



A message from  
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# Autumn Term 2022

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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.



Our new rabbits, Bessie and Winnie and Mr Prickle Paws the hedgehog.

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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.



EYFS visiting Trellissick Gardens.



Year 1 enjoying lighting a fire with Mike Turnham.

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Year 2 visiting Lanhydrock House to support their story writing.



Year 3 being history detectives in Penlee Museum, Penzance.

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Year 4 performing 'Twelfth Night' at the Minack Theatre

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



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Year 6 exploring places of worship by visiting Truro Cathedral and Phillack Church.



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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. Professional tennis coaching took place for children from mixed year groups.

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



Cheerleading taster sessions took place for all children.

The Year 5 and 6 children competed successfully in a netball festival at Hayle Academy.

Also at Hayle, play leader training took place for Year 6 children so they can actively support their younger peers at breaktimes.

A selection of children from all year group enjoyed taking part in a multi-skills event at Mounts Bay Academy.

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All the KS2 children have had had fun climbing and orienteering at Camborne Science and International Academy.



30 children from KS1 enjoyed festive sport at Hayle Academy competing in their Christmas multi skills event.

High performance training for children from Years 5 and 6 took place at Cross fit in Penzance.

Savvy dance lessons took place for Year 3.



We also ran sports clubs this term including football, netball, cross country and Sports for Tots. Our children have certainly been active!

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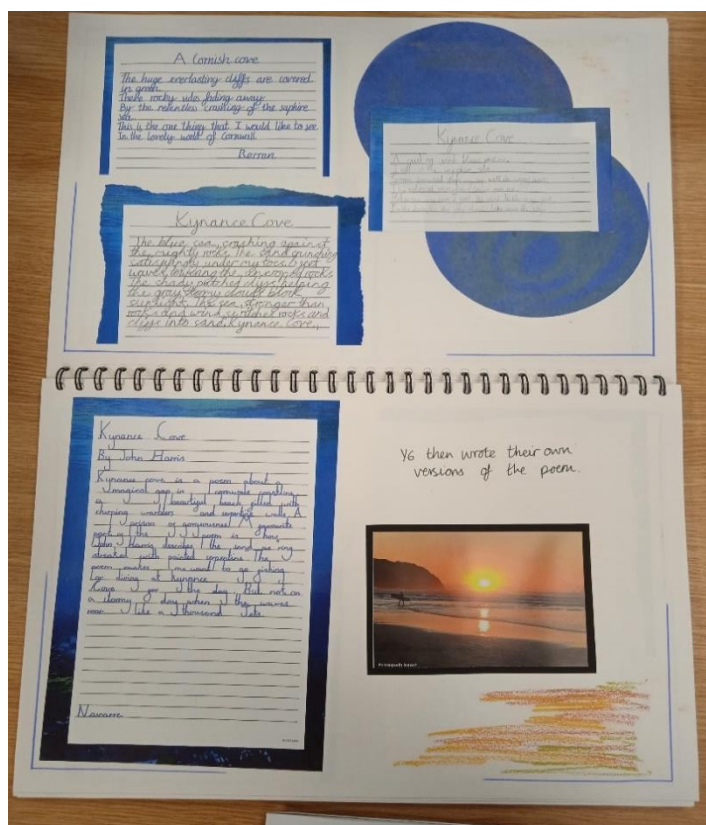
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A true highlight of our arts provision this term was seeing the Year 6 children enter an art and poetry competition to celebrate the life of local poet John Harris. John Harris was a miner, born in Bolenowe near Camborne.

The children studied his poem, 'Kynance Cove.' They created their own poems and also landscape artwork in response. This was entered into a local competition organised by the John Harris Society and we are proud to say we won a prize of £1000.



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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 Christmas Fayre.



Our EYFS and KS1 children performed brilliantly in their nativity, 'Christmas with the Aliens' and also whilst attending Phillack Church for a beautiful Christingle service.



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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.



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,



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