

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term and to the new staff and pupils who have joined us this week. I hope that you and your families are well and were able to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter holidays!



Prince Philip

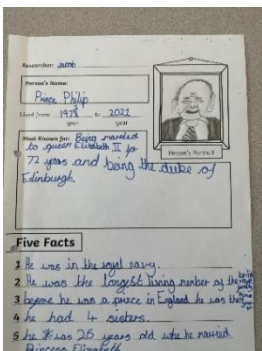
During the Easter holiday, Her Majesty The Queen announced the news of the death of her beloved husband HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The children in school this week have spent time focusing on the life of Prince Phillip and his dedication and commitment over a sustained period of time to The Queen, the Nation and the Commonwealth.



In Year 1, the class discussed why Prince Philip was titled a Prince, what he achieved in his life, which countries he visited and his marriage to the Queen.



Year 2 have been learning about the Royal family and the marriage to the Queen of Prince Phillip.



In Year 4 the children shared a PowerPoint about Prince Phillip and then created a fact file about his life.

Year 5 learnt about Prince Phillip's Naval career, his charitable work and legacy, including the DofE award.



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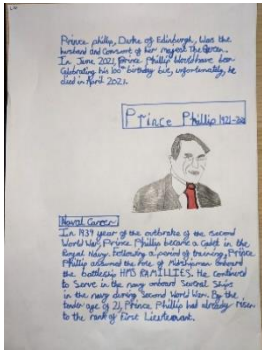
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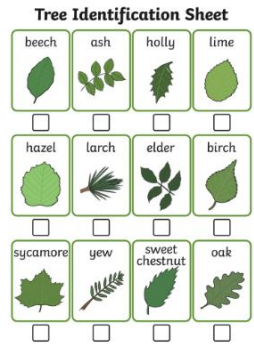
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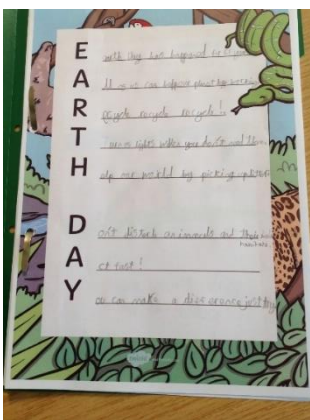
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In Year 6 the learnt about his extraordinary life and 'The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme'. Prince Philip was a nature enthusiast, so in celebration of his life, the children went into Cultivating Futures and identified the different sorts of trees on the school's grounds.



On Thursday of this week the children celebrated Earth Day. The theme for Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth which focuses on natural processes, emerging green technologies, and innovative thinking that can restore the worlds eco systems.



In Year 2 the children composed acrostic poems focusing on important action to safeguard the planet

The children in year 4 marked Earth Day by discussing how they could reduce their carbon footprint.

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Road Closure – Treeve Lane

We have been advised today by the contractor, Glanvilles, who are working on behalf of South West Water, that part of Treeve Lane between Parc Upton Farm and No. 39 Treeve Lane will be closed from Monday 10th May until Friday 30th July 2021. Please see the letter we received from South West Water and a plan showing the area to be closed sent with today's newsletter. This will mean that the road outside of

Connor Downs Academy will be taking more 'heavy traffic' both accessing the essential works, but also from CIB Lello Plant Hire, whose lorries and machinery usually access their yard using the road down to Hayle rather than past the school. South West Water and the contractor Glanvilles, are working with the school and local residents to ensure the impact of the essential works is kept to a minimum.

Staff in school will be reminding children of the importance of road safety, particularly during this time. We would be very grateful if parent/carers could remind their children of road safety in preparation for the commencement of this work.

Homework Grids

We hope you will enjoy discussing the new homework grid sent home today. These grids are full of fun ideas for children and their parents or other family members to try at home.

The activities are entirely optional although we hope lots of children and families will take part!

On the grids one or two boxes will have the title: WILD CARD FREE CHOICE! We hope this will encourage children to think up their own ideas.

Children can choose how many activities they try – they can try one or many. For children who like to respond to a challenge, they can work towards achieving a bronze, silver or gold award.

The closing date for all completed activities to be brought in is Friday 9th July 2021.

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Term Dates – 2020/2021 Academic Year

Summer Term

Monday 19th April to Friday 23rd July 2021

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Inset Day – Friday 28th May **(School closed to pupils)**

Half Term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Inset Day – Monday 7th June **(School closed to pupils)**

Inset Day – Friday 23rd July **(School closed to pupils)**

Last Day of Term – Thursday 22nd July 2021

Summer Holidays – Monday 26th July 2021 – Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Dates – 2021/2022 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Inset Day Monday 6th September **(School closed to pupils)**

Half Term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Holidays – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Inset Day – Friday 18th February 2022 **(School closed to pupils)**

Half Term – Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Spring Term – Friday 8th April 2022

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Term Dates – 2021/2022 Academic Year cont.

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April 2022 to Tuesday 26th July 2022

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset Day – Friday 27th May 2022 **(School closed to pupils)**

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Day – Monday 25th July 2022 **(School closed to pupils)**

Inset Day – Tuesday 26th July 2022 **(School closed to pupils)**

Last Day of Summer Term – Friday 22nd July 2022

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Staff Testing Programme Across Aspire Academies

Every primary school in England now has access to rapid coronavirus testing for staff only. This testing, known as lateral flow testing, for our staff, is now taking place twice a week.

Please be aware that in a positive test scenario, you may receive communication of a bubble closure (if your child is in school) at extremely short notice, before school, on the morning of the closure. **You will be informed by text so please check your text messages from 8am onwards on a Monday and a Thursday morning.**

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 1	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 4	99.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	98.9 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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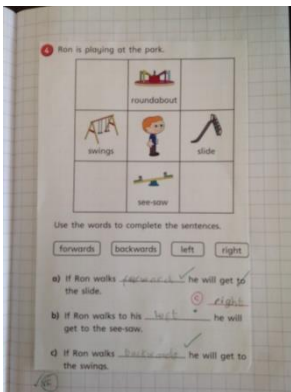
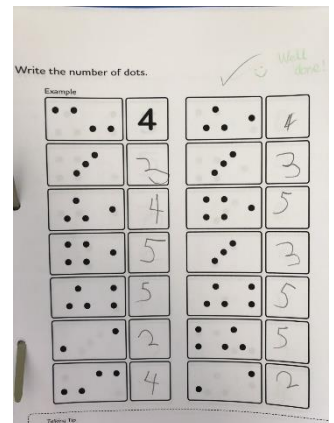


Year R – Phoebe

For impressing all of the adults in Reception by demonstrating her fantastic understanding of place value during playful learning.

Year 1 – Idy

For always being bright and cheery and for working so well on his number sense work.



Year 2 – Finley

For skilfully using left, right, forwards and backwards to describe position and direction.

Year 3 – Jake

For super explaining to the class how to use a number line to subtract 3-digit numbers. Jake is also a great role model, showing good manners every day.



Year 4 – Caleb

For his really positive and cheerful attitude to his learning. Caleb has a great enthusiasm for everything he does. Keep up the super effort Caleb!

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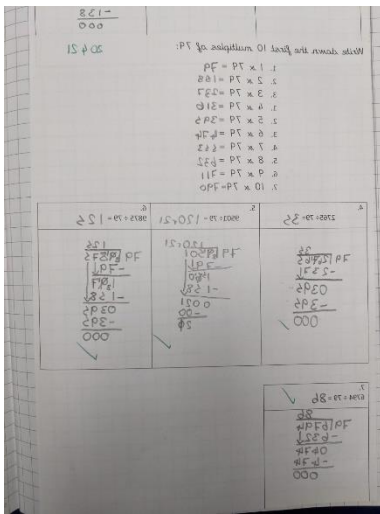
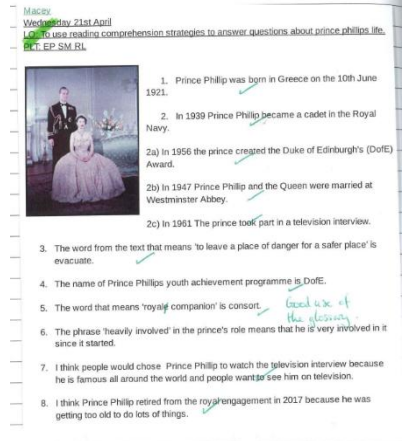
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Year 5 – Macey

For her mature attitude to work. Macey independently organises her timetable and resources and is producing work of an excellent standard in all of our lessons.



Year 6 – Tru

Tru consistently shows a great attitude towards her work and is always challenging herself to do more. Tru has taken exceptional care in her maths this week and is showing a real enthusiasm for learning. Well done Tru!

Kind Regards,



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