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Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. We have had another very busy and exciting week in our Academy.



Year 1 Trengwainton Gardens

On Tuesday, Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Trengwainton Gardens. The children were very excited because it was

their first ever school trip as a class. On arrival at Trengwainton Gardens they followed the footpath around to the terrace at the top, stopping many times

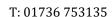
along the way to see what they could hear, feel, smell and see. The children could hear birds, the

could hear birds, the wind, water and stones crunching under their feet. They saw pretty flowers, bamboo, leaves and a big house. They smelt the grass, fresh air, flowers and they could feel soft, furry bark, moss, crunchy leaves

and sharp stones. The taste of their lovely packed lunches was their

favourite part of the trip! Thank you
to Mrs Eddy, Mrs
Smitheram, Mr
Lewis, Mrs Kessell
and Mrs Lythe for
joining us and
making our trip
possible - a great time

was had by all!







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National Science Week



All children in EYFS have had so much fun during their outdoor learning in Science this week. They have been listening to nature, observing the changes in the seasons and finding out what lives in our pond. They thoroughly enjoyed discovering the newts living in the pond. The children observed the newts closely and even had the opportunity to hold them.

For National Science Week the children in Year 2 launched their

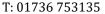
new theme Sowing and Growing. The children examined a range of seeds and dissected seeds to discover all their parts. They found and learnt about the seed coat and how it protects the seed as it starts to grow. They found the radical which becomes the root and stem and discovered the food store which contains all the nutrients the plant needs to start growing. Cross curricular links were made with the children learning about women in science through this week's reading comprehension.





Year 3 had an exciting investigation discovering if liquid travels. It was amazing to see the children's response as they observed the liquid's movement.









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During their outdoor learning lessons with Mr Costello, Year 4 and Year 5 children have been learning about pollination by dissecting daffodils. The children have also been learning about the many creatures that live in our pond, getting up close to the newts and tadpoles. They have been observing and learning more about insects in general and our stick insects.







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During Science Week, Y6 have been investigating the theme of 'Light'. Miss Norton used a laser to show how light travels in straight lines. The children have explored the language 'transparent, translucent and opaque' and how these affect the shadow formed. This week, the children found out how we can see - understanding more about the structure of the eye and completing a diagram.

Go Cycling Event - Mounts Bay Academy

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Mrs Smitheram and Miss Reed were delighted to take our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 cycling teams to Mounts Bay Academy cycle track to take part in a time trial competition with other schools in the PPE cluster. After a safety briefing, the children were ready to compete. In mixed teams the children battled the clock to complete the course in the fastest time. Each competitor's time added to their team's overall time. Year 3/4 team earned gold medals with Year 5/6 claiming silver only 9 seconds

behind the winners. The children were delighted and demonstrated excellent behaviour when representing our school.





Black History

Year 6 watched a lesson held by David Olusoga OBE. a British historian, writer and film-maker. The lesson was all about Equality and Representation. The children looked at the census return from 1911 for a merchant ship. The children explored the background of the Captain and the Lascars. They also looked at a newspaper article about cruelty to Lascars and explained how they stood up for themselves. Acting as historians, the children were challenged to piece the evidence together and understand more about how diverse Britain's history is.

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The response from Aspire families, local communities and beyond, has been nothing short of awe inspiring in reaction to the Aspire UNICEF UK/Ukraine appeal. In a little over a week, you have raised over £7,800 with donations still flowing in.



For anyone who has not yet donated, but wishes to, the Trust have set up a central Aspire JustGiving page which is now live and will remain live until the end of the spring term – Friday 8th April.

www.justgiving.com/aspire-ukraine



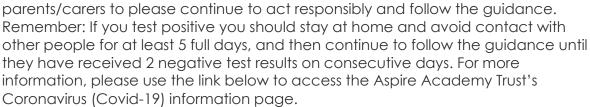
fantastic £52.00

Bags To School

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy would like to say a big thank you to the families who donated their unwanted clothes to raise money from the Bags2School collection. We raised a

Remain Alert: Covid-19

Cases of COVID-19 in Cornwall are very high compared to the national average. We ask all



Coronavirus (COVID-19) - The Aspire Academy Trust

Attendance

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<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for		
attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 4	97.6 %
2 nd Place	Year R	96.3%

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 18th March 2022



Year R - Oliver

For his enthusiasm and excitement when working with Mr Costello and the newts. Oliver was keen to share his knowledge with the rest of the class. Well done Oliver!

Year 1 – Imogen

For her incredible attitude towards her learning and the amazing progress she is making in all subjects. Well done Imagen!

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Year 2 - Leo

For carefully dissecting a seed and recording his findings clearly. Well done Leo!

Year 3 - Maddie

For great work on reading comprehension response. Maddie has a super attitude to

learning, always giving 100%. Well done Maddie!

Year 4 - Isobel

For consistently working hard on fractions and applying herself fully to her work. Well done Isobel!



Narrator concludes the story: Once again the orphans are sat in the back of Mr Poe's car, a black Rolls Royce 🗸

Year 6 - Henry J s set in motion. (The plan was to get the orphans to stay in the so set in motion. (The plan was to get the orphans to stay in the sool so that he could use it to his advantage, He was going to ty rick them into going into P.E and slaughter them with a knife to get fortune.

For representing our school at the cycling event on Thursday so brilliantly. Well done Henry!

Year 5 - Caleb

For his positivity in every aspect of school life. Caleb is making the most of every learning opportunity and having a great year. Well done Caleb!

Writer – Kitty (Year 6)

For being such an original writer at Creative Writing Club – it is always a joy to hear you read out your work.

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jack (Year 1)

For completing all the phased phonics reading books and now reading AR books from the library.

KS2 Reader – Alfie (Year 3)

For showing amazing fluency when reading about animals.

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Mathematician – Billy (Year 2)

For the skill and understanding Billy has consistently shown during our unit on shape.

Performer - Amelia H (Year 4)

For her amazing facial expressions and actions while performing 'The Sound Collector' with her group.

Moki Fitness Tracker – George Gr. (Year 6)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. George's total was 36,291 steps. Well done George!

Citizen – Cecily (Year R)

For being such a kind and helpful friend in Reception.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy

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