



## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This week in school Max in year 2 shared his gymnastics success with his class. Over the weekend, Max attended the Cornwall men's gymnastics competition, as part of Helston Swallows gymnastics club. Max won a gold medal in every piece of apparatus as well as overall making him the Cornwall under 7's champion. We are incredibly proud of your hard work and determination to succeed. Well Done Max!

Thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for organising another successful disco this week. We hope your children all had fun and are looking forward to the next event, the annual Easter Bingo—more details to follow nearer the time!



Over the last week we have held the Scholastic Book Fair. We would like to say thank you to all those children and parents/carers/grandparents who came along. Over the last year the book fairs we have held have raised almost £300 in rewards which we will use to purchase a wider variety of books for our library.

An update on the NSPCC Number Day donations. These have now topped over £600 and we would like to extend a huge thank you to you all for all your efforts in helping the children to learn their times tables and for raising an incredible amount for the NSPCC.



## Sumdog



Help your child enjoy mathematics with Sumdog !

At Connor Downs, we are no longer going to use Mathletics. Instead, we are moving to using an engaging mathematical program called Sumdog. It uses games to encourage students, and automatically adapts to your child's needs. To help with our mathematics learning, we'd like you to encourage your child to play a little Sumdog each week. As they play, Sumdog asks questions that are tailored to their individual learning. You can use the Sumdog website on your computer, or download the iPad or Android app. Please see your child's sharer book for their individual login. A letter giving further details will be sent home in the week after half term.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 24th February**—First day back after half term and after school clubs begin (apart from Rounders which begins Monday 2nd March)

**Monday 2nd March**—Swimming (year 2) - week 1 (letters to be sent home first week after half term)

**Tuesday 3rd March**—Parent Consultations (bookable via the Arbor App)

**Wednesday 4th March**—Parent Consultations (bookable via the Arbor App)

**Thursday 5th March**—World Book Day (Children invited to pay £1 and come to school dressed as their favourite book character)

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a good half term. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Connor Downs Academy on Monday 24th February 2020.

**Mrs Eddy**

## ATTENDANCE

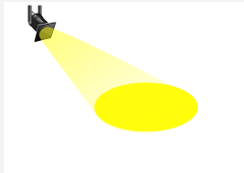
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place

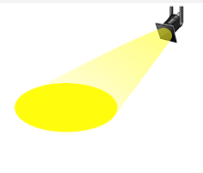
Year 3

96.7%

# SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 28th 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 well done to:

Reception	Phoenix	For making fantastic progress as a result of his consistently positive attitude and outstanding behaviour for learning.
Year 1	Isla	For always giving 100% in every subject especially in maths, adding one more and one less to numbers within 50.
Year 2	Cooper	For regularly proof reading, checking and editing his writing to successfully carry his learning forward.
Year 3	Willow	For always going beyond her best in maths and English and explaining her answers in detail, using challenging vocabulary.
Year 4	Annika	For her super use of vocabulary and great leadership skills when working collaboratively to plan a poem for performance.
Year 5	Tru	For the extra information she adds to class discussions using our sentence stems.
Year 6	Jake M	For significant improvements in all areas of maths. Jake has shown growth mindset and made lots of right choices with his learning.
Writer of the week	Jake D Year 6	For real improvement with his writing. Jake is making increasingly mature language choices and organising his work better using punctuation.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Harry Year 1	For working hard and making incredible progress in his phonics which has resulted in him moving to a new group.
KS2 Reader of the week	Zach Year 5	For reading shared texts aloud in class and his positive contributions during reading comprehension.
Mathematician of the week	Malakie Year 4	For his excellent recall of times tables and for always challenging himself in maths.
Performer of the week	Holly Year 3	For showing excellent resilience and determination during our swimming session this week to achieve 25 metres. Well Done!
Citizen of the week	Isobel Year 2	For always being incredibly helpful, kind and thoughtful towards others within the classroom and the school as a whole.