

Friday 29th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

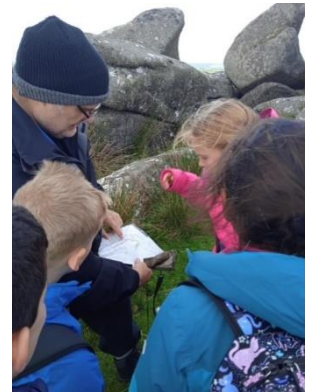
I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting time in school this week.



Year 5 – Rough Tor



Last Friday, as part of our outdoor and adventurous PE provision and as a fantastic launch to our topic about Sir Ernest Shackleton (English and History) Year 5 visited Rough Tor with Aspire's Outdoor learning lead, Mr Turnham. The children were amazing and arrived at school early dressed and ready for adventure. There was a sense of excitement as the buses arrived on Bodmin Moor and we could see the task in front of us. The children embarked on the challenge and were asked to reflect on how Shackleton and his team might have felt on their hike to safety. There were several opportunities to enjoy the wonderful countryside and for the children to develop their map skills. Having lunch on the second highest point in Cornwall was inspiring and as the wind picked up, we were grateful of our extra layers. As the children navigated the boulder fields to return to the minibuses it was clear that everyone had enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank Mr Gallagher and Mr Lewis for supporting the children on our visit.



Harvest Assemblies – Thank you!

This week in school we held our Harvest Assemblies for all year groups. We would like to extend our thanks to all the families who donated food items towards our collection that will now be given to the Connor Downs Food Cupboard. We are delighted that our 'Connor Downs family' has come together to support each other and the wider community and to give thanks to our

farmers for bringing in the harvest.

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Year 2 – The Great Fire of London

As part of their topic this term, 'The Great Fire of London', the children in Year 2 have designed and made their own Tudor buildings. We would like to thank all the parents/carers/grandparents who supported the children in producing, we're sure you will all agree, some fantastic examples. Well done, Year 2!



Year 5 – Kresen Kernow



On Tuesday this week, Year 5 visited Kresen Kernow in Redruth to attend the 'Women in Cornwall' project where the children learned about the history of women in Cornwall through song. The first part of the day was spent exploring the archives, visiting the strong room and the darkroom. They saw different artefacts, learned why the strong room was kept cold and looked at some very old photos that were printed in glass by Cliche Verre and dated back to 1939.



After a short break, the children returned to the 'classroom' where they began researching Stella Grace Cornish and District nurses of the time. They then used their findings to make a chorus and then a verse. To end the day, the children sang the whole song, along with the music teachers and lots of instruments. We would like to thank all the staff at Kresen Kernow for supporting a very informative visit. Thank you to Mabel in Year 5 for her comprehensive account of the visit.



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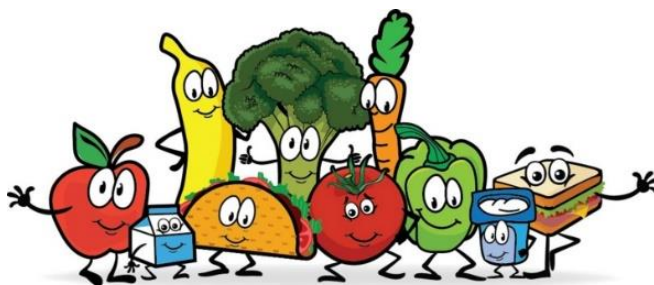
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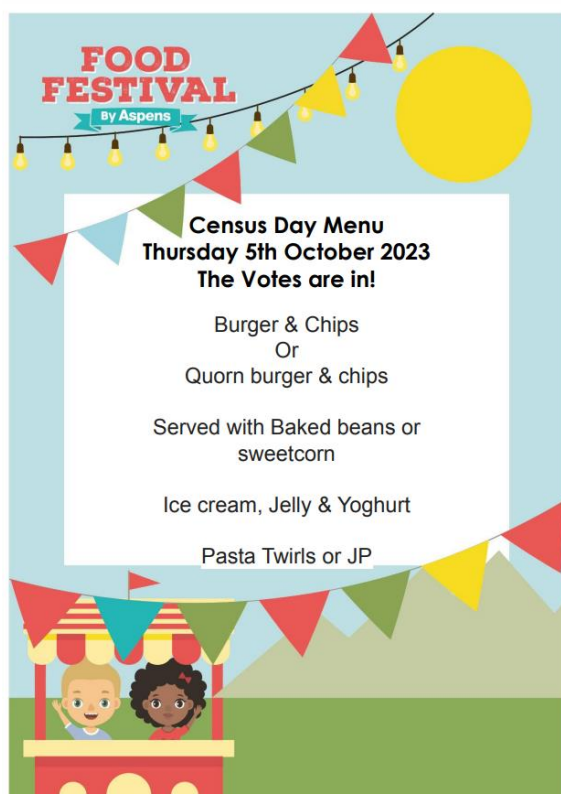


Aspens School Meals – Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that we are strongly encouraging all meals to be booked for their child/children's meals weekly in advance. If a child needs to book a meal in class in the morning the only option available will be **Hot tomato pasta**. Thank you for your support.



Menu Change – Thursday 5th October (Census Day)



The Autumn Census is taking place on Thursday 5th October. The number of pupils taking up a school meal on census day affects the funding provided to the school for the year, so in an effort to encourage as many pupils as possible to try a school meal, our catering provider is providing a special menu, as detailed on this poster. The options shown on ParentPay as per the usual menu, but please book either the meat or vegetarian option that your child/children would like on this day and they will be given the special menu options. Please note, on special menu days, these are the only options available. Please ensure your child/children has/have a packed lunch with them if they do not want any of the options on offer. Thank you for your support.

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Maths Morning – Parents/Carers Welcome

On Tuesday next week we are inviting parents/carers to join their children in classes to take part in some fun maths activities. For Years 1 – 6 the session will run from 09:15 to 10:15 and for Year R it will be from 09:30 to 10:00. If you have children in more than one class, you are welcome to move between the classes during these sessions.



Please come to the school office to sign in no earlier than 09:10am.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October 2023. Bookings should be made via the Arbor App and will open at 19:00 on Monday 2nd October and close at 19:00 on Sunday 8th October.

Appointments will run in 10-minute intervals with the first appointments at 15:30 and the final appointments at 18:20. This applies to Years R, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

For Year 1, Appointments with Miss Pedlar will only be held on Tuesday 10th October to allow Miss Pedlar to access her chemotherapy treatment. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at 13:00 and the final appointment at 18:20.

Please email hello@connordowns.org.uk if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

Pre-Loved Uniform

We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.



With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email hello@connordowns.org.uk with your requirements.

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Diary Dates – 1st Half of Autumn Term 2023

Monday 2nd October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 3

Tuesday 3rd October – Maths Morning – Parents/carers invited - Years 1 – 6 : – 09:15am – 10:15am and EYFS : – 09:30am – 10:00am

Thursday 5th October – Friends of Connor Downs Academy AGM – 3:30pm – All welcome – Please sign in at the school office

Monday 9th October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 4

Tuesday 10th October – Parents Evening (1)

Wednesday 11th October – Parents Evening (2)

Monday 16th October – Tempest Photographs – Individual and Family

Monday 16th October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 5

Wednesday 18th October – BAGS2SCHOOL Collection

Friday 20th October – Last Day of first half of Autumn Term – Finish at 3:15pm

Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Wednesday 18th October**. Bags will be sent home with children next week.

Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.



PLEASE BRING BAGS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF COLLECTION AND LEAVE IN THE PLAYGROUND WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS. THANK YOU!

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CSIA Super Saturdays



Sign up to our Super Saturdays

SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
CODE BREAKER

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER
SCIENCE CRIME BUSTER

**WWW.CAMBORNESCIENCE.CO.UK/
SUPER-SATURDAYS**

CSIA, Cranberry Road, Camborne TR14 7PP

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The CSIA Autumn Super Saturday programme of workshops are detailed below and open to current Year 6 pupils. Please use the booking link if you would like to book a place for your Year 6 child on either workshop.

<https://www.cambornescience.co.uk/super-saturdays/>

Code Breaker Super Saturday! 30th September

Come and put your English and Maths skills to the test as you search the school for cryptic clues! In teams, you will search high and low - but will you be successful in finding the elusive treasure?

Crime Buster Super Saturday! 14th October

Use your Scientific skills and intuition to solve the crime of the century! There's been a theft, but can you solve the mystery?

CSIA – Nexus Open Evening

The Nexus campus will be holding their Open Evening at their Nexus campus on Trevu Road, Camborne on **Wednesday 4th October from 18:00 to 20:30**.

Nexus is unique in Cornwall, providing a state-funded specialist education to able young people. Nexus, part of Camborne Science and International Academy, is situated on a separate campus next to the train station and 5 minutes from the bus station. As a consequence, Nexus attracts students from all over Cornwall from St Just to Padstow.



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WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER
6pm to 8:30pm

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Important Parking Information – Connor Hill



As many of you have seen, Wales&West Utilities have been working around Carwin Rise and the bottom of Connor Hill. They are in the process of upgrading the gas pipes in the area. A representative has called into school today to advise that this work will be moving up through the entire village with rolling traffic lights as they complete each section.

Important note – **From 9th October**, there will be **no parking availability on Connor Hill** while these works take place. Wherever possible, during this period of works, please can we ask parents/carers to park sensibly and courteously further up in the village in areas not affected by the works and walk to school. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 29th September 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Friday 6th October 2023** to see their child receive their certificate.*

*Please come along to the main reception **no earlier than 2:35pm**. A special well done to:*

Year R – Jago

For making great progress with forming his letters. Jago can now write his name with confidence. Well done, Jago!

Year 1 – Isla

For making an excellent start to Year 1. Isla always tries her best and is keen to help her friends and adults in class. Well done, Isla!

Year 2 – Leon

For all his hard work and enthusiasm during our history theme, the 'Great Fire of London'. Well done, Leon!

Year 3 – Imogen

For being a great role model. Imogen showed super independence skills in English comprehension and also great creativity and caring for everyone in Art club. Well done, Imogen!

Year 4 – Tegen

For settling into Year 4 so well and always working hard in lessons. Well done, Tegen!

Year 5 – Harry

For his amazing effort to research the District Nurses of Cornwall on our visit to Kresen Kernow. Well done, Harry!

Year 6 – Cooper

For being such a dependable member of the class and helping others in science. Well done, Cooper!

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Writer – Billy (Year 4)

For writing some brilliantly detailed full sentence answers in his comprehension. Well done, Billy!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Dylan M (Year 2)

For beautiful reading aloud in class and using his reading to interpret historical sources. Well done, Dylan!

KS2 Reader – Liam (Year 5)

For reading and inwardly digesting so many historical facts on our Kresen Kernow visit. Well done, Liam!

Mathematician – Jack (Year 3)

For brilliant work on Calculating to prove his answers in a Mastery challenge. Well done, Jack!

Rock Star – William (Year 5)

For an amazing total of 2,741 questions answered correctly in a week. Well done, William!

Performer – McKenzie (Year 6)

For showing his excellent Drama skills during the transition day at Hayle Academy. Well done, McKenzie!

Character – Reuben (Year R)

For being a great role model during P.E. Reuben showed skill and creativity and could demonstrate this in front of the class. Well done, Reuben!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Transfer to Secondary School – Deadline to apply – 31st October 2023



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Transfer to secondary school
September 2024

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance
Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2024

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about how your child will get to school. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the admission arrangements on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your nearest or designated school as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed admissions information on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 31 October 2023

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

Starting School – September 2024 – Deadline to apply – 15th January 2024



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Starting school
September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

Attending a nursery or pre-school
You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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