

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. At the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. This year, each class has produced their own 'newsletter' that can be accessed using the following links. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support this term and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Connor Downs Academy on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Christmas Fayre



Last Friday, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy hosted their Christmas Fayre. Due to current guidelines this was a much-reduced event but we were delighted to see so many parents/carers joining us to enjoy our Year 4 children's brass performance in the hall, and to see the amazing cards and decorations made by the children. The funds

raised will be used for resources to enhance the learning for all our children, thank you.



## KS2 Carol Concert



On Monday evening we were delighted to be able to host our KS2 carol concert at Phillack Church. The children from each class sang carols, interspersed with readings from our Year 6 children, along with handbells and trumpet performances. We are so proud of every child who took part and performed so beautifully. We would like to thank all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought their children back for the carol



service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event. We would also like to thank Mrs Smith on keyboard and Mrs Burden on trumpet for their performances and to Mrs Burden for supporting the brass group and handbell groups. A final thank you must go to Annette Claridge who oversaw the event and the Phillack Church team for allowing us to use the Church which was looking so beautifully decorated for Christmas.



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## EYFS/KS1 Christingle

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children were delighted to visit Phillack Church in Hayle to share a Christingle Service, kindly hosted by Annette Claridge.

Building on their RE learning, the children enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the Christingle in the church setting, impressing Annette, parents and carers with their understanding of all that the Christingle represents to Christians.



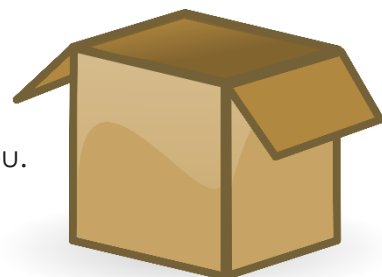
During the celebration, our children performed a collection of festive songs, including traditional Christmas carols and songs from their own EYFS and KS1 Nativity, Out of the Arks: 'I'm Gonna Shine!'

Thank you to all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought their children back for the Christingle service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event.



## Carboard boxes and Pringles tubes request

In the spring Term, Year 5 will be recreating the 'Great Fire of London', by building their own 'Pudding Lane'. Please could we ask parents/carers to save any unwanted cardboard boxes and clean Pringles tubes and bring into school after Christmas. Thank you.



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## Year 4 – Savvy Dance Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 4 enjoyed a morning of dance at Savvy Dance Studios in Hayle. The children learned two very different dances and enjoyed performing them to each other at the end of the workshops. Everyone worked so hard to remember the dance sequences and enjoyed getting involved. Thank you to Savvy studios for this amazing opportunity.



## Year R and Year 6 Christmas Baking

This week, Reception were visited by Mrs Allen, our fantastic Catering Manager, as well as some of our Year 6 children.



Together, Reception and their special visitors enjoyed working as a team to bake some festive treats from scratch! The children prepared and combined their ingredients, followed instructions and shared their ideas confidently. Year 6 were exemplary role models throughout their afternoon in Reception and Mrs Allen was very impressed by the children's teamwork, enthusiasm and communication skills.



Thank you to Mrs Allen and Year 6 for helping to make Reception's last week of term so special!



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## Christmas Football Camps - at Mounts Bay Football Development Centre

Mounts Bay Academy are running some Football Camps on Monday 20th December 2021.

The Camps are fun filled days involving skill development, challenges, prizes, matches and many more exciting activities.

Please see the poster attached for booking details.

## Free Hot meal for Free School Meal Children at Christmas

During the Christmas Holiday's the government are funding all children eligible for benefited related free school meals a space at holiday activity clubs.



School holidays can have particular challenges for some families because of increased costs such as food, childcare and reduced incomes.

Our programme offers fun engaging activity with a **free hot meal for all children** and aims to support children and families who may be affected by the triple inequalities of social isolation, poor diet and low levels of physical activity.

It is a great opportunity for all children and our camp is open to children from Reception to Year 6.

Please see the poster attached for booking details.



**Fun activities for everyone varying from circus skills to multi-sports and every session includes a FREE meal for all children.**

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Christmas holidays, from December 20th - 23rd.

Find one in your area by visiting our website:  
[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

• Free places for ALL children eligible for Free School Meals  
• Activities available for children aged 5-16

For more information contact:

Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk  
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## Attendance

<b><u>Attendance</u></b> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 3	98.1 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 6	97.9 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 1	96.8 %

Kind Regards,

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