

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well. At the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Please use the link below to access the newsletter and have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

[Autumn Term 2022 Newsletter](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support this term and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Connor Downs Academy on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.



## **Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Christmas Fayre**

Last Friday, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy hosted their Christmas Fayre. We were



delighted to see so many parents/carers joining us to enjoy our Year 4 children's brass performance in the hall, the choir singing some beautiful Christmas songs and to see the amazing gifts made by the children. Thank you to our 3 elves who assisted Santa! The funds raised will be used for resources to enhance the learning for all our children, thank you.



## **Congratulations to the following:**

The winner of the 'Name the Elf' was Holly in Year 5. The name of the Elf was 'Holly'!

The raffle winners were; Hamper – Tommy in Year 2, Bottles of Wine – Mackenzie in Year 2 and Jacob in Year 4.

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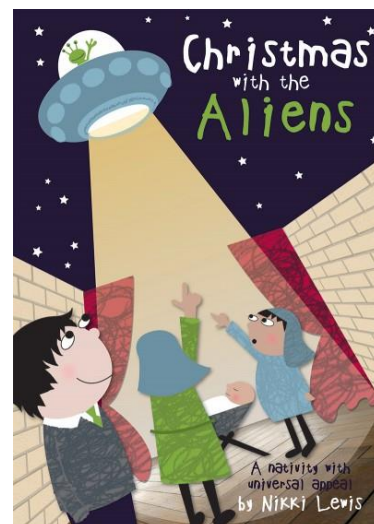
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## EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Christmas with the Aliens!

Last week, our EYFS and KS1 children took to the stage to perform their Christmas Nativity, Out of the Ark's: 'Christmas with the Aliens!!'

During each performance, the children's excitement and enthusiasm for this special Christmas celebration truly shone. With beaming smiles, the children performed a variety of songs and dances with confidence and skill. Each child played a vital role in making our show a huge success.



We are so proud of our youngest children for sharing their Nativity story and for truly bringing the Christmas spirit to Connor Downs Academy.



Thank you for your kind donations to the retiring collection at both the Christingle Service and the KS2 Carol Concert. The total funds donated to the Church were £230.80 which have been gratefully received. Thank you.



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## KS2 Carol Concert

On Tuesday evening we were delighted to be able to host our KS2 carol concert at Phillack Church. The children from each class sang carols, interspersed with readings from our



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children, along with handbells and trumpet performance. We are so proud of every child who took part and performed so



beautifully. We would like to thank all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought their children back for the carol service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event. We would also like to thank Mrs Burden on trumpet for her performance and to Mrs



Burden for supporting the brass solo and handbell groups. A final thank you must go to Revd Deb who oversaw the event and the Phillack Church team for allowing us to use the Church which was looking so beautifully decorated for Christmas.



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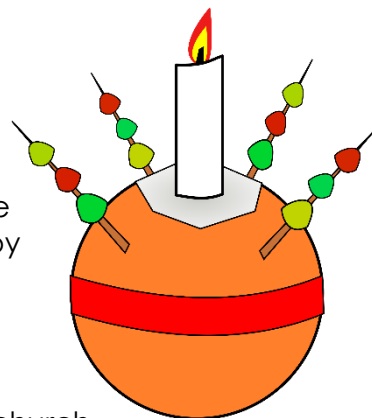
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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy



## EYFS/KS1 Christingle

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children were delighted to visit Phillack Church in Hayle to share a Christingle Service, kindly hosted by Revd Deb Grigg.



Building on their RE learning, the children enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the Christingle in the church setting, impressing Revd Deb, parents and carers with their understanding of all that the Christingle

represents to Christians.

During the celebration, our children performed a collection of festive songs, including traditional Christmas carols and songs from their own EYFS and KS1 Nativity, Out of the Arks: 'Christmas with the Aliens!'

Thank you to all the parents/carers, family and friends who brought their children back for the Christingle service and joined with us to make this such a memorable event.



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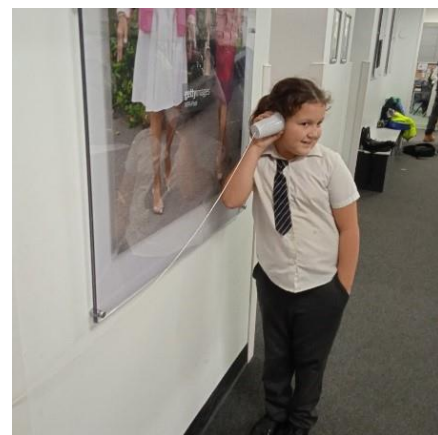


## Year 3 – Telephones



Year 3 had a great time in Design Technology this week, working together to make string telephones. The children learnt about the inventor, Alexander Graham Bell, who invented the first telephone and looked at different versions of telephones and how they have evolved into the smartphones we use today.

Next the children worked together on the challenge to make their own string telephone. It was brilliant to see the teamwork, resilience and perseverance to construct the telephones and of course to experience the fun feeling the vibration of their voices on the string had as they talked to each other.



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## Year 4 - Sewing

This week, Year 4 have enjoyed finishing their Christmas stockings. We have seen some amazing sewing skills and excitement in learning a new skill. Well done Year 4!



## Year 5 - Bridges

This week in Year 5, the children have spent their Design Technology sessions investigating how to make bridges and then putting their ideas in practice.

The children came up with some very creative designs and worked so well in teams. Well done!



We would like to say a huge thanks to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy who funded the bridge kits for the children to use.



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## Cauliflower Cards



A big thank you to all the families who were able to place orders with Cauliflower Christmas Cards this year. The designs made by all the children were amazing and it was lovely to see them printed and packaged as cards, gift tags, wrapping paper and Christmas mugs.

As a result of all your generosity, we have raised a fantastic **£230** in commission from Cauliflower Cards.



This money will go towards purchasing art and design materials for your children to use in school.



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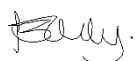
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