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# A message from Mrs. Eddy

# Autumn Term 2023

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As we approach the end of the autumn term, it is time to celebrate what an incredibly busy, exciting and successful term we have all enjoyed.

Back in September, we welcomed our youngest children into Reception and we are delighted with the way they settled so quickly, made friends and embraced their learning.







EYFS having fun exploring.

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School life has been packed with engaging daily learning in classes and in our incredible outdoor environment, led by Mr Costello and Miss Pedley.





We are proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our children and as a result, the pleasing progress which has been made.

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There has been a vast array of trips, external visitors and enrichment activities for each year group to engage with, linked to their year group curricular coverage.

These experiences have provided valuable and memorable learning opportunities which have been embraced by the children.



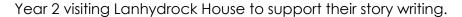
The Year 5 children enjoyed their visit to the Minack theatre where they performed on the world famous stage and had a VIP back stage tour after writing their Titanic newspaper reports.

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Year 3 being history detectives in Penlee Museum, Penzance, learning more about Stone Age life.



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Year 4 developing their acting skills through performing 'Klng Lear' at Sennen Community Centre.



Year 5 developing teamwork and resilience on their expedition to the summit of Rough Tor, launching their biography work on Sir Ernest Shackleton.



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During a taster day at Hayle School, Year 6 children learn how to light a Bunsen burner in the science labs.



Reception Class developed their knowledge and understanding of animals through an exciting visit to Newquay Zoo. They saw meerkats, lizards, frogs, parrots, a red panda, capybara, zebra, monkeys, penguins and many more.



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Sport and the arts have been high on the agenda this term.

The array of sporting events has been immense. Years 6 and 5 have refined their swimming skills at St Ives swimming pool. Next term will see Years 3 and 4 take the plunge in the pool.



Bikeability lessons ensured that our Year 5 children have been trained to ride their bicycles safely on our busy roads.

Through Mounts Bay Academy, play leader training took place for Year 6 children so they can actively support their younger peers at breaktimes.

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Year 3 children experiencing awe and wonder admiring the work of the Newlyn School and Lamorna artists in Penlee House Museum, Penzance.





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Our term ended celebrating Christmas. Thank you to our Friends of Connor Downs Academy for organising and running a very successful Autumn Disco and Christmas Fayre.





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Our EYFS and KS1 children performed brilliantly in their nativity, 'A Twinkly Nativity' and also whilst attending Phillack Church for a beautiful Christingle service.



The KS2 children took part in a magical Carol Concert at Phillack Church and through their singing of carols, the retelling of the nativity story and their playing of musical instruments, they brought the spirit of Christmas alive to all. Thank you to Mrs Burden for her support with this performance.



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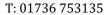
On behalf of all from Connor Downs Academy, I would like to wish you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this Christmas and in the coming New Year.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school in 2023.

Kind regards,

Mrs. J. Eddy

Head of School.





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