith School Sport and involved an afternoon session on the school playground, followed by a morning and an afternoon session on the roads.



We are delighted to announce that all those who took part received their certificates and badges this afternoon in our Shine assembly. We would like to say a huge congratulations to them all and a massive thank you to parents/carers for ensuring the children had their bikes in school for each session.

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy

On Thursday evening the Friends of Connor Downs Academy were delighted to be able to host the first of 3 termly discos, since the beginning of the pandemic. It was lovely to see so many of the children in attendance and having fun. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends Committee for arranging this fantastic event.

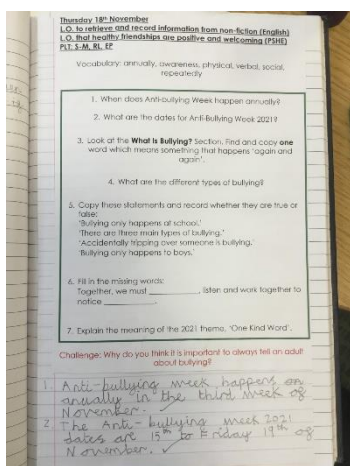


The next event in the Friends Calendar is the Christmas Fayre. This is scheduled to take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 from 3:30pm **(subject to changes in Covid restrictions)**. More details to follow, but please do come along and join us for this fantastic fundraising event. All profits are used for the benefit of enhancing all the childrens' educational journey.

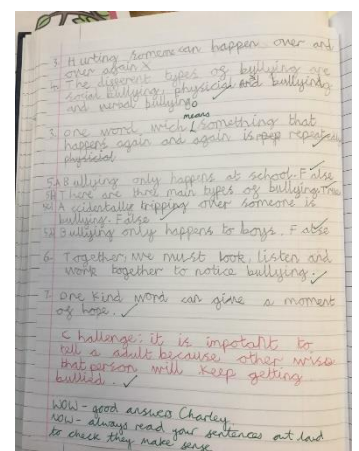
## Anti-Bullying Week 2021: 'One Kind Word'

The children across our academy have this week been recognising anti-bullying week in many different ways.

Year 2 focused on kindness and wrote kindness cards to celebrate acts of kindness shared this week. The cards were collected in the class bucket of kindness which Year 2 will continue to add to this year.



Year 4 have been learning that healthy friendships are welcoming and positive. The children have discussed how to support one another and how to be a good friend. They understand that using just 'one kind word' can give a moment of hope.



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## Dates for Diary Reminder

### December

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – YEAR 3 SWIMMING – Week 2

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance 1 **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – performance 2 **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Friends Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm – 5:00pm **(provisional – dependent on COVID guidance)**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm to 7:00pm **(provisional date – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5:00pm to 6:00pm **(provisional date – dependent on COVID guidance at the time)**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of Autumn Term – **2:00pm Finish**

### Reminders

As the weather has now turned more autumnal, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes to school with a warm, waterproof coat every day. We are encouraging the children to get some fresh air at all break and lunch times as well as taking advantage of our amazing outdoor area during lesson times, so it is vital that your child has a coat to wear to keep them as dry and warm as possible.



Naturally, with the colder weather comes more illness, in terms of colds, sickness bugs etc. If your child/children has a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is the requirement for them to be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

Please can we also remind parents/carers, that if your child/children is/are absent from school due to illness, please ensure you telephone the school every morning they are absent and leave a message on the absence line. Thank you.

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## Connor Downs Academy Uniform Reminder

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for reception class children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)
- White PE t-shirt with embroidered logo
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



## General appearance

### Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into hair. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

### Make up

The wearing of make up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted, except in exceptional circumstances where agreed in writing, in advance, by the school.

### Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

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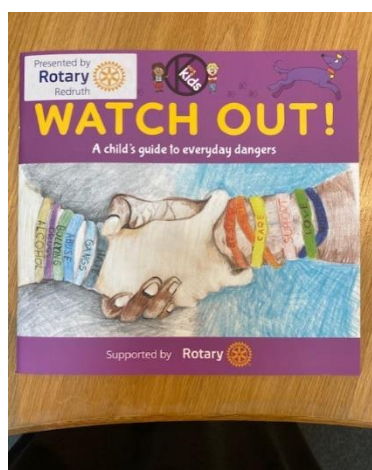
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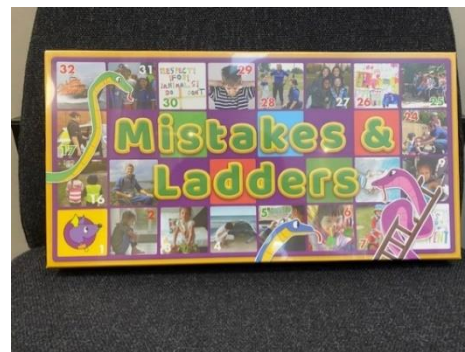
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## Redruth Rotary Club

Last year, Redruth Rotary kindly donated copies of their Safeguarding for KS2 books, 'Watch Out!' for all our KS2 classes. This week, they have delivered copies for our current Year 3 students.



They have also kindly donated an accompanying boardgame 'Mistakes and Ladders' for each of our KS2 classes.



We would like to say a big thank you to Stella Barber, Safeguarding for Key Stage 2 Project Lead and the rest of Redruth Rotary for once again donating these fantastic resources.

## Meal Booking and ParentPay

Thank you to all those parents/carers who make use of our online meal booking system, ParentPay, to order their child/children's meals. We are however, still finding an increasing number of children ordering their lunches in school each morning and asking to change the option booked by their parent/carer.

To assist the catering staff, we are politely requesting that all meals for the whole week be booked in advance using the online ParentPay booking system. This will enable the kitchen to plan more efficiently given the current delivery and supply issues. Bookings close at midnight each evening, so we would encourage parents/carers to book meals for the week prior to midnight on a Sunday. Thank you all for your support.

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	99.1 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.0 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	97.7 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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### Year R – Joseph

For his fantastic work in RE, following a set of instructions to create a beautiful Christingle using a range of imaginative resources. Well done Joseph!

### Year 1 – Ezra

For bravely accepting a role in the EYFS/KS1 Nativity. Ezra has stepped up and his charisma has shone on stage and he is also respectful to others when they are performing. Well done Ezra!

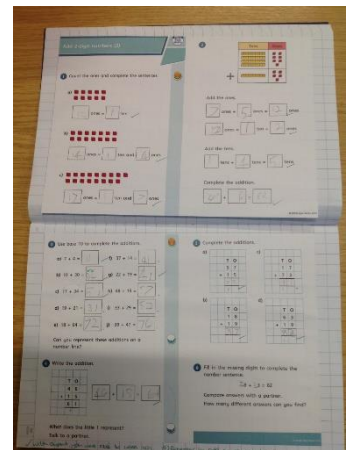
### Year 2 – Noelle

For adding two-digit numbers skilfully and explaining the process clearly. Well done Noelle!



### Year 3 – Cayden

For his fantastic efforts during the dance workshops. Well done Cayden!



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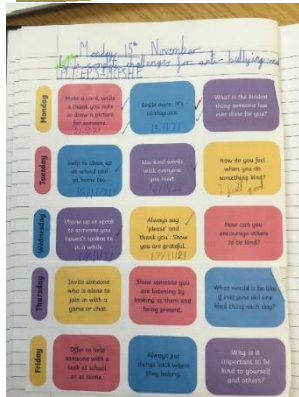
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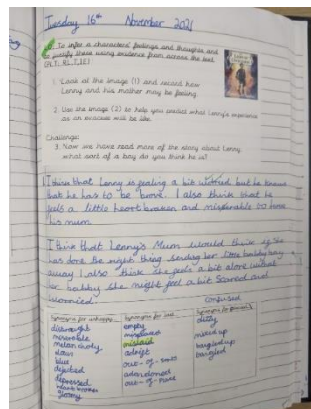
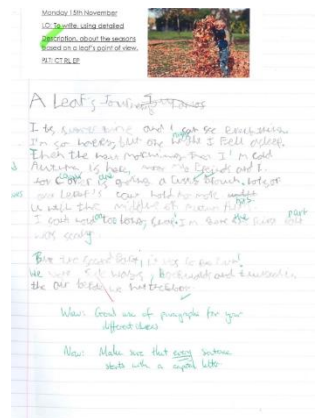


## Year 4 – Holly

For completing her Anti-Bullying Week kindness challenges. Holly has worked so hard to complete each challenge and has been sharing times when other members of the class have shown kindness to her.

## Year 5 – Charlie M

For his detailed description of life as a leaf for our Big Write and his dramatic improvement in his handwriting. Well done Charlie!



## Year 6 – Phoebe

This week Phoebe has really impressed us with the quality of work in her process book and with the increased independence she is showing in maths. Well done Phoebe!

## Performer of the Week

### Lenny in Year 4

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Lenny's total was 41,110 steps. Well done Lenny!

Kind Regards,

*J. Eddy*

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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