



Connor Downs
Academy

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week has been a very busy and exciting week final week of this half term. We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 31st October.



TEMPEST
PHOTOGRAPHY

On Monday, Tempest Photographer came into school to take the children's individual and family photographs. We would like to thank all our parent/carer community for ensuring their children all arrived at school looking very smart in their full school uniforms and full of big smiles. A reminder that the deadline for ordering photos for free delivery to

school is Monday 31st October. Orders received after this date, will incur a delivery charge and be sent to your home address.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this weeks parent/carer consultations. We were delighted with the number of families that turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their child/ren have settled into their new year groups and the progress they are making. If you were unable to attend and would like to catch up with your child's teacher, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and we can arrange a time after half term for you. Thank you for your ongoing support



Autumn Term Monitoring Day

On Thursday, we hosted our Autumn term monitoring visit, where we welcomed our academy's Strategic Partner and our Hub Councillors. We were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase the fantastic learning taking place in all of our classes. Our visitors were highly impressed and the children were noted for their impeccable behaviour and attitude to learning and we are so proud of each and every one of them.

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Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop

On Wednesday, Year 3 had an amazing morning learning what it was like to be a Stone Age Hunter Gatherer with Aspire Outdoor learning Lead Mr Mike Turnham.



The children enjoyed searching for blackberries and nettle leaves before making and drinking nettle tea. They had lots of fun learning how to light a fire and ended the morning sharing seeds and fish that had been cooked on the fire.

Thank you to Mr Turnham for giving the children such an inciteful morning.



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Year 5 – Junior Life Skills



On Thursday, Year 5 travelled to Penzance Fire Station to take part in a Junior Life Skills workshop linked to our PSHE curriculum.

The children learned about:

- Internet Safety
- Basic CPR
- Electrical Safety and Fire Alarms
- Dangers around water
- Road safety
- GWR – safe behaviour in and around stations.



They have been tasked to test their fire alarms at home by the fire service this week and every month thereafter. Our thanks to Mrs Kent, Mrs Richmond, Mr Baines and Mr Gallagher for supporting the visit.



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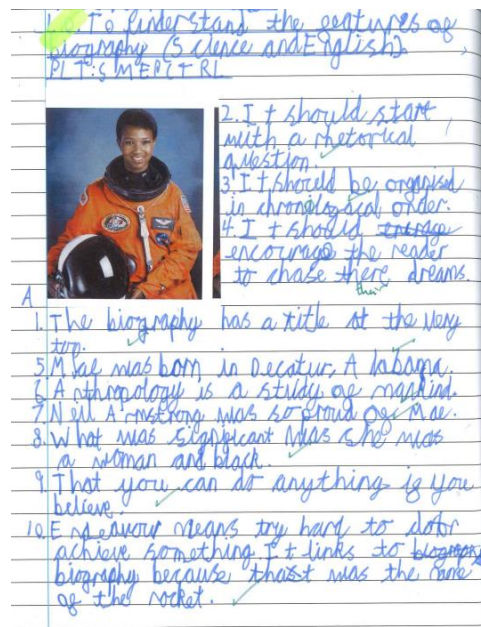
Black History Month

This week, children in all classes have taken part in a variety of activities to mark Black History Month.



Gymnastics success

Over the weekend, one of our Year 4 pupils attended the South West grades competition for his gymnastics. He competed on 7 different pieces, was one of only 3 gymnasts to score a perfect 10 on vault and came 3rd overall, resulting in him making it through to nationals in December. We are so proud of all his hard work and the resilience he shows every day.



Menu Change – November 3rd



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Camborne Science and International Academy – Super Saturdays for Year 5



CSIA are delighted to share with you their Super Saturday programme of workshops for the current year 5's. They invite them to join them on a series of engaging seasonal mysteries. They feel the workshops will be a wonderful introduction to the sessions that will then be ongoing for the whole year. As you know, the Super Saturdays have been extremely popular and successful with our current Year 6 students, who have thoroughly enjoyed them.

November 5 - Guy Fawkes Mystery.

Can you use the clues from around the school to solve the Guy Fawkes Mystery?

November 26 - History Mystery.

Solve a chilling historical crime and uncover the secrets of the Black Death.

December 3 - Christmassy Escape Room.

Help Mrs Clause escape from the Elves' engineering room in time for Christmas.

Super Saturday sessions run from 9.30 – 12.00 at CSIA, and offer Year 5 students the opportunity to explore, create and be challenged in their learning. CSIA are excited that students are able to visit the school and meet some of their future teachers and fellow peers.

If your child is interested in the workshops on offer, please book in using the link below. This will include the consent form. Once they are booked in, further details will follow.

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

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After School Clubs – Spaces still available



Starting after half term, Vicky will be running a separate after school French club for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. This will be held on a Thursday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. The class for KS 2 (Years 3 – 6) will move to a Tuesday between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable directly with Vicky through the Kidslingo website.

Parents/carers can enrol their child/children using the link below :

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/french-classes-central-west-cornwall/>

Sports4Tots

Sports4Tots for children in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 still have spaces. This is run on a Friday from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. This is bookable and payable directly with Nick via their online booking system. Please use the link below to book your child a space:

[Book a kids sports session online | Sports 4 Tots](#)



Attendance this week

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	98.2 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.8 %
3 rd 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 21st October 2022

*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 4th November** 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 – Drake

For showing great understanding with repeating patterns in Maths. Well done Drake!

Year 1 – Leon

For making a brilliant start to year 1 and his amazing progress in phonics this half term. Well done Leon!

Year 2 – Tommy

For your wonderful enthusiasm and results across the curriculum. Well done Tommy!

Year 3 – Leo

For brilliant work in maths, learning how to add 10 more to a 3 digit number. Well done Leo!

Year 4 – Eryss

For always working hard and consistently showing fantastic learning behaviours. Well done Eryss!

Year 5 – Lily-Mae

For her effort and enthusiasm in maths. Well done Lily-Mae!

Year 6 – Beth

For your detailed evacuee letter this week. You are trying so hard with your editing and to include lots of details in your work. Well done Beth!

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Writer – Mabel (Year 4)

For working hard on her newspaper article about the Anglo-Saxons and including a rhetorical question and direct speech. Well done Mabel!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Arthur (Year 2)

For excellent reading and demonstrating his understanding accurately. Well done Arthur!

KS2 Reader – Bella-Grace (Year 3)

For super answers in reading comprehension learning about the Stone age. Well done Bella!

Mathematician – Arthur (Year 1)

For his great effort in maths this week, creating number sentences using part-whole models. Arthur is always keen to share his answers during whole class learning. Well done Arthur!

Performer – Isaac (Year R)

For showing confidence and enthusiasm when singing in class. Well done Isaac!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Corey (Year 4)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Corey's total was an incredible 63,395 steps. Well done Corey!

Citizen – Aiden and Bailey (Year 6)

For their constant support, politeness and willingness to help staff during lunch and play times.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Dates for Diary – Autumn Term

Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October – HALF TERM

Monday 31st October – First day of second half of autumn term

**Monday 31st October – DEADLINE FOR YEAR 6 APPLICATIONS FOR TRANSFER TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Friday 4th November – Flu vaccinations – more information to follow

Thursday 10th November – Year R Vision Screening Tests

Friday 18th November – 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy' meeting – 3:30pm - all welcome

Thursday 24th November- 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy' autumn term discos

Years R, 1 and 2 – 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm

£1.50 entry fee payable on the door

Refreshments available to buy

Tuesday 6th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 – 1:30pm

Thursday 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 – 5:00pm

Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre

Monday 12th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5:00pm

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16th December – Last Day of autumn Term – **FINISH at 2:00pm**

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – First day of spring term

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Transfer to Secondary School – September 2023

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED - DEADLINE IS 31ST OCTOBER 2022

If you have a child in Year 6 and have not yet applied for their secondary school place, please be advised the deadline is fast approaching. We are encouraging every parent/carer to ensure they meet this deadline to give their child the best chance of securing their 1st choice secondary school.



Together
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2022

Transfer to secondary school September 2023

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

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2023**

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 transport to school.

...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 2022**

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 2023. 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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FOOTBALL CAMPS OCTOBER HALF TERM



Camp Dates

Monday 24th October
Wednesday 26th October
Friday 28th October

Soccer Tots (3-6yrs)

10am - 12pm

£6 per day | £10 for 2 days | £13 for 3 days

Soccer Pros (7-13yrs)

10am - 3:30pm

£15 per day | £25 for 2 days | £35 for 3 days

Venue

Mounts Bay Football Development Centre
Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

Other Info

All children are welcome to attend from any school or club.
The MBFDC coaching staff are UEFA / FA qualified & DBS checked.
Pre-booking only, register & book online.
Visit the website for further information - www.mbfdc.co.uk

Contact

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