

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another extremely busy and exciting week!

Year 4 Music



This week our year 4 pupils have begun a 10 week first access course, to learn to play a brass instrument. The course is run by Mrs Burden, from the Cornwall Music Service Trust, with the aim of encouraging more children to become actively interested in music. The children will have weekly sessions in school with Mrs Burden, alongside playing at home with their allocated instrument, which will culminate in a performance at the end of the ten weeks.



Year 6 Maths Olympiad



On Thursday, four of our year 6 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Smitheram, were invited to take part in a Maths Olympiad held at the Camborne Science and International Academy's Nexus campus. following current Covid 19 guidance. There were teams from other schools taking part in fun and engaging workshops during the morning session followed by the competition in the

afternoon. We are delighted to announce that our Connor Downs Academy team came 3rd overall out of a total of 17 teams. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Nexus for offering us the opportunity to take part in such an event. Our thanks also go to the parents/carers of the four pupils for their continued support and finally to the children who did themselves, their families and Connor Downs Academy proud. Well done, Beth, Callum, Heidi and Holly!



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Year 6 – World War II

This week, year 6 have been busy creating Sketchbook pages based on the Blitz.

We were also delighted and very excited to receive a very kind donation of WW2 memorabilia, from Porthcurno Museum of Global Communications. It was such a wonderful surprise and we are so grateful for these resources which will help bring our history lessons to life.

Thank you to Mr Tyreman from the Museum for the very generous donation.



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.

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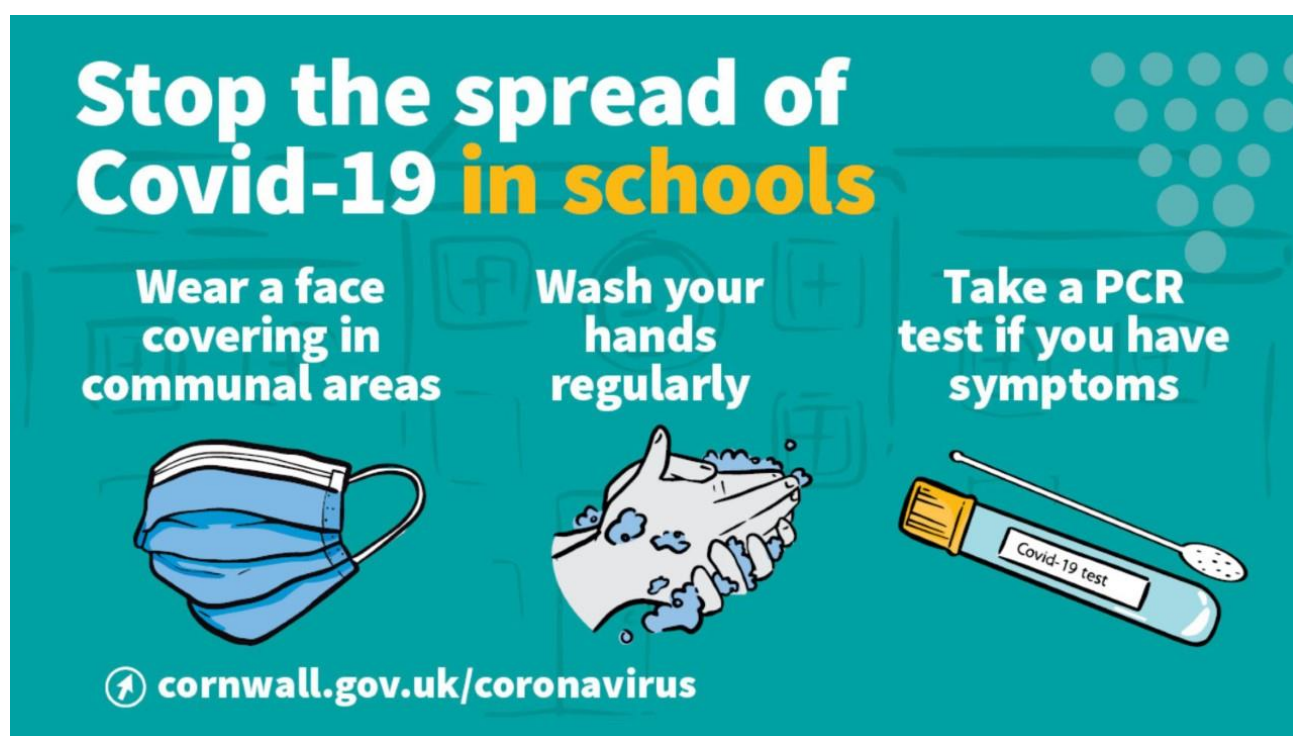
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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Public Health Update for Schools

In the ongoing battle against COVID-19, please find attached to this newsletter, a letter to parents from Cornwall Council Public Health Team that we would encourage all parents/carers to read.



Tempest School Photographs – Orders Deadline



A huge thank you to all parents/carers who ensured their children were looking so smart for their school photographs on Monday this week. If you would like to order your pictures through the school, please return your slips to the school office no later than **Friday 8th October 2021**. If you wish to pay by cash, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk for a Tempest envelope to be sent home with your child.

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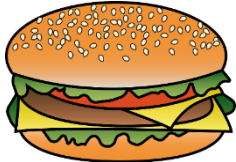
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Menu Change

Thursday 7th October 2021 – Autumn Census Day



Build Your Own Burger (Meat/Vegetarian)

Ice Cream or Brownie



Transfer to Secondary School



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Transfer to secondary school September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a secondary school place for September 2022

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form.

Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school**. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2021

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Starting School – September 2022



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The deadline for applications is
15 January 2022

Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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- 2 Submit your application by 15 January 2022**

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- 3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 19 April 2022. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 2	98.1 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 5	97.2 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 1	97.2 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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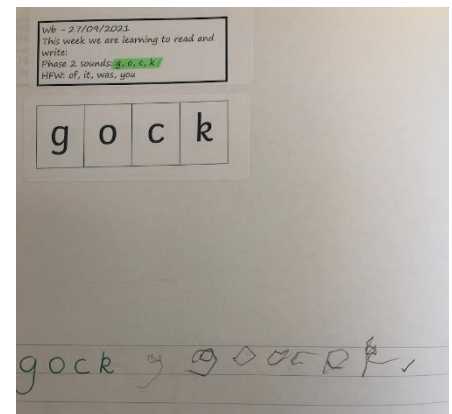
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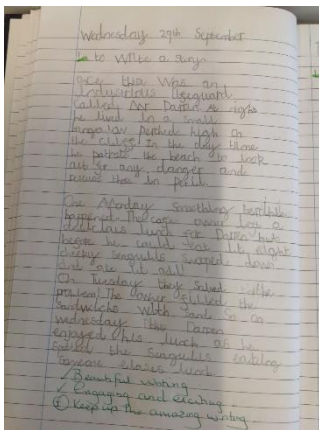
Year R – Roscoe

For working hard across all areas of his learning, being a kind and helpful role model and producing work of a high quality, particularly in phonics. Well done Roscoe!



Year 1 – Lola

Lola demonstrated excellent listening and focus skills in our music lesson this week. Lola was able to repeat rhythms back and stop immediately for the conductor. Her enthusiasm was inspiring!

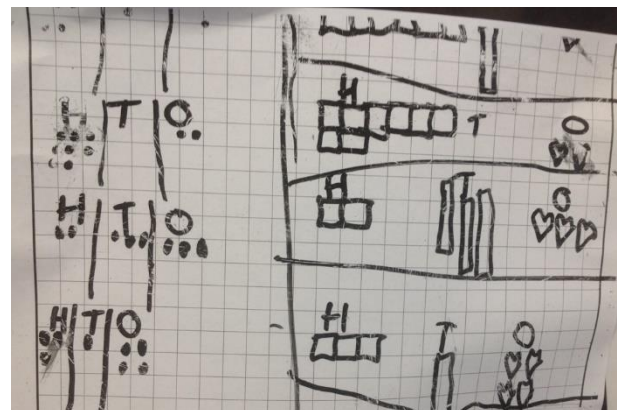


Year 2 – Ella

For writing an engaging story using exciting vocabulary and superb spellings throughout. Well done Ella!

Year 3 – Bella

For her amazing use of partitioning of a 3-digit number using Base 10 to find the answer. Well done Bella!



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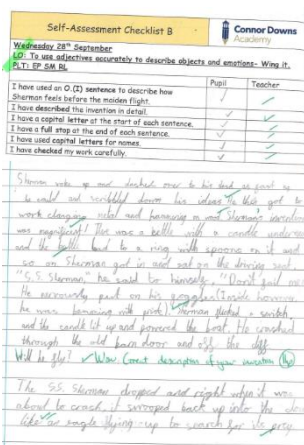
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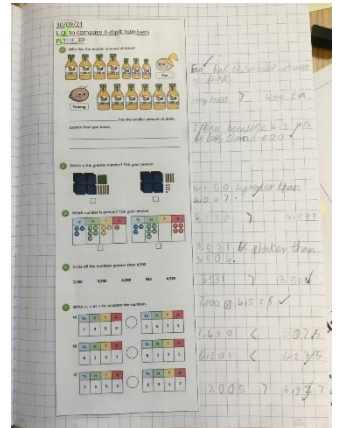
Year 4 – Chester

Chester always gives 100% effort to everything he does. He is a friendly, helpful and cheery member of the class, always willing to help his friends.



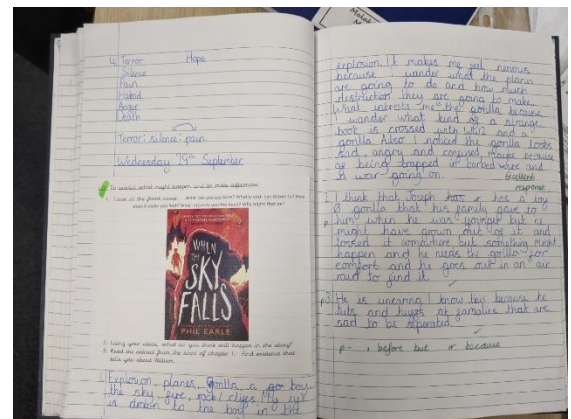
Year 5 – Orla

For her awesome writing and fabulous Outside (Inside) sentence description of Sherman's emotions.



Year 6 – Eve

For her well-developed answers in her Process book during our literacy lessons. Eve's word power really is incredible. Keep up the amazing work!



Performer of the Week

Seth in Year 5

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Seth's total was 25,485 steps. Well done Seth!

Kind Regards,

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