

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

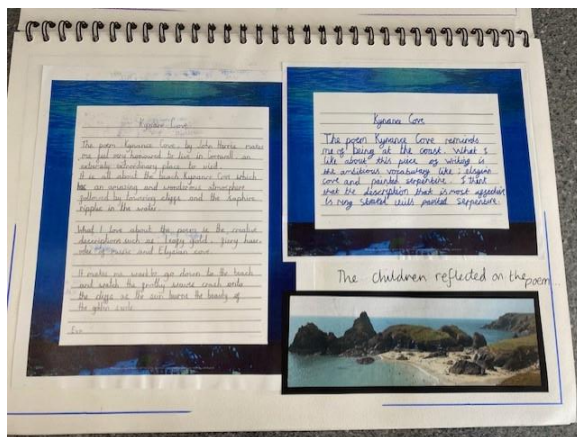
Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in school, with a variety of visits taking place.

## Exciting News!

### John Harris Competition

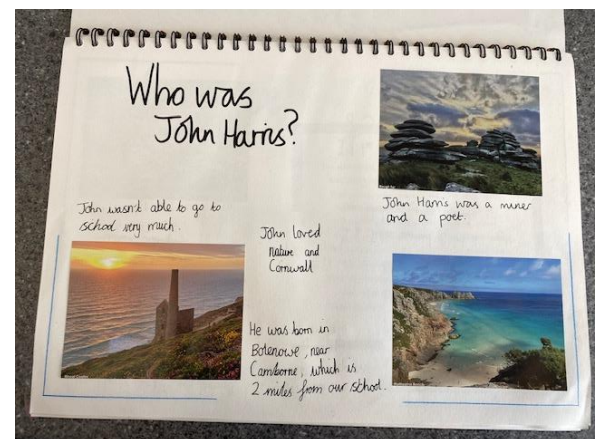
Congratulations go to Year 6 who won a staggering £1000 for our school with their entry into the John Harris 200th centenary competition.



The children learned about the Cornish miner, preacher and poet: John Harris and studied his poems in class. Inspired by his poems, the children wrote their own poems and illustrated them with watercolour sketches of the

sea and sky. The children's work was entered as a beautiful book into the competition and three representatives from Year 6 attended the award ceremony on Saturday at Kresyn Kernow, Redruth, with Ms Speight to accept the prize.

Thank you to the families who came to the event to support the children and the school.



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## Year 3 and 4 Multi skills at Mounts Bay Academy

On Monday some of our Year 3 and 4 children, represented Connor Downs Academy at a Mutli-Skills Festival at Mounts Bay Academy, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 9 schools!

Their behaviour and determination to do their best was exemplary and they thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of events.

*"I was excited! The tag rugby was my favourite activity", said Kerra.*

*"The tennis was hard to hit the ball in the target, but I kept trying. It was great to see some friends from other schools that I recognized too!" reported Billy.*

*"I loved it!" exclaimed Peyton. "The football was my best activity as I enjoyed kicking the ball to score goals for my team."*



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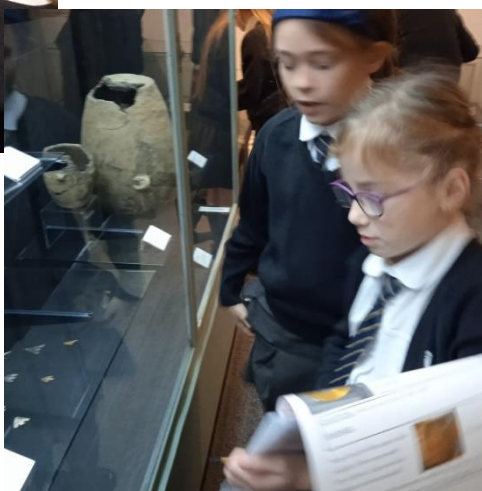
## Year 3 Penlee Gallery and Museum



Year 3 had an amazing experience on Tuesday at Penlee Museum and Gallery learning all about the Stone Age.



They learned about the chronology of the stone age period, handled replicas of stone age pots, arrow heads and drinking cups.



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Later the children viewed real artefacts on display found by archaeologists in West Cornwall. The children learnt how to make a copper badge with a bronze age design. In the afternoon they visited the gallery to see the Newlyn School paintings on display.



## Year 3 Camborne Science and International Academy – Climbing and Orienteering

Thursday was another exciting and adventurous day for Year 3 at Camborne Science and International Academy. The children showed great resilience in learning how to rock climb the climbing wall.

It was fantastic to see the children going outside their 'comfort zone' in attempting new challenges and also in showing great teamwork skills when orienteering on the school's site. Well done everyone for your great efforts!

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## Year 4 Eden Project

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed their visit to the Eden Project. The children enjoyed being able to see everything that they had learned in the classroom about the rainforest and to feel what it would be like in an actual



rainforest. All of the children worked hard to see which plants were found in which

layers of the rainforest and which countries they would be found in.



We were also able to walk around the Mediterranean biome and compare the different

climates to our own.

It was a very enjoyable trip and a great end to our rainforest topic.



The children showed fantastic behaviour for learning and were a credit to our school - well done to everyone!



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## Christmas Post Box

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas post box will be appearing in the main corridor in our KS2 building from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends.

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



## Sponsored Reading Event

A reminder that the sponsored reading event is taking place until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

In conjunction with Usborne books, we are promoting and encouraging children to read for pleasure. Being a confident, fluent reader is a vital life skill which is recognised to make a significant difference to children's future success. Books open doors to new worlds, allow children to walk in someone else's footsteps, help them to learn new skills and encourage pupils to explore new ideas.

Usborne Books have generously agreed to match the amount of money raised in our school community to enable us to develop both our School Library and the collections held in each of our classrooms. If every child were to raise just £1 of sponsorship, this would raise an incredible £400 with the match funding from Usborne.

A payment item has been set up on ParentPay and we ask that all sponsorship is paid in via ParentPay by the deadline of **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.



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## Dates for Diary – Autumn Term

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 – 2:00pm

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 – 5:00pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5:00pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of autumn Term – **FINISH at 2:00pm**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – First day of spring term

## Our Holiday Camps are back for 4 days in the Christmas Holiday!

Coast are delighted to offer their Christmas Sports and Activity Programme. It is **for all children** of all abilities and we have half day places **free of charge** for Free School Meals (FSM) students. FSM Children can attend as many days as they would like from 10am - 2pm.

**When:** Mon – Thurs Half day 10.00 - 2.00pm Full day 9am - 4:30pm

**Dates:** 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Free school meal voucher codes:** To access FSM codes please click [here](#) and enter your code upon checkout at booking on [Playwaze](#).

**Food and Drink:** Each participant will be provided with **free hot meal** at lunchtime, therefore all we ask is that everyone brings a drinks bottle to refill with our water fountains to keep them hydrated.

### **We aim to support children by:**

- **Being Active**
- **Developing Skills**
- **Making Friends**
- **and Having Fun**

This programme is supported by the Time2Move Programme: The Time2Move Holiday Programme is open to ALL young people and is FREE for those aged 5\* to 16 on benefits related Free School Meals. <https://www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/>

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Be ACTIVE Have FUN Develop SKILLS And make FRIENDS

**Sports and Activities Holiday Club**  
Free spaces available to those eligible for Free School Meals.  
To get your code please visit:  
[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED FOR ALL

St Ives 5-16 Year olds Hayle 5-16 Year olds Helston 5-16 Year olds

**SCAN TO BOOK**

19th - 22nd December

Half days 10am - 2pm  
£15 or Free with a FSM code

Full days 9am - 4:30pm  
£25  
For every 4 days booked get 10% discount

Swimming available at some sites!

Coast Camp Games 4:00 - 4:30pm Every day for the whole Family

KS1 5-7 year olds Learn New Skills  
KS2 7-11 year olds Develop Skills  
KS3 11-13 year olds Leadership Award  
12-16 year olds Leadership Qualifications

## Attendance this week

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	98.1 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	97.8 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

*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 autumn term, on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** 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 – Levan**

For showing great progress with his phonics and mark making skills. Well done Levan!

### **Year 1 – Dylan M**

For creating a beautiful piece of Artwork in the style of Fred Yates. Well done Dylan!

### **Year 2 – Sonnie**

For always working so hard and trying your best and making excellent progress. Well done Sonnie!

### **Year 3 – Bella L**

For showing excellent teamwork and knowledge of the Stone age when finding artefacts at Penlee museum. Well done Bella!

### **Year 4 – Dari**

For her enthusiasm and involvement in exploring the biomes during our trip to the Eden Project. Well done Dari!

### **Year 5 – William**

For his outstanding map skills in Geography. Well done William!

### **Year 6 – Rhys**

For showing an excellent attitude towards your reading this week. We are so proud of the improvement you are making. Well done Rhys!

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## **Writer – Aubrey (Year 2)**

For using beautiful vocabulary to describe her story setting. Well done Aubrey!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – William (Year R)**

For demonstrating fantastic phonics skills when reading and writing 3 letter words. Well done William!

## **KS2 Reader – Amelia B (Year 5)**

For her amazing improvement in her STAR reading test. Well done Amelia!

## **Mathematician – Isaac (Year 3)**

For great independent response in White Rose maths using the column method to calculate his answers. Well Done Isaac!

## **Performer – Holly (Year 6)**

For being a superb representative of our school at the John Harris Poetry Competition Award's Ceremony

## **Moki Fitness Tracker – Dari (Year 4)**

This week, all KS2 classes have been taking part in a competition against other schools in a step challenge. This is the first of its kind to be run. We will find out next week how Connor Downs have done.

We chose the 8 children who have recorded the most steps from each KS2 class to take part in this challenge. Out of these 32 children from across the 4 classes, Dari's total was an incredible **59,831 steps**. Well done Dari!

## **Citizen – Kerra (Year 4)**

For always being enthusiastic and offering help at lunch and breaktimes. Kerra is also a kind friend to others. Well done Kerra!

Kind Regards,



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