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Skol Nansledan

The official 'unveiling of the name' ceremony took place on Thursday 22nd March at the site of the new Aspire free school, *Skol Nansledan*, on the Nansledan urban development, Newquay. The school is due to open in September 2019 with two Reception classes and will eventually be a two-form entry school catering for 420 pupils. We were immensely honoured to have HRH The Duke of Cornwall in attendance, together with representatives from The Duchy, various contractors, Aspire members and pupils from nearby Mawgan-in-Pydar Primary School and Summercourt Academy. We will keep you posted on the Aspire Facebook page and website as the build progresses.



Bugle Serenades Royalty

Thursday 22nd March also saw the Y6 class from Bugle School sing for HRH The Duke of Cornwall at the Bicentenary celebrations of the Royal Cornwall Museum. The children joined forces with Treloweth School, Redruth, and had just one rehearsal before singing for the royal visitor. The children looked impeccable in full uniform and were beautifully behaved all morning, singing with a distinct professionalism. In the main foyer of the museum Prince Charles spoke to a number of the pupils from both schools and took a real interest in the song that was performed. Well done Y6, outstanding effort!



Workplace Health Awards 2018

There was more Aspire success at this year's Workplace Health Awards, held at the Cornwall Showground in Wadebridge. Biscovey, Bugle, Shortlanesend, Sandy Hill, St Minver and Whitemoor academies scooped Gold with Mount Hawke, St Breock, St Stephen Churchtown and TLA taking Silver. Director of Wellbeing, Roger Green, received the 'Outstanding Service' award, Steph Russell of Whitemoor Academy and Aspire HR & Wellbeing Officer Lucy Wright were both nominated for 'Wellbeing Champion of the Year' and Sandy Hill Academy was awarded the prestigious Mentor Award. What a bonus!



Aspire Charter of Excellence Update

This term saw more of our academies gaining their Pupil Premium and SEND marques, as part of the *Aspire Charter of Excellence*, a framework designed to transform outcomes for children and redefine what is truly outstanding across a breadth of subjects and focus areas. There are too many schools to mention here but more details can be found at <https://bit.ly/2GwrXN4>

Aspire Academy Websites

The first two new Aspire eSchools' websites went live this term, with Cusgarne Primary (www.cusgarne.org), together with Warbstow CP School (www.warbstow.org.uk), our special digital guinea pigs! Websites play an increasingly important role in our schools, providing an effective communication hub for the community and a 'quality assurance' platform for OFSTED. Creating a vibrant, professional yet simple website design for the Trust, and one which still allows individual academy identity, is the aim of our website overhaul programme and we're delighted with the results to date. Delabole, Tintagel, TLA and Probus upgrades coming very soon!



Focus on ... Dan Smith

Dan Smith is an IT Technician who joined Aspire three years ago as an apprentice. Dan is part of the IT & Communications Team within Aspire Core Services, which provides a wide range of expert support and advice to all schools within the Trust. He is primarily based at Penryn Academy, but also covers schools in the West Hub, Truro Hub and Mid Hub. The IT Team provide crucial support for all of the staff and pupils within Aspire, ranging from Helpdesk support to maintaining school infrastructure. With the use of technology becoming more prominent in the classroom, part of Dan's role is to ensure that children safely access this technology. This includes the sourcing and setting up of iPads and apps, Chromebooks and interactive C-Touch screens. Dan finds his role very rewarding and is passionate about ensuring staff and pupils get the best out of the technology and systems they use. Not only does he deal with all things IT, he has also stepped into the role of Father Christmas at TLA!

