



Connor Downs Academy

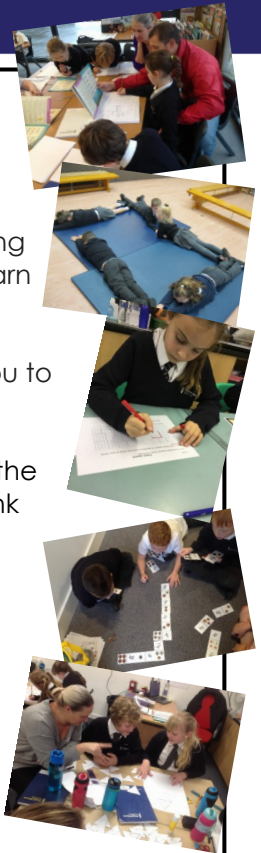
30th November 2018

Virtue of the week— Wisdom



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This week, Class R thoroughly enjoyed their first school visit to Newquay Zoo. The children were able to link aspects of their recent 'Under the Sea' learning to their new, upcoming learning focus 'Animal Kingdom'. The children were lucky enough to learn all about penguins from a zookeeper. The children watched the penguins eat their lunch at feeding time. They also observed and discussed lions, zebras and a range of other exciting animals. Thank you to the parents/carers for your support with this visit.



On Tuesday we held our maths morning. As you can see from the photographs, the children thoroughly enjoyed getting their parents/carers immersed in maths. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the morning.



The challenge has been set. Are you an extreme Reader?
Books don't need electricity! We can read them anywhere and everywhere!
We are inviting all children to take the Connor Downs Academy, Extreme Reading Challenge starting now and finishing on the 11th January.

Think about different, exciting, fun and SAFE places you can enjoy a book. Children—tell your parent/carer your idea and ask them if they could take a photograph of you reading your book in your 'extreme' place.

Please print your photograph and give it to your class teacher. It will be added to our Extreme Reading display in the Library.

Have fun Extreme Reading!!

We would like to invite parents/carers/ friends and the wider community to join us for our Connor Downs Academy Christmas Fayre on Friday 14th December between 3.30pm—5pm. Classes are busy producing items to be sold. There will be mulled fruit juice and mince pies available to purchase. Children will be able to visit Santa in his grotto at a cost of £3 per child this includes a gift and craft activities while children wait. There will be lots of games and also the raffle draw.

All are welcome, do please come along.

As an academy, we recognise that social media is playing an ever-expanding role in our day to day lives. It is important that children start to experience this in a suitably supervised and age appropriate way. Recently, we have become aware that some children at Connor Downs have been trying to emulate older social media "stars", often in the form of gaming, lifestyle or rant videos. This emulation has the potential to risk the safeguarding of these children. We are taking steps in our academy to ensure that children are aware of these risks, however we would ask that you talk to your children about their social media usage. As a reminder, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube all have a minimum age for users of 13 years old. Whatsapp, has a minimum age for users of 16 years old. We would kindly ask that if your children have accounts on these sites that you investigate this and act accordingly. We want to keep all of the children at Connor Downs as safe as possible.

There is some fantastic advice for parents here <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers> including some really effective ways of starting conversations about social media usage.

Mrs Eddy

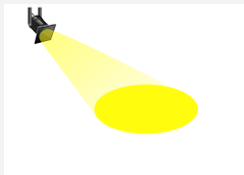
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ATTENDANCE

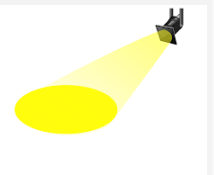
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	100 %
2nd Place	Year R	98.9 %
3rd Place	Year 5	98.8 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 7th 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	Kiani	For her outstanding behaviour on our class visit to Newquay zoo, and for engaging with the day's activities enthusiastically.
Year 1	Ella But	For having impeccable manners at all times and always giving 100% to all her work.
Year 2	Eva	For the care and attention to detail shown in activities across the curriculum especially when writing explanations in maths.
Year 3	Callum	For brilliant work across maths and English showing skill and great independence.
Year 4	Ellie R	For always giving 100% in all her subjects especially in maths—persevering with red response.
Year 5	Amber	For her outstanding effort in all her subjects and positive contribution to all aspects of school life.
Year 6	Beth	For outstanding behaviour for learning at all times—Beth is an excellent role model for others.
Writer of the week	Belle Year 6	For making a superb effort to improve her spelling.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Chester Year 1	For showing fantastic understanding when reading and writing alternative sounds for igh and ay during phonics.
KS2 Reader of the week	Lana Year 3	For fantastic reading of a description, brilliant work in comprehension.
Mathematician of the week	William Year R	For practically applying what he has learnt in maths during our class visit to the zoo. William confidently and accurately subitised a group of tortoises.
Performer of the week	Ruby Year 4	For incredible results in her gymnastic competition at the weekend. Ruby also represented our academy at a recent competition coming second.
Citizen of the week	Amelie Year 5	For her writing and research on inspiration. I loved reading about your message.