



## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



On Friday 6th March our year 2 class travelled to The Eden Project for their Spring term school trip. The children's visit was science based and coincided with the launch of our new and exciting theme, 'Sowing and Growing'. It was extremely informative, inspiring and action packed. The children had a fun time learning about Eden, plants, dissecting seeds and handling resources. They were enthusiastic, respectful and have gained a wonderful, first hand overview of their new theme ready to continue their learning journey back in school. Thank you to the staff at Eden, we are so lucky to have such an amazing venue right on our doorstep.



We are very proud to share that on Monday, Mrs Patterson, one of our Health and Wellbeing Champions attended an award ceremony to receive the Gold Healthy Workplace award on behalf of Connor Downs Academy. This award recognises an obvious commitment at an organisation level to the health and wellbeing agenda with a strong cultural vision and ethos.

As part of their topic 'To The Rescue', year 1 had a fantastic Tuesday afternoon learning all about beach and water safety from RNLI lifeguards Ollie and Tim. Year 1 now know what the different coloured flags represent and what to do if they are in need of help at the beach. The children then went outside and had a go on the RNLI jet ski. Lowen stated, 'It was my first time on a jet ski and I was very happy!' Many thanks to Ollie and Tim for such an informative afternoon, we learnt so much and had lots of fun.



On Tuesday morning parents were invited in to classes to take part in a science morning. Year 3 scientists, had a fantastic morning carrying out an experiment with coloured liquid. The children worked with parents/carers to observe and record the coloured liquid as it travelled up a paper bridge. It was brilliant to see the excitement as we timed the experiment to observe the changes.



Linked to their current topic about sound, Year 4 made their own instruments using recyclable materials from home. They investigated how to alter their instruments to change the pitch of the sounds they had created. They later wrote a set of instructions to explain how to make their instrument.

Year 5 learned about friction. The children learned how to design a fair test before writing a prediction. Having tested different surfaces and recorded their results the class wrote a conclusion using scientific vocabulary.

On Wednesday we took 12 year 5/6 swimmers to Penzance to compete in the gala. All 12 swimmers did amazingly well; our school again making lots of finals. All 12 showed great effort, behaviour and attitude throughout, with some children swimming older than their age to support teams. Special mention must go to our year 6 boys team of Kian, Liam and Rowan who placed 3rd overall to take the bronze medal. There was fantastic individual success for Rowan, who was 1st in the boys year 6 backstroke to scoop an individual gold medal.



Wednesday 18th March—Friends of Connor Downs Academy Easter Bingo. Doors open 3:30pm, eyes down 3:45pm. Hotdogs and refreshments available to purchase.

**Mrs Eddy**

## ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place

Year R

96.4%

# SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 20th March**, at 2.40pm.  
Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Noah	For his excellent enthusiasm towards his writing, particularly when writing about the signs of spring.
Year 1	Cayden	For super work across all areas of the curriculum, especially in his maths forming his numbers from 1—10.
Year 2	Reuban	For excellent writing skill and stamina with really improving results.
Year 3	Charlie M	For fantastic work learning moves in our dance workshop.
Year 4	Riley	For working hard to improve his writing when creating sentences using his phonics learning.
Year 5	Izzie	For consistently going above and beyond in her school work and helping around school.
Year 6	Amelie	For being a great reading ambassador for our school; outstanding maths work all week on shape and space; for always giving her best in all she does.
Writer of the week	Isla Year 2	For writing a detailed and informative recount of our school visit to the Eden Project.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Daniel Year R	For his exceptional progress in reading, which is a result of his hard work and determination at all times.
KS2 Reader of the week	Oliver Year 4	For super contributions when retrieving information from a non-fiction text about Wayne Rooney.
Mathematician of the week	Isla Year 1	For using super reasoning skills when solving problems about mass and capacity.
Performer of the week	Kacie Year 5	For an amazing clear voice during green screening our Great Fire of London news report.
Citizen of the week	Charlie D Year 3	For being our lunchtime detective and helping ensure a stray walkie talkie found its owner. Never giving up until he succeeded.