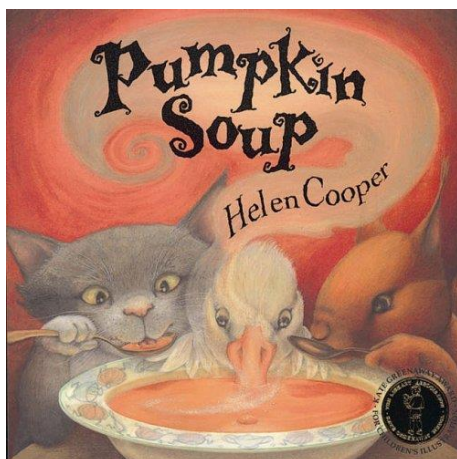


Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another full and exciting week! I would like to wish all our children, parents and carers a very happy half term and enjoyable Halloween. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 1st November.



Reception Class

This week in Reception, the children have enjoyed sharing their autumnal class book, 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. In the story, Cat, Squirrel and Duck work together to cook delicious pumpkin soup!

Inspired by the story and linking to their maths learning,

the children worked as a team to create pumpkin soup from scratch. Using vocabulary linked to volume and capacity, they carefully prepared and measured the ingredients (including herbs grown in Cultivating Futures!), followed step-by-step instructions to cook the soup, and then enjoyed measuring and eating portions of soup at the snack table.



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Year 2 Lanhydrock House

On Monday Year 2 had an exciting trip to Lanhydrock House. The children were amazing history detectives and learnt so many new things about the family that lived there and what life was like for them. They were curious and asked

many questions. The children's learning journey will now continue back in the classroom through our theme, "Through the Keyhole." Thank you to all the adults who supported during the day and especially to Mrs Rees for the fantastic photographs. It was a wonderful day. We soon forgot the rain and the children shone throughout the visit.



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Year 6 WWII Topic

On Wednesday afternoon, our Hub Councillor, Mr Gallagher visited Y6 with his collection of WWII memorabilia. The children were enthralled by his stories and enthusiasm. They were able to handle the items and asked thoughtful questions

to build their knowledge. Nobody managed to guess what the mystery object was - a miniature set of dominos! Thank you Mr Gallagher!



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Black History Month

Year R



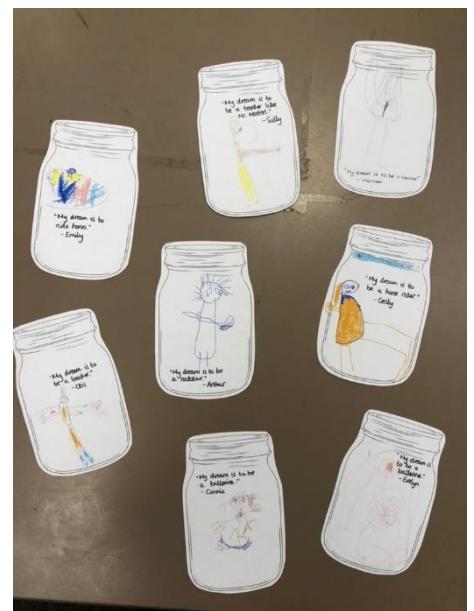
This month, Reception shared the story 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival. Ruby taught the children that everyone has worries, and that the best way to shrink a worry is to talk about it.

Next, in celebration of Black History Month, the children enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King Jr., an

African American man who lived before they were born. They discovered that he had been worried too; he could see that black people were being treated unfairly because of the colour of their skin, and his dream was for racism to end.

Like Ruby, Martin Luther King Jr. shared his worries (in front of lots of people!) and, when people began to listen to him, his worries began to become smaller; more and more people began to understand that we must not judge others based on the colour of their skin. We understand that Black History Month helps us to remember Martin Luther King Jr.'s bravery and keeps his very important dream, to end racism and inequality, alive.

The children then thought about their own dreams for the future and discussed why they should never let worries stand in their way when they are chasing their dreams. Finally, they illustrated their dreams for the future inside dream jars, to be displayed proudly in our classroom.



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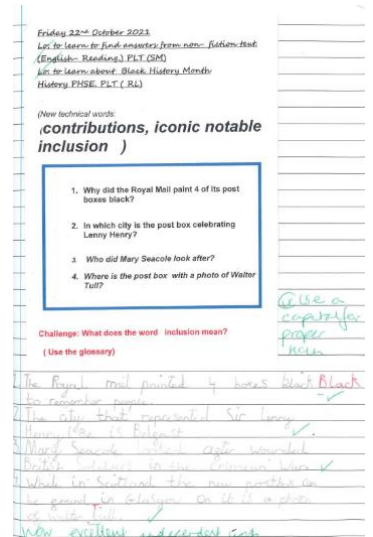
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Year 3

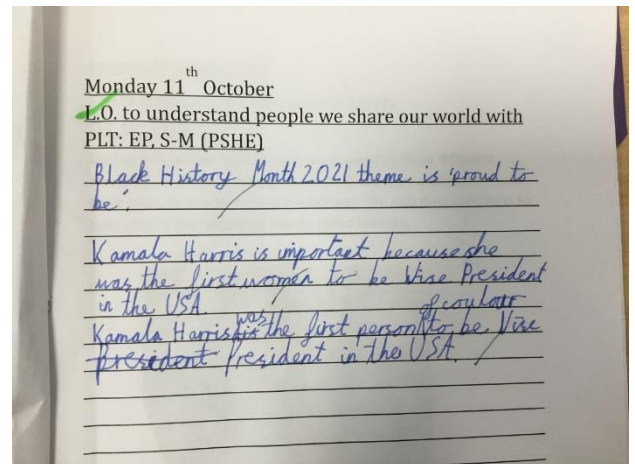
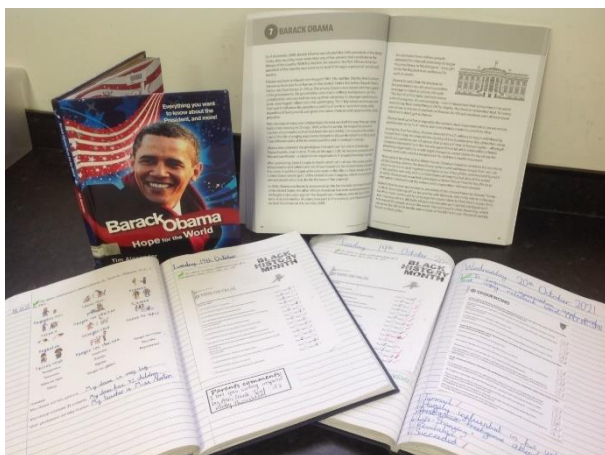
Year 3 completed a reading comprehension to mark and recognise the importance of Black History month.



Year 4

Year 4 discussed the significance of Kamala Harris becoming the first female Vice President and Vice President of colour in the United States of America.

Year 6



Year 6 learnt about Barack Obama, the first African-American president of the United States of America. They read and discussed a reading comprehension text recognising the significance of Barack Obama's appointment and impact.

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Head and Deputy Head Prefects

Today, in our online Shine assembly we proudly presented our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls with their Head Prefect badges. The pupils had to write a formal letter of application to Mrs Eddy and Miss Norton, and then, once shortlisted attended a formal interview. We are delighted to announce that:

Head Boy - Callum

Head Girl – Elodie

Deputy Head Boy - Joel

Deputy Head Girl - Summer

Congratulations to all the pupils who applied, we are so proud of you all and you are excellent role models for our academy.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who were able to attend the consultations this week. We hope that you found them informative and that you enjoyed the opportunity to finally meet your child's/children's new teacher.

Squid Game - Parent Warning

Parents are urged not to let their children watch the new Netflix show *Squid Game* for fear of children mimicking games in the school playground, similar to those seen in the South Korean series.

The age rating for *Squid Game* on Netflix is **TV-MA**, which means for mature audiences only. According to TV guidelines, TV-MA indicates "this program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17 years. Netflix gives a series of content warnings including sex, violence and suicide.

As a parent or carer, please keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Ensure that parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV, such as Netflix in this case, to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

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Clocks back! Dark nights ahead

A reminder that the clocks go back at 2am on Sunday 31st October meaning an end to British summer-time. Please find a link below to help remind children about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>



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.

Annual Nasal Flu Immunisations

A reminder that all children in Primary Schools from Reception to year 6 (inclusive) are being offered the nasal flu vaccination. The Kernow Health Schools Immunisation Team are visiting Connor Downs Academy on **Tuesday 2nd November** to administer the vaccinations. The vaccinations will only be given to those children whose parents have consented. If **no consent form** has been submitted by a parent to the Immunisations Team, they will **not** administer the vaccine. **The deadline for giving consent has now closed.**

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 have just come to the end of their intensive block of 10 swimming sessions at St Ives Leisure Centre. We are delighted to see the impressive progress that has been made by all the year 5 children, and although swimming every day has been very tiring, they have shown great resilience and engagement. We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the Year 5 parents/carers for ensuring their child arrived at school every day with their swimming kit, ready to learn. Well done Year 5!



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Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will begin their intensive block of 10 sessions on Monday 1st November until Friday 12th November. Letters have been sent home with the children this week. Please ensure your child brings their swimming kit and towel with them every day. Thank you.

Chance to Shine Cricket



"Hi, my name is Piran Kent but the students of Connor Downs Academy will know me as PK. I work for the Cornwall Cricket Board as a level 2 cricket coach and I also have a degree in sports coaching.

We've linked up with the fantastic charity 'Chance to Shine' allowing us to

come into schools and deliver 6 days across 6 weeks of free cricket coaching to children. The aim is to introduce and inspire children to get involved in cricket and learn new skills whilst having huge amounts of fun, hopefully allowing their new interest in cricket to carry on into local club environments like Hayle Cricket Club and take part in All stars and Dynamos."



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Transfer to Secondary School

Final reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your year 6 child is 31st October 2021.



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
**31 October
2021**

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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Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%

1 st Place	Year 6	99.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 4	98.7 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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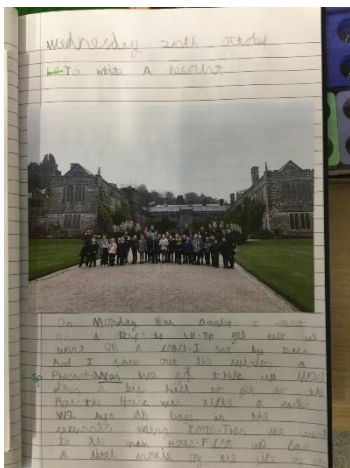


Year R – Dylan M

For confidently and proudly sharing his experiences of his family's Navratri celebrations as part of our RE topic: 'Being special: where do we belong?'

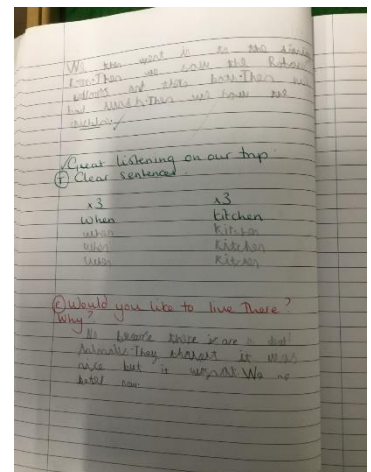
Year 1 – Elsie D

Elsie is always engaged in class, listening to the adults and is confident to share her answers with her peers. Elsie works well with others on the carpet to discuss answers and contributes to the discussions. Well done Elsie!



Year 2 – Billy

For being a curious and well-informed history detective on our school visit to Lanhydrock House this week.



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Year 3 – Senara

For showing impeccable manners every day. Senara is a kind and thoughtful member of year 3, showing a high level of respect to everyone.

Year 4 – Elessa-Fay

For always working so hard and giving 100% in every lesson. Ella is a delightful member of the class.

Year 5 – Berran

For perseverance and determination to conquer back stroke without a float. Well done Berran!

Year 6 – Callum

For your passion for reading and always reading above your target. Your writing inspired by Anne Frank was also highly accomplished.

Performer of the Week

Leon in Year 6

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Leon's total was 43,521 steps. Well done Leon!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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