



Connor Downs Academy

23rd November 2018

Virtue of the week— Hope

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

On Thursday of last week, our year 3 children visited Penlee Museum to link with their current history topic focussing on the stone age. The children explored a timeline of the different stone age periods, asking many relevant questions. They developed their knowledge of new vocabulary such as Mesolithic and Palaeolithic. Thank you to the parents/carers for supporting the children with their stone age vocabulary in spelling and reading comprehension homework, it helped to reinforce the children's learning and support their understanding in the museum. It was wonderful to see the children investigating replicas of stone age and iron age tools such as arrow heads and clay pots. After they left the museum, year 3 travelled to Carn Euny near Penzance to explore a real Iron Age settlement.



On Tuesday, year 4 had a fantastic day at the Maritime Museum in Falmouth learning information about the Vikings journeys, Viking trading and even how to make a Viking coin. The children investigated how Vikings used the wind power to sail their mighty longships across the oceans. They were then given an opportunity to steer boats on the boating pool using the wind to help. In the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum and even had the chance to learn more about the famous ship 'Titanic'. Alan summed it up perfectly stating, **'Today has been a great day!'** It certainly was!



On Tuesday a selection of our Y4 and Y6 girls attended Phoenix gymnastics club to take part in a competition organised by CSIA. The girls did themselves proud, competing against some very strong gymnasts from local schools. Congratulations to Ruby for being placed second in the clubs category, an amazing achievement, the commitment, hard work and effort Ruby has put into her training was clear to see. Well done girls!



Special congratulations to Sophie and Henry who entered the Wadebridge Prime Stock Show. Out of the combined fifteen entries they were placed in ten of them. This resulted in Sophie and Henry being awarded the Carrie Pedlar Perpetual Cup for gaining the most points in the children's classes. Connor Downs Academy won the Williams West Perpetual Challenge Cup for the local school gaining most points in the children's classes.



Parent/carers are warmly invited to join their child/children for our maths morning on Tuesday 27th November. Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 between 9.15am and 10.30am. Please note that due to their visit on Tuesday the 27th November, year R will hold their maths morning on Wednesday 28th November from 9.15am—9.45am. Thank you for your support with this.

On Wednesday 19th December, our school menu will be a special Christmas lunch. On this day children and staff are invited to wear their own clothes including festive items. We will be raising funds for St Julia's Hospice, if you wish to make a donation of 50 pence please do so via ParentPay.

Mrs Eddy

Academy News

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place

Year 5

98 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 30th November**, 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	Lola	For impressing Mr Masters with her brilliant understanding of shape. Lola can recognise that 2D shapes are flat, whereas 3D shapes are solid.
Year 1	Alice	For showing great enthusiasm and creativity in her writing.
Year 2	Caitriona	For your wonderful and embedded attitude to your learning with impressive results in written activities.
Year 3	Holly	For excellent perseverance in maths to reason problems.
Year 4	Izzie	For incredible progress in her swimming lessons, showing amazing resilience.
Year 5	Amarah	For a great attitude towards her work and increasing her independence.
Year 6	Ashton D	For trying extra hard to concentrate when writing and in maths, resulting in an improved understanding and quality of work.
Writer of the week	Macey Year 3	For a great description of an object using adjectives and verbs.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Jude Year 2	For your consistent commitment to your reading and transferring reading comprehension skills into your written activities.
KS2 Reader of the week	Amber Year 6	For giving detailed, precise responses during reading comprehension and explaining her work to the class.
Mathematician of the week	Wesley Year 5	For his amazing effort in maths and his ability to interpret charts and tables.
Performer of the week	Amber Year 4	For showing her knowledge of our topic and answering questions on the Vikings during our day out at the Maritime Museum.
Citizen of the week	Ella Bul Year 1	For being a kind and thoughtful friend to others in year 1.