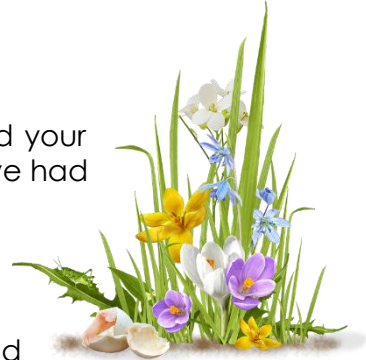


Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you and your families all had a lovely half term break and are safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting week in school.

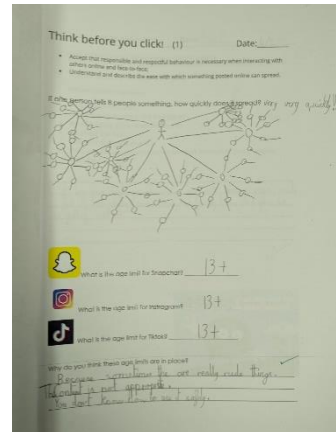
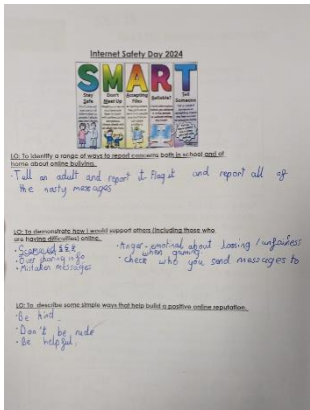


Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, especially for children and young people. This year's theme for Safer Internet Day is 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Across the school, every class recognised Safer Internet Day in an age-appropriate way.

Year 6 used SMART to help identify a variety of ways to report any concerns about online bullying both in school and at home. They also discussed how they could support their friends online and looked at some simple ways to help build a positive online reputation.

Finally, they discovered that there are age restrictions on many platforms, including Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, as well as many others.



Year 1 Art

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their Art topic which they studied during the first half of the spring term. They were looking at primary colours and then mixing them to make secondary colours. The children particularly enjoyed looking at artwork by Kandinsky and then creating their own circle art in the style of Kandinsky.



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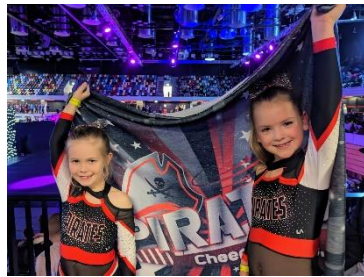
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Legacy Cheer and Dance Championships



Last weekend, two of our pupils competed along with their teammates at the Legacy Cheer and Dance Championships. The event was held in the Copper Box Arena at Olympic Park in London. This was the first competition the girls had taken part in and both did amazingly well after being given this huge opportunity. Their team finished in



fourth place which was a fantastic achievement and we are sure you will share in congratulating the girls in achieving these incredible rewards that have come from their dedication. Well done!



Pirates Rugby – Years 5 and 6

On Monday this week, Lee from the Cornish Pirates rugby team came in for the first of 6 sessions working with the children in Years 5 and 6. All the children had lots of fun learning new skills focusing on passing accurately and working together as a team. Please can we remind parents/carers of Year 5 and 6 pupils that their child will need a warm PE kit with them every Monday until Easter for these sessions. Thank you.



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English Open morning Parents/Carers

On Tuesday, we were delighted to be able to welcome parents/carers and grandparents to join our classes for an English morning.

**THANK
YOU**

We would like to extend our thanks to all the parents/carers and grandparents who were able to join us. The feedback we received from this session was overwhelmingly positive. We will be holding a Science session in the Summer term so please look out for the details nearer the time.



Year 5 – DT

This week Year 5 have been making recycled paper.



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Year 3 – DT

Year 3 had a great afternoon in Design Technology this week learning about British Inventors. The children began by learning about the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell.

They then worked together to make their own string telephones and had lots of fun talking and feeling the vibration along the string.



Savvy Dance Ballet

Congratulations to three of our KS2 pupils on passing their Grade 1 exam in Ballet, each achieving a Merit. All attend Savvy Dance Studios in Hayle. We are so proud of all their efforts and achievements.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March**. 10-minute appointments will be available between 3:30pm and 5:50pm on both evenings for Years R, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

For Year 1, Miss Pedlar will have appointments between 1:00pm and 5:50pm on **Tuesday 5th March only**.

Bookings should be made via the Arbor App and will open at 7:00pm tonight, Friday 23rd February and close at 7:00pm on Sunday 3rd March.

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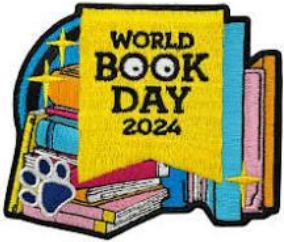
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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



World Book Day this year is taking place on Thursday 7th March. We are inviting all children to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character for a £1 donation payable via ParentPay. Funds raised will be used to enhance reading resources across the school. An important note, please **do not** buy expensive costumes – something put together from home is perfectly suitable. We are also encouraging children to bring their favourite book to school to share with their classes. Also, courtesy of the National Literacy Trust, every child will be given a £1 book token to be used when purchasing their next book.

Flick Up Challenge for Girls – Friday 8th March

On Friday 8th March 2024, the Biggest Ever Football Session is back. We are inviting all girls to bring their PE kits to school to take part in the Flick Up Challenge. The Trust are looking to smash their record from last year, where they had an incredible 470 girls participating across all the schools within the Aspire Academy Trust.



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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Dates for Diary

- Monday 26th February – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1
- Monday 4th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 2
- Tuesday 5th March – Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 6th March – Parent Consultations
- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Monday 11th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 3
- Monday 11th March – Friends of Connor Downs Academy meeting – 15:30
- Monday 18th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 4
- Monday 25th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 5 (Final week)
- Wednesday 27th March – Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Table Top Sale – (more information to follow)
- Thursday 28th March – Final day of term – **2:00pm FINISH**
- Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS**
- Monday 15th April – First Day of Summer Term

Attendance

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	99.1 %
2 nd Place	Year 5	98.7 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see next page for our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 23rd February 2024

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly, on **Friday 1st March 2024** 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 – Reuben

For his enthusiasm and knowledge when learning facts about space. Well done, Reuben!

Year 1 – Noah B

For his resilience when writing independent sentences in phonics. Well done, Noah!

Year 2 – George

For writing an interesting and engaging postcard. Well done, George!

Year 3 – Toby

For showing great kindness and super independence skills when supporting his friends in an RE lesson to help them sequence the story of Abraham and Sara. Well done, Toby!

Year 4 – Bella V

For her beautiful use of simile within a narrative text. Well done, Bella!

Year 5 – Seth

For his resilience and determination when solving his decimal and fraction problems. Well done, Seth!

Year 6 – Logan

For showing a real commitment to improving his spelling and punctuation. Well done, Logan!

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Writer – Amara (Year 5)

For the fantastic range of persuasive language used in her advert to sell a "Myst" house. Well done, Amara!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lily-Rose (Year R)

For showing fantastic progress with her reading and phonics practise. Well done, Lily-Rose!

KS2 Reader – Sonnie (Year 3)

For demonstrating increased fluency and confidence in reading comprehension text. Well done, Sonnie!

Mathematician – Isaac (Year 4)

For his amazing maths work finding missing numbers in rectangular shape. Well done, Isaac!

Numbots/Rock Star – Otis (Year 2)

For his commitment and enthusiasm in maths further enhanced by his Numbots scores. Well done, Otis!

Performer – Jago (Year 1)

For his great portrayal of a seed buried deep laying fast asleep in our dance lesson this week. Well done, Jago!

Character – Ella-Fay (Year 6)

For showing resilience and determination when working on maths challenges in the Year 6 1:1 maths sessions with Ms Speight. Well done, Ella-Fay!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School