

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. This week in school has once again been incredibly busy and exciting.



### **Year 3 Penlee Museum Visit**

On Friday last week, the children from Year 3 had an exciting day at Penlee Museum, taking part in a Stone Age to Bronze Age workshop. The children were delighted to see artefacts such as arrow heads, jewellery and pottery that had been discovered locally, as close as Gwithian and St Erth.

The children were able to handle replicas of Stone Age pots and tools, dress in Iron age tunics and create their own Bronze coin design. The museum staff commented on the excellent behaviour, knowledge and creativity of all the children.



### **Cross Country**

On Monday after school, members of our cross-country group attended the second of three events, held at Hayle Academy. We are so proud of the drive, determination and resilience shown by all those who took part. The next event is being held at St Ives Rugby Club

on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022. We wish all our runners well for their next outing.



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## Year 2 Dance workshop

On Tuesday morning it was the turn of the Year 2 children to have 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. As the Year 3 children did, two weeks ago, the Year 2 children participated with great enthusiasm during the lessons and once again showed their incredible behaviour and pride in themselves and Connor Downs Academy. On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December it will be the turn of Year 4.

## Year 5/6 Football Festival

On Wednesday, our entire football squad competed in their first competitive matches against local schools within the Penwith sports cluster. The three teams battled against the elements and played with great enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the festival. Each team learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank our travelling supporters who came to support our teams. We are looking forward to competing again after the Christmas break.



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## Hi-5 Netball Festival

On Thursday, a group of our KS2 netballers represented Connor Downs Academy in a Hi-5 Netball Festival at Hayle Academy. We are so proud of the efforts of every single child who took part, showing great team spirit and determination.



## Christmas Post Box

A reminder that the Christmas post box has returned to the main corridor in our KS2 building. This is available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.

## Christmas Events Reminders

### EYFS /KS1 Nativity

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing their Christmas Nativity, 'I'm Gonna Shine!' on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets have been sent home with children today.

Please note that your child has worked hard as part of the EYFS/KS1 team to stage the performances and everyone's role is important. Please ensure your child attends both performances, thank you.

A reminder that, on the day you are due to come into school, we are requesting that all those attending take an LFD test prior to attending and that whilst in school, you wear a face covering (unless medically exempt).



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# Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

## Christmas Fayre

**Friends of Connor Downs Academy**

**Christmas Fayre**

**Friday 10th December 2021**

**3:30pm**

**Please come along and join in the festive  
fun!**

**Class Christmas Stalls**

**Games**

**Unfortunately, due to his busy schedule,  
Santa is unable to visit Connor Downs  
Academy this year. but is looking forward  
to visiting all of your homes on Christmas  
Eve!**



For the past 10 weeks, Year 4 have been taking part in a first access course playing a variety of brass instruments. As a culmination to this course, they will be playing for all the parents/carers at the Christmas Fayre in the school hall.

Please do come along and support this fantastic event showcasing the amazing efforts of all the Year 4 children who have been practising consistently at home each week.

## KS2 Carol Concert

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in their carol concert at Phillack Church, on **Monday 13th December** starting at 6:00pm. There will be a retiring collection with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, thank you.



*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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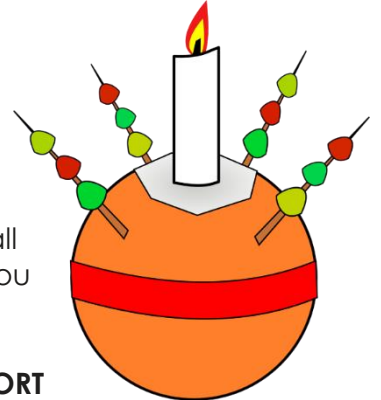


## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

The children from Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be invited to take part in their Christingle, also being held at Phillack Church. This will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5:00pm.

As with the KS2 Carol concert, there will be a retiring collection with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, thank you.

**PLEASE NOTE, ALL THE ABOVE EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE IN COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS/GUIDANCE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING.**



## Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed the parent/carers survey. We will communicate the findings of the survey with you on next week's newsletter.

## Drop off/pick up procedures:

We politely ask that you continue to socially distance and **wear a mask at the gates and on site**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Jumpers/Winter Coats

As the weather has now turned more wintery, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes to school wearing a school jumper and have a warm, waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves 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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## Year 3 Swimming Reminder

A reminder that Year 3 are swimming every day next week. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit and towel with them every day. Thank you.



## End of Term

A reminder that the final day of term is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Classes will hold their Christmas parties in the morning and children are invited to wear their own party clothes/Christmas jumpers.

Please note as previously advertised, we will be **finishing** school at the **earlier time of 2:00pm** on the last day.



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Mattu family for their very generous donation of the proceeds of their recently arranged table-top sale. The £65 will be used to buy books to enhance the school library provision.

## Who Dares Works – Free Community Christmas Party



WHO DARES WORKS  
Invites you to our...

**FREE Community  
Christmas Party**

Pirates Rugby Ground, Penzance (Marquee)  
Wednesday 15th December 2021  
4pm - 7pm

- Entertainment
- Festive food & drinks
- Decoration making
- Make your own Christmas Card
- Meet Santa
- Plus more festive fun



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The Who Dares Works project is led by Active Plus and delivered by a group of Social Enterprise family members. The project is funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund.



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## Free Christmas Holiday Activity Programme – Holiday Food Programme

Coast Activity programme promises to deliver massive amounts of fun, sport and activity!

Our full program will provide children with the chance to discover a new range of exciting activities and sports. It is a fantastic opportunity for children to make friends, develop skills and have fun whilst supporting their health, wellbeing and so much more.

Each child will be provided with a healthy hot lunch. Therefore, all we ask is that each child brings a water bottle with them to keep them hydrated.

The camp will be running for 4 days for 4 hours from the 20th- 23rd December and you have the choice of a morning or an afternoon session.

Any child who qualifies for FSM will receive a code and qualifies for a free 4-hour session each day.



**Coast**  
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME  
WWW.COASTACTIVITYPROGRAMME.COM

**Free**  
spaces available

**4 hours of fun filled activities!**

**Christmas Active Holiday Club**  
20th - 23rd December 2021  
Penpol Primary School, Hayle, TR27 4AH

Fun sports and games as well as a hot meal for every child. A variety of sports and games to be played, from invasion games to circus skills, tennis, cricket, parachute fun and so much more!

**FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED**

**Morning**  
9:00am - 1:00pm

**OR**

**Afternoon**  
12:00pm - 4:00pm

**FREE**  
£15 per session or attend all 4 consecutive days for £50  
One session per day per child.

**Special Offer**  
playwaze

**TO BOOK:** Go to Playwaze website, create an account for your child and search for Coast Activity Programme.

**Be ACTIVE**  
**Have FUN**  
**Develop SKILLS**  
**And make FRIENDS**

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	97.2 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 6	96.9 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 2	96.6 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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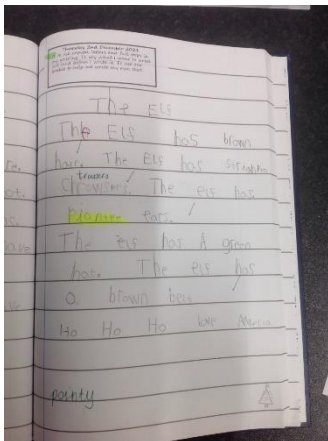
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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

### Year R – Leon

For always showing amazing behaviour for learning. Leon shone this week, particularly in our SCARF lesson with his participation. Keep up the great work Leon!



### Year 1 – Amelia

Amelia always displays exemplary behaviour for learning. In English, Amelia flawlessly included the use of full stops and capital letters in her writing and is always kind and helpful to her peers. Well done Amelia!

### Year 2 – Linkcon

For the enthusiasm he showed during the Year 2 Savvy Dance workshops. Linkcon listened carefully to the music and performed confidently.

### Year 3 – Mabel

Mabel showed fantastic enthusiasm and knowledge during our Year 3 visit to Penlee Museum. Mabel was polite and thoughtful when answering questions and taking such a keen interest during discussion time.

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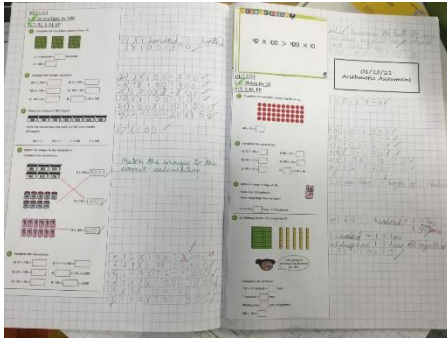
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## Year 4 – Ella Bu.

For working hard in all subjects. Ella always gives 100% and supports her peers without question. Well done Ella – keep it up!

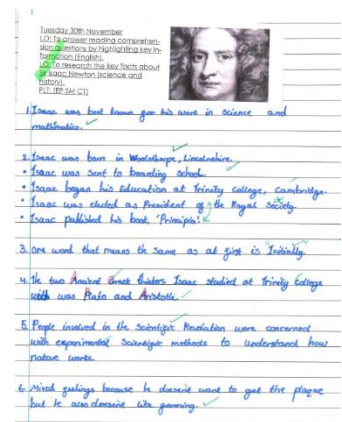
## Year 5 – Layla

For the organisation and pride in her presentation in all her work both in school and her homework. Well done Layla, keep up the great work!



## Year 6 – Kitty

For her wonderful sewing skills when making her Christmas decoration. Kitty was also so kind in offering help to her peers. Thank you and well done!



## Performer of the Week

### Sophia in Year 5

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Sophia's total was 40,713 steps. Well done Sophia!

Kind Regards,

*J. Eddy*

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Head of School

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