



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

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

## Year 4 – Camp Kernow Residential



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 25 children from Year 4 went to Camp Kernow for a one night residential. They learned about living off-grid with no connection to mains electricity or water.

On Thursday, as well as completing tasks around the site, the class enjoyed archery, climbing and going for a night walk in the woods.



After camping for the night and enjoying a concoction of unusual muesli ingredients and extra helpings of eggy bread for breakfast, the children packed up their belongings and headed into the woods to build shelters. The shelters needed to withstand wind and rain and they enjoyed testing them with each team inside!

After dismantling the shelters, they hiked to the park and enjoyed a picnic lunch before returning to school.

We are very proud of the way that the children conducted themselves and represented Connor Downs Academy during their stay and the resilience, bravery and independence the children displayed throughout the residential. Well done everyone!



We would also like to thank Mrs Hodge, Mrs Rees, Mr Petrucsik and Mr Mungles for helping make this trip possible, their support was very much appreciated.



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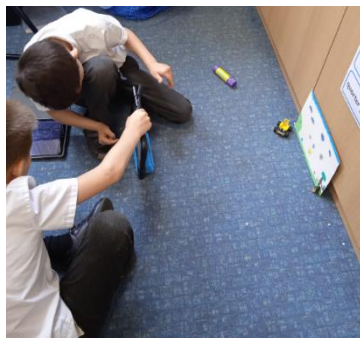
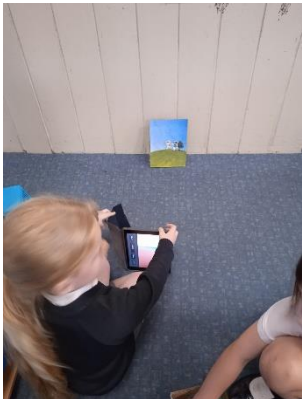
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### Year 3 – Animation

This week in Computing, Year 3 enjoyed creating the animations that they had planned in previous lessons. The children created their own backgrounds and characters. They worked hard to make sure the iPad stayed still and that they only moved their characters a little bit each time by using onion-skinning. Great work Year 3!



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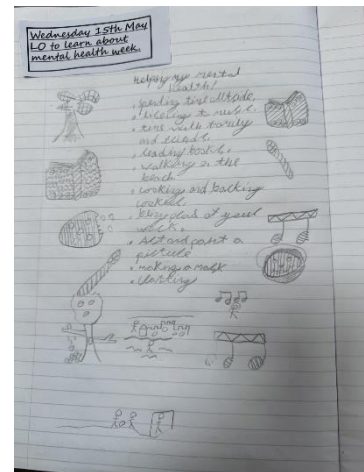
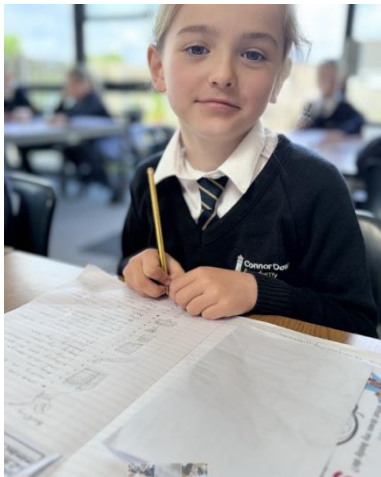


## Mental Health Awareness Week

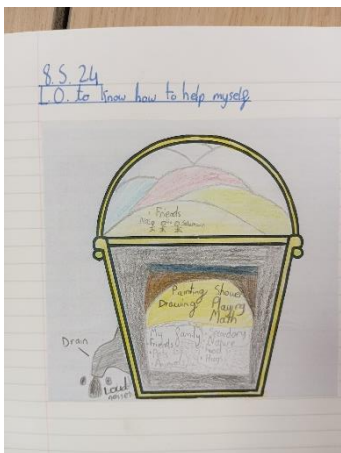
### Year 2



During Mental Health Week, the children in Year 2 learnt about how our mental health can affect the choices we make and how we behave. The children looked at lots of different emotions that they might experience. They then discussed and recorded ways we can all support our mental health every day.



### Year 6



Year 6 thought about their mental health as a bucket. They thought about what 'drains' your bucket, for example worries, and what helps to keep your bucket full - which are all the things that make you happy.



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## Year 6 SATs

This week, our Year 6 children took their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great determination and resilience throughout the week. Well done to each and every one of you – we are so proud of you. Thank you too, to the Year 6 parents/carers for your support during this week, and to the children in all other year groups who behaved so respectfully in support our Year 6 pupils. Thank you also to the volunteers who gave up their time to support.



## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place on **Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**.

**Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.**

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

**Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. Thank you.**

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.**



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## 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements.

## Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only.

As a reminder, if your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Any hair accessories must be small and, in the school, navy colour.



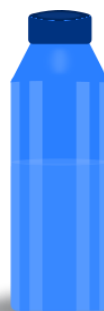
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## Parent/carer reminder



Please can we remind parents/carers that at this time of year the weather can be quite changeable. The sun is at it strongest at present, but we can also suffer some quite heavy showers.

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child/children come to school every day with sun cream, already applied before coming to school and extra in their bag, a sun hat and a waterproof coat.



Please can we also remind you to ensure that your child/children bring a refillable drinks bottle with them to keep hydrated. Thank you all for your continued support.



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## Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



## Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**.

Please find on the flyer a list of the items that they will accept.

**Please could all bags be brought to school by 9:00am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations.**

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.

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## Diary Dates

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 4  
 Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Science hour for parents/carers – 9am – 10am – All Year Groups  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – FOCD A Discos – Please see above for more information.  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of first half of summer term – **3:15pm FINISH**

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half Term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 1  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Parent/Carer Meeting – Year 5 Carnyorth Residential – **3:30pm**  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Tempest Class Photographs  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 2  
 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Carnyorth Residential  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 3  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Careers Day  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Swimming – Year 1 – Week 4 (Final Session)  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 - Overnight Camping on School Field  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 - Overnight Camping on School Field  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 - Overnight Camping on School Field  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 - Overnight Camping on School Field  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS/Year 1- Fun Night – Year 2 – Fun Night and Sleepover  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Swimming – Year R – Week 1  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming – Year R – Week 2  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre – From 3:30pm  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Swimming – Year R – Week 3 (Final Session)  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 – London Residential  
 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of summer term – **2:00pm Finish**  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – **INSET DAY (School closed)**

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Holidays**

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	100.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 6	99.3 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year R	97.6 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

*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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 – Missy**

For her amazing sentence writing. Missy is now using tricky words in her sentences. Well done, Missy!

### **Year 1 – James**

For his great reasoning skills in maths and sharing his explanations with the class. Well done, James!

### **Year 2 – Joseph**

For working so hard and applying his reading comprehension skills to answer a range of questions. Well done, Joseph!

### **Year 3 – Miriam**

For her hard work and effort to learn quick recall of times tables facts. Well done, Miriam!

### **Year 4 – Linkcon**

For excellent progress with his reading and being able to adapt to a new reading routine so quickly. Well done, Linkcon!

### **Year 5 – William**

For his sharp maths skills and ability to solve high-level problems. Well done, William!

### **Year 6 – Freya**

For working hard all week in your SATS and for showing such maturity and positivity. Well done, Freya!

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**Writer – Alvah (Year 1)**

For his excellent independent effort when writing sentences to describe different animals. Well done, Alvah!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Emilia (Year 2)**

For excellent effort with reading steadily making progress through her levels. Well done, Emilia!

**KS2 Reader – Daniel (Year 3)**

For super effort learning to segment and blend words with fluency. Well done, Daniel!

**Mathematician – Lowenna (Year R)**

For showing fantastic understanding when describing position in maths this week. Well done, Lowenna!

**Numbots/Rock Star – Hudson (Year 2)**

For achieving a high score in his Numbot challenges this week. Well done, Hudson!

**Performer – Charlie S (Year 4)**

For the excellent progress he is making at Ukelele club. Well done, Charlie!

**Character – Sam (Year 5)**

For his kindness and mature mindset which makes him an asset to the class. Well done, Sam!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



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Cornwall Cricket has some fantastic opportunities for cricket camps this May Half Term! Our camps are located at Cornwall Cricket's fabulous Cricket Centre!

**Direct Booking Form Link - [Cornwall Cricket Half Term Holiday Camps](#)**

**Half Term  
Holiday Camps**

  
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**Softball**  
Tuesday 28th May

5 to 8 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

8 to 11 year olds: 1pm to 4pm £24

**Hardball**  
Wednesday 29th May

8 to 13 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

Club hardball players: 1pm to 3pm £16



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