

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had an exciting week across our academy.



## Reception Class – PE

This week in PE the children in Year R have been learning how to use the gym equipment in the school hall. All the children had lots of fun trying out new things!



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## Year 5 and Year 6 Football Festival

### PENWITH PE SCHOOLS /7-A-SIDE BOYS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL #2

Group A :	Group B :
Penpol 1	Penpol 2
Marazion	Penpol 3
Connor downs 1	Connor downs 2
Heamoor 1	Heamoor 2
Ludgvan 1	Ludgvan 2

#### Information:

There were 10 minute games, no half time, 7-a-side.

Normal mini soccer rules apply -retreat rule is in play, rolling subs, no offsides ect.

All free kicks are direct, defending players must be five metres away from the ball for all free kicks and restarts.

In our first game against Penpol 3 they scored 2 goals in 3 minutes and shortly after one of our players crossed the ball into the box and one of our other players scored a left footed shot into the bottom left corner of the goal it was a good game after it finished at each team shook each others hands after the game the other Connor Downs team played Marazion first they lost by one goal they had a very close chance to score at the end but they hit the post the final score was 3-1 to Marazion.

After that game Connor Downs 1 played Penpol 1. It was a great performance from both teams but the final score was 2-0 to Penpol 1. The next game was Connor downs 1 against Heamoor 1. It was a stunning performance from Downs 1 and the final score was 1-0 to Heamoor. The next game was Connor Downs 2 against Heamoor 2 they played and it was an extraordinary game the score was 2-1 to Heamoor 2. The next game for Connor downs was against Penpol 2 the game started in the first minute Penpol scored a whopping goal in the first 2 minutes then they scored another then another we failed to score and the whistle had blown for full time and the final score was 3-0 to Penpol. The final game for Connor Downs 2 was against Ludgvan 2 one of our players scored in the fourth minute of the game we won a free kick and one of our players struck it with their right foot it was going top left but it skimmed off of the bar the final score of the game was 1-0 to Connor Downs 2.



Thank you to Mason and Riley for their comprehensive report above. We are so proud of every member of the teams that took part and showed great determination and resilience and teamwork. Well done!

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## Year 6 Play Leaders



Recently, a group of our Year 6 pupils volunteered to train as 'Play Leaders' to help support our younger children at breaktimes and lunchtimes with some games to help them learn to play together. Mr Eddy, Head of PE at Mounts Bay Academy has come into school over the last two weeks to work with the group to show them what games to play and how to

engage with all the children. We are very proud of all of them that have put themselves forward for this key role in supporting every child's mental health and wellbeing.



## Year 5 Crossfit



Year 5 this week have completed the final week of their Crossfit sessions. All the children have had lots of fun learning new skills – there were a lot of aching limbs the day after the sessions!

Next week, Year 6 start the first of their three Crossfit sessions. We hope that they will enjoy the sessions as much as Year 5!



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## Penlee Inspired 2023

At the beginning of January, we shared with you that four of our Year 3 artists had been selected to have their watercolour sketches displayed in the 'Penlee Inspired Exhibition' being held at Penlee Gallery in Penzance. The artwork was inspired by the Newlyn School artist, Elizabeth Forbes and her painting called 'School is out'.

We are delighted to announce that one of the children was awarded a prize, which he has received in our Shine assembly this afternoon. The family went to view the artwork in the gallery at the weekend and the staff were so pleased to meet him and made him feel like a VIP, congratulating him on his talent. He won the Under 12's category as voted for by all the gallery staff and volunteers. The exhibition is open until 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.



## Hayle Academy – Year 5 Transition Events – Super Saturday's

Please see below details of Hayle Academy's upcoming Transition Super Saturday experiences aimed at Year 5 pupils.

To take part in these fantastic opportunities, please click on the following Google link: <https://forms.gle/oyQorbYx8xS9qAXZ9>



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## Dates for Diary – Spring Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Week 4

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Swimming – Year 4 – Final Session

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Meeting – 3:30pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Last day before half term – **FINISH at 3:15pm**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Friends Disco's (see below for further details)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – **INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – HALF TERM**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – First day back after half term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 2

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Parent Consultations – 3:30pm to 6:30pm (more details to follow)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Parent Consultations – 3:30pm to 6:30pm (more details to follow)

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 3

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 4

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 5

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – Last day of spring term – **FINISH at 2:00pm**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – EASTER HOLIDAYS**



## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the spring term disco will take place on

**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

**Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.**

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

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**crab walkers**

Crab Walkers is a creative arts group for primary age young people who have experienced trauma, loss or adversity, or children who struggle socially and lack confidence.

It runs every Thursday at Trelya  
The Lescudjack Centre  
Penzance  
TR18 3PE  
3:45 - 5:15pm

Ran by Imogen & Emily

Contact [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com) to express an interest and explain why you think the child will benefit.

**MINACK THEATRE**

## Free Creative Arts Group for Primary Children (Minack Theatre)

'Crab Walkers' is a creative arts group specifically for children of primary age who may lack confidence, struggle to fit in, or have experienced trauma, adversity, or loss.

The group meets once a week at the Trelya on a Thursday 3.45-5.15. The session is free of charge and parents will need to express interest with an explanation as to why they feel the group would benefit the child.

Places are very limited as they would like to keep the group size small to ensure each child is able to feel comfortable and will benefit from being in the group.

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 6	99.6 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.5 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	96.5 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

### **Year R – Zander**

For showing fantastic understanding when finding number bonds to 6,7 and 8 using a range of resources. Well done, Zander!

### **Year 1 – Ollie**

For making a fantastic start in Year 1. Ollie has made some great friendships within the class and has recently showcased his amazing writing, designing and describing his own alien. Well done, Ollie!

### **Year 2 – Zak L**

For amazing work using his number bonds in a range of new situations to solve mathematical challenges. Well done, Zak!

### **Year 3 – Linckon**

For super effort to improve his reading fluency with segmenting and blending words. Well done, Linckon!

### **Year 4 – Isla**

For always showing amazing behaviour for learning in all lessons. Isla always gives 100% to everything she does and is a great role model to her peers. Well done, Isla!

### **Year 5 – Freya**

For her increased concentration and application in all of her learning. Well done, Freya!

### **Year 6 – Jude**

For impressive knowledge during your First Aid Lessons. Jude has really impressed Miss Pedley during the group sessions. Well done, Jude!

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## **Writer – Evelyn (Year 1)**

Evelyn consistently delivers amazing handwriting which is correctly formed and incredibly neat. She has also demonstrated great descriptive writing skills when writing about her own alien. Well done, Evelyn!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Diana (Year 2)**

For her love of reading. Diana consistently reads above and beyond her target every day and is putting in so much effort to improve reading aloud with expression. Well done, Diana!

## **KS2 Reader – Alfie (Year 4)**

For making amazing progress with reading regularly. Alfie is recognising an increasing number of words by sight, quizzing independently and scoring consistently high marks. Well done, Alfie!

## **Mathematician – Holly (Year 6)**

For the dedication shown in practising all your timetables but particularly the 8 times table. Well done, Holly!

## **Performer – Freddie Ow. (Year R)**

For his enthusiasm and attention to detail during an art activity. Well done, Freddie!

## **Citizen – McKenzie (Year 5)**

For offering to help Mrs Ridge in the library by sorting out the shelves and making sure all the books neat and tidy. Well done, McKenzie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School