



## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

What a wonderful week here at Connor Downs Academy. Many of our year 3, 4 and 5 children attended the residential trip at Beam House this week and enjoyed an action packed few days developing new skills and building resilience. We hope you enjoy looking at the photographs that can be found on the second page of this newsletter. The year 3, 4 and 5 children who remained in school, enjoyed a busy few days taking part in still life art classes, music lessons and outdoor learning.

This week, as part of their topic; 'A Voyage of Discovery', Year 6 learnt how to classify animals and plants into groups. They also looked at the skull of a fox (kindly brought in by a year 6 child) to see what they could find out about the animal; for example, by looking at the teeth, they recognised it was a carnivore.

We had some exciting post this week containing booklets sent by Liz Pichon, the author of the Tom Gates series, in response to letters written to her by a selection of our previous Y6 children. Liz included an autograph, personal note, stickers and a bookmark. We hope that this will encourage more of our pupils to write to their favourite authors.

One of our year 6 children was lucky enough to win an Amazon Kindle Fire 7 tablet as part of a competition held at CSIA's open evening. He was very pleased to have won.

Thank you to The Friends of Connor Downs Academy for their continued support in fundraising. We are delighted to have purchased a fantastic selection of playground equipment with the proceeds from the Easter Bingo that was held in March. The children are very excited to be using this new equipment.

Thank you to those parents/ carers who have been able to book a parent consultation appointment. For those of you who have been unable to book an appointment, we will ensure that an appointment is booked by school and communicated via home sharer books on Monday, giving all parents/carers the opportunity to speak to your child/children's teacher regarding their progress this year so far.

Letters will be sent home next week with details of our music performances and how to purchase tickets.

Performances will take place as below:

6th November 2018 6pm

8th November 1.15pm

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Mrs Eddy





## BEAM HOUSE

A group of adventurers from years 3,4 and 5 went exploring this week to the wilds of North Devon. In some fantastic weather, they got wet and muddy, shot bows and arrows, learnt how to survive in the wild and faced their fears climbing up walls before abseiling back down. Everyone had a great time, participating with beaming smiles.

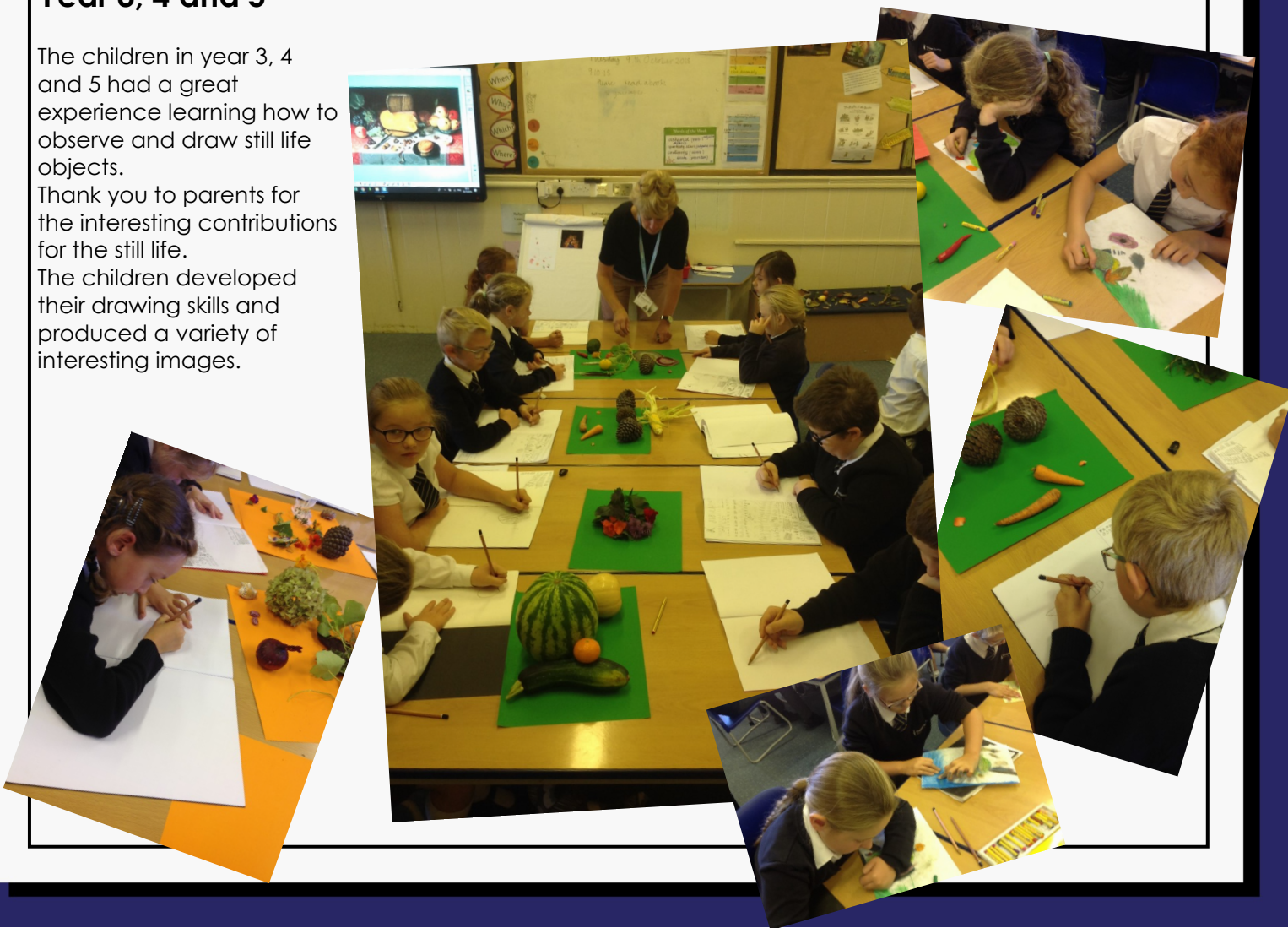


## Year 3, 4 and 5

The children in year 3, 4 and 5 had a great experience learning how to observe and draw still life objects.

Thank you to parents for the interesting contributions for the still life.

The children developed their drawing skills and produced a variety of interesting images.

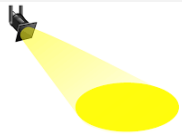


## ATTENDANCE

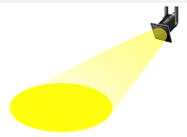
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	100 %
2nd Place	Year 3	99.5 %
3rd Place	Year 4	99 %

# SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 19th October**, at 2.40pm.  
Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Tino	For demonstrating a consistently fantastic attitude towards his learning and producing some superb independent writing.
Year 1	Cooper	For using their imagination and creative word choices when writing an acrostic poem based on autumn.
Year 2	Flora	For your hard work and focused approach across the curriculum with impressive results when adding and subtracting numbers.
Year 3	Molly	For your great team work and attitude to learning working on observational drawing.
Year 4	Ben	For stepping outside his comfort zone and participating in challenging activities on camp.
Year 5	Elle-Mai	For having a wonderful camp and defeating the climbing wall.
Year 6	Mia	For trying so hard in all areas of her learning, particularly in maths and writing.
Writer of the week	Taya Year 6	For using amazing descriptive language and a variety of techniques in her writing.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Beth Year 2	For retrieving and explaining relevant details from texts to demonstrate an understanding of character, events and information.
KS2 Reader of the week	Oscar Year 4	For reading beyond his target while away at camp.
Mathematician of the week	William Year 1	For working hard to complete a range of activities using number bonds to ten.
Performer of the week	Jacob Year R	For initiating a brilliant role-play narrative wherein he acted as Mr Masters and taught phonics to his classmates.
Citizen of the week	Alara Year 5	For being a good friend on school camp and supporting the younger children in her group.