

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

Young Mental Health Champions

Last Friday, five of our pupils attended a Wellbeing seminar for Young Mental Health Champions, held at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge.

The day began with an introduction from three athletes, one of whom, Annie Vernon, had won a silver medal in the 2008 Olympics held in Beijing. The children were excited to see the medal that Annie had brought along to share with them.

During the day they played an active game called Pig and Cow and then wrote down their thoughts on the definition of mental health. They were given wellbeing worksheets where they had to describe what it takes to be a Wellbeing Champion. Finally, the children played a feeling game of how you feel and then wrote down things that they had learnt that they could bring back to school and ideas for active play at breaktime and lunchtime. All the children found the training very inspiring.

We would like to thank Mrs Easterbrook for supporting this event and to thank Eryss for her detailed report of the day.

Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our **Year 6 pupils**, that your child will sit their **SATs assessments** between **Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

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Football Tournament at Mounts Bay Academy



everyone involved!

On Wednesday afternoon some of our Year 5/6 children represented the school football teams at our PE cluster event at Mounts Bay Academy. The tournament was played against nine other schools in our region. The weather was really kind to us and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this football league event, helping to develop their teamwork and resilience. The girls and boys both displayed a positive attitude during the afternoon and they all received a certificate for their superb effort. Well done to

Amara and Senara from the girls' team wrote the following report:

'On Wednesday, 24th April, Connor Downs girls football team, Senara, Amara, Dari, Bella, Malyka, Eryss, Oriana and Isla, went to Mounts Bay Academy to play in a tournament. They played eight competitive games, winning four, losing one and drawing three. The matches were eight minutes long. We did a squad rotation with the boys and we were all very supportive of each other.'



Internet Safety

This week the Year 6 cohort received a visit from PC Janes from Penzance Police Station to advise them on Internet Safety and the serious consequences of using social media platforms which are not age appropriate.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that most social media platforms are not suitable for primary aged children. For example, What's App is 13+; TikTok is 13+; Instagram is 13+; Facebook is 13+; Snapchat is 13+. We would encourage all parents/carers, to not allow their children access to any of these sites. Please carefully monitor your children's phone daily to ensure safe and age-appropriate usage at all times. Thank you for your support and understanding. More support and information can be found using the link below to the NSPCC website.

[NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe Online](#)

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Family Support Advice

Final Reminder. Available from our school's link **Family Worker, Jana Cowan-Dickie** on any issues that may be affecting your family.

They offer you a friendly, supportive service that meets your needs or introduces you to a service that can help you. They also offer parenting courses and information on these can also be given.

If you feel you need some friendly advice or any kind of family support, please contact school and we will arrange for you to meet with Jana at a booked slot between **08:45am and 10:45am on Tuesday 30th April.**

To book, please contact hello@connordowns.org.uk and Mrs Gallagher will reserve you a place. 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.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	98.9 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	98.1 %

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy Fundraising

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are looking at new and innovative ways to raise much needed funds to help support all the children in school.

With this in mind, they are looking at producing a tea towel which will have every child's name and their own design on it. Before they proceed any further, they would like to gauge the level of interest to see if it will be cost effective to produce and raise some funds. Each tea towel would cost £3.00 to purchase and make excellent gifts for grandparents/family as they are cheap and easy to post!

Please could we ask parents/carers to complete the very short questionnaire using the link below to let us know if this is something they would be interest in.



[FOCDA - Fundraising Tea Towel](#)

If anyone has any ideas of their own of ways to fundraise, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk. Thank you all for your continued support.

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly of the summer term, on **Friday 3rd May** 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 – Freya

For her care and understanding of how to look after our animals in school. Well done, Freya!

Year 1 – Dylan

For explaining his reasoning skills in maths when working with equal groups and doubles. Well done, Dylan!

Year 2 – Cecily

For her hard work and progress in maths. Well done for great listening and super progress!

Year 3 – Isaac

For showing great knowledge and independence in our science investigation about forces. Well done, Isaac!

Year 4 – Sydney

For recalling learning from Year 3 about musical notation. Well done, Sydney!

Year 5 – Alfie

For being such a good team player and competitive performer at the football tournament. Well done, Alfie!

Year 6 – Lenny

For developing his own unique style of writing showing excellent use of language. Lenny's work is always filled with ambitious ideas. Well done, Lenny!

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Writer – Sienna S (Year 1)

For developing her independence and resilience and applying her phonics skills when writing about different animals in English. Well done, Sienna!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Emily (Year 2)

For skilfully reading a range of genres and showing her understanding during reading comprehension tasks. Well done, Emily!

KS2 Reader – Eryss (Year 5)

For her considered answers in our VIPERS reading lessons. Well done, Eryss!

Mathematician – Frankie (Year R)

For showing fantastic understanding of numbers from 11-20, both practically and in the written format. Well done, Frankie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Imogen (Year 3)

For her super effort and completing extra time on TT Rock stars to improve her scores and time to answer questions. Well done, Imogen!

Performer – Lily-Mae (Year 6)

For showing great resilience when reading out a part of someone else's story to an audience. Lily-Mae read beautifully and Miss Norton and Mrs Smitheram are so proud of her! Well done, Lily-Mae!

Character – Tegen (Year 4)

For always being ready for learning and setting a good example to others about listening with care and respect and following instructions. Well done, Tegen!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School