

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear parents/carers,

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



Year 5 and 6 Multi skills at Mounts Bay Academy

On Monday some of our Year 5 and 6 children, represented Connor Downs Academy at a Mutli-Skills Festival at Mounts Bay Academy.

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

Isla from Year 5 writes:

'On the 28th November, 6 people from Year 6 and 6 people from Year 5 went to the school games at Mounts Bay Academy. We played in a roundabout of activities against 9 other school. We split into different groups. One group played and the other group watched on a mat and then we switched over. We played in many different sports activities. Connor Downs scored a great 182 points. Well done us!'



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Year 4 Minack Theatre – Shakespeare Festival

On Wednesday, the children from Year 4 visited the Minack Theatre to take part in their Shakespeare Festival. The children performed Act 4 of Twelfth Night. All the children did an amazing job of remembering their lines, performing confidently and using their actor voices. We would like to thank the adults who gave up their time to accompany us on the trip and to those parents/carers who came to support us.



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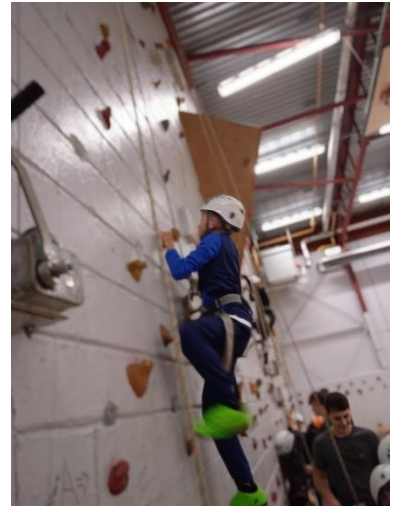
Year 4 Camborne Science and International Academy – Climbing and Orienteering



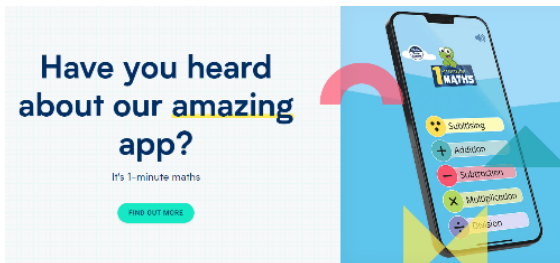
On Thursday, Year 4 went to Camborne Science and International Academy to be taught how to use their climbing wall, work as part of a team and develop their orienteering skills. For the first activity, half of the class worked with a teacher from CSIA to put on harnesses and helmets and support each other on the climbing wall while the other half



of the class worked with Mrs Crease who challenged them to work collaboratively as a team with different activities. The groups then swapped over. During the afternoon, the class were taken outside to be taught how to follow a map to find control points and collect the information they needed. The letters found were an anagram



of 'football'. Mrs Crease was very impressed with how well the class worked in their teams both in the team challenges and while they followed their maps during the orienteering activity.



Designed for use both in class and at home, our 1-minute maths app helps children build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!

[1-Minute Maths App | White Rose Maths](#)

Do you have one minute a day to help support your child with their maths? If so, White Rose Maths have produced this free app which supports our scheme of learning. Children in EYFS should **only** focus on the **subitising** section to improve their fluency and number recognition. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Year 5 Dunes Visit

Year 5 outdoor learning groups have had an amazing time exploring the dunes. They climbed up to a high point and used binoculars to observe the surrounding area and a compass to understand directions. They continued their journey, running into a dune blow out where they learnt about the formation of the dunes. They relaxed in the marram grass, listened to the sounds of nature before learning about the diverse wildlife that inhabits this habitat. Finally, they observed nature closely using lenses and magnifying equipment.



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Year R and Year 1 Trelissick Gardens

Reception Class and Year 1 had a lovely time at Trelissick Gardens. The beautiful, crisp, sunny weather made it feel really Christmassy. The children were so excited and really enjoyed meeting Father Christmas. He told a wonderful story and gave every child a little gift. The children showed exemplary behaviour and were a credit to Connor Downs Academy. We must say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to support this visit.



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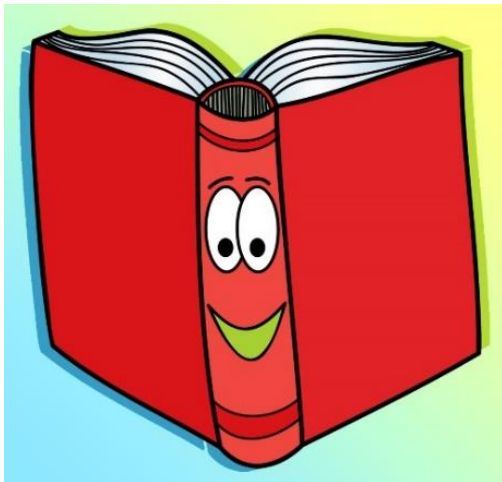
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Sponsored Reading Event

We would like to thank all the children and their families and friends for the amazing response to our Sponsored Read event.



We have so far raised an incredible £1,252 which, when matched by Usborne Books equates to almost £2,500.

We would like to send a huge thankyou to everyone for all their efforts. This amounts to an incredible addition to our library resources which will benefit each and every child.

A payment item is set up on ParentPay and we ask that all sponsorship is paid in via ParentPay.

Due to request, we have arranged to **extend the deadline to Tuesday 6th December.**

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Dates for Diary – Autumn Term

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

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

Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm

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

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner Day

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

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – First day of spring term

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Christmas Post Box

A reminder that the Christmas post box will be appearing in the main corridor in our KS2 building next week. 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.



Name The Elf!



In conjunction with our Christmas Fayre taking place from 3:30pm next Friday, 9th December, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have an Elf to name!

For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the elf names on the board next to the elf. The winner will be chosen at the Fayre on Friday and will be able to take the elf home with them!

The Elf is on display in the front office so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on board under the names you choose!

Good luck to everyone – next week, you could be the lucky of winner of the elf!

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Christmas Fayre

FRIENDS OF CONNOR DOWNS
ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2022

3:30PM

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE
FESTIVE FUN!

CLASS CHRISTMAS STALLS

GAMES

SANTA'S GROTTO (£3.50 PER CHILD) TO
INCLUDE CRAFT ROOM WHILE YOU
WAIT AND A GIFT FROM SANTA!

BRASS PERFORMANCE FROM YEAR 4
AND CHRISTMAS SONGS FROM THE
CHOIR

HOT FOOD

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy



**CONNOR DOWNS
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Invite you to their
2022
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH ON**

**Saturday,
3rd December @ 7.00 pm.
Outside the W.I. Hall**

(AS THIS IS THE FIRST SWITCH ON SINCE LOCKDOWN,
IT WILL BE A SIMPLER EVENT)

WITH A COMPLIMENTARY MINCE PIE FOR THE ADULTS
& A SPECIALLY ARRANGED VISIT FROM
FATHER CHRISTMAS

**FOR THE
CHILDREN**



HO HO HO

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

Coast
ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

December
19-22

**Hayle Academy
St Ives Leisure Centre
Helston Community College**

**£15 for Half Day
£25 for Full Day**

FREE

**Free Half Day Places for
FSM Children**

SCAN TO BOOK 07939863010

ACTIVITIES
Swimming
Dodgeball
Tennis
Football
Cricket
Rugby
Cheerleading
and so much more

AGES 5-16

TIME MOVE
Holiday Programme

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Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 2nd December 2022

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Thursday 8th 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 – Noah V

For always coming to school full of enthusiasm. Noah is making fantastic progress with phonics. Well done Noah!

Year 1 – Spencer

For writing an amazing letter to Santa, explaining why he should be on the good list. Well Done Spencer!

Year 2 – James

For your hard work and achievements during our addition and subtraction maths unit. Well done James!

Year 3 – Emilie-Rose

For super effort and perseverance when learning how to subtract using the column method. Well done Emilie-Rose!

Year 4 – Isla G

For her determination and persistence when following instructions to make a snowflake. Well done Isla!

Year 5 – Holly

For looking after the school animals with such pride and care. You are a great help to Miss Pedley and a leader for the animal cadets. Well done Holly!

Year 6 – Noah

For superb, neat sewing of your decoration. Beautiful work! Well done Noah!

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Writer – Maci (Year 5)

For her heartfelt piece of writing about a person she appreciates - her mum! Well done Maci!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Tommy (Year 2)

For being an enthusiastic reader and making excellent progress. Well done Tommy!

KS2 Reader – Tegen (Year 3)

For being a super role model with 100% effort in reading and AR quizzes always. Well done!

Mathematician – Caleb (Year 6)

For consistently challenging himself to improve. Caleb's recent results from a practice SAT paper are showing great improvement. Well done Caleb!

Performer – Mabel (Year 4)

For her amazing performance at the Minack Theatre. Well done Mabel!

Moki Fitness Tracker – George (Year 4)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. George's total was an incredible 45,673 steps. Well done George!

Citizen – Emily (Year 1)

For being a very helpful individual and for being caring towards the younger children during break and lunch times. Well done Emily!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School