



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back after the half term break. We hope that you enjoyed the holiday and the beautiful weather.

On Monday, we had our Aspire Spring monitoring visit. Our Hub Councillors and several visiting leaders spent time in our academy looking at the teaching and learning taking place. They gave very positive feedback and our children were a real credit being polite and helpful throughout the day. Well done everyone.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend our parent consultation appointments on Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope that you enjoyed looking at your child's/ children's books and found the appointment with the class teacher informative.



The children in Year R had an absolutely fantastic time this week visiting Tehidy Woods for their sponsored 'Welly Wednesday' walk. We are incredibly proud to announce that the children have successfully raised over £650 in funds! This money will be spent enhancing the Year R children's learning resources, both inside the classroom and outdoors. Mr Masters and the Year R team would like to thank absolutely everyone involved in the trip's success. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of our wonderful children, their fantastic sponsors and the generosity of the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. Well done, Reception!

A reminder that we will be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday 7th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character in exchange for a £1 donation, payable via parentpay. All proceeds will go towards new books for the school library.

In an ever-changing digital world it's vital we stay informed of the latest apps, gaming and internet 'challenge' trends such as facing our young people. Take a look at the internet safety page on the main Aspire website at <http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/esafety> which provides links to recommended eSafety organisations and some of the latest guidance for download. This page will be regularly updated as new advice emerges. Thank you.

After 12 months gap due to sickness, Families Together are starting again! Families Together is held every second FRIDAY of the month at 6.30pm in Connor Downs Academy Hall. The service is specially designed for young families and lasts around 40 minutes. It is similar to the 'Open the Book' assemblies the children know and love. Members of the *Open the Book* Team and some others help with the service. The next time will be Friday, 8 March.

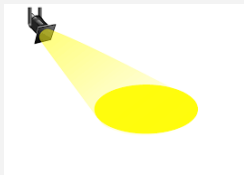
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ATTENDANCE

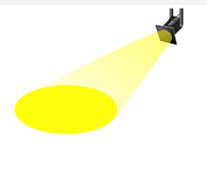
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 1	100 %
2nd Place	Year 5	99 %
3rd Place	Year 3	97 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 8th 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	Dari	For her fantastic engagement, enthusiasm and behaviour for learning whilst visiting Tehidy Woods for Class R's sponsored 'Welly Wednesday'.
Year 1	Max	For having a mature, sensible and hardworking attitude to all areas of the curriculum
Year 2	Harry	For excellent behaviour for learning with accelerated progress in writing.
Year 3	Thomas Wa	For brilliant work in maths explaining how he reasoned with money in maths and for his great attitude to learning in his new school.
Year 4	Ben	For an incredible effort with his homework tasks over half term.
Year 5	Amarah	For her attention to detail in her work and determination with division in maths.
Year 6	Gracie	For articulating her arguments brilliantly when debating during our English lesson.
Writer of the week	Kerra Year R	For using her phonic knowledge to independently spell a tricky adjective and feature it in her writing.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Charley Year 1	For using his phonic knowledge to read a range of books independently
KS2 Reader of the week	Ava Year 4	For reading above her target every night, improving her AR scores.
Mathematician of the week	Ashton D Year 6	For working with great enthusiasm when learning about area and perimeter.
Performer of the week	Annika Year 3	For an excellent performance acting verbs in English.
Citizen of the week	Amber Year 5	For showing how to be a caring citizen by teaching other children how to look after our animals.