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As we come to the end of another busy, exciting and successful year at Connor Downs Academy, it is time to celebrate together all that has been achieved.

Our children have made super progress in their learning, showing a real dedication to their studies.

We are delighted across the school at the fantastic attainment and progress achieved in all year groups.

Please see Statutory attainment summary below.

Early Years % Good Level of Development above National data.

Early Years Foundation Stage									
Statistic	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		Cohort	2024-2025	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development	78% ●	65%	81% ●	67%	83% ●	68%	18	83% ●	~ 69%
% of pupils at the expected level across all early learning goals	74% ●	63%	81% ●	66%	79% ●	66%	18	83% ●	~ 67%
Average number of early learning goals at the expected level per pupil	14.3 ●	14.1	13.8 ■	14.1	14.6 ●	14.1	18	14.3 ●	~ 14.2

Phonics % pass rate in Year 1 and retake pass rate Year 2 above National data.

Phonics Screening Check									
Statistic	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		Cohort	2024-2025	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% of pupils passing in Year 1	100% ●	75%	93% ●	79%	85% ●	80%	29	90% ●	~ 80%
% of pupils passing check by end of Year 2	-	87%	96% ●	89%	87% ■	89%	25	92% ●	~ 91%

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Significantly above National data.

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Statistic	2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		Cohort	2024-2025	
	School	National	School	National	School	National		School	National
% of pupils scoring full marks (25/25)	-	27%	-	29%	34% ●	34%	31	58% ●	~ 38%
Average score (out of 25)	-	19.8	-	20.2	21.0 ●	20.6	31	22.0 ●	~ 21.1

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









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Key Stage 2 SATS data success.

Above National data for Writing Expected plus, Maths Expected plus, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Expected Plus and Science.

In line with National data, Maths Greater depth, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling Greater Depth.

Broadly in line with National data, Reading, Writing, Maths combined Expected and Greater Depth, Reading Expected, Reading Greater Depth.

Key Stage 2				
Subject	Statistic	2024-2025		
		Cohort	School	National
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	61% 	62%
Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% of pupils achieving the higher standard	31	6% 	8%
Reading	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	71% 	75%
Reading	% of pupils achieving the higher standard	31	29% 	33%
Reading	Average scaled score	30	103.7 	106.0
Writing	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	81% 	72%
Writing	% of pupils working at greater depth	31	6% 	13%
Maths	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	81% 	74%
Maths	% of pupils achieving the higher standard	31	26% 	26%
Maths	Average scaled score	30	105.4 	105.0
GPS	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	71% 	73%
GPS	% of pupils achieving the higher standard	31	35% 	30%
GPS	Average scaled score	30	104.7 	105.0
Science	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	31	90% 	82%

This year, we received a Local Authority Year 6 Writing Moderation visit. The Moderator agreed with all judgements made and reported:

General comments / Observations / Recommendations

The year 6 teacher was exceptionally well prepared for the visit. The range of evidence provided was very good. All judgements made by the teacher were well evidenced and accurate. A lovely visit.

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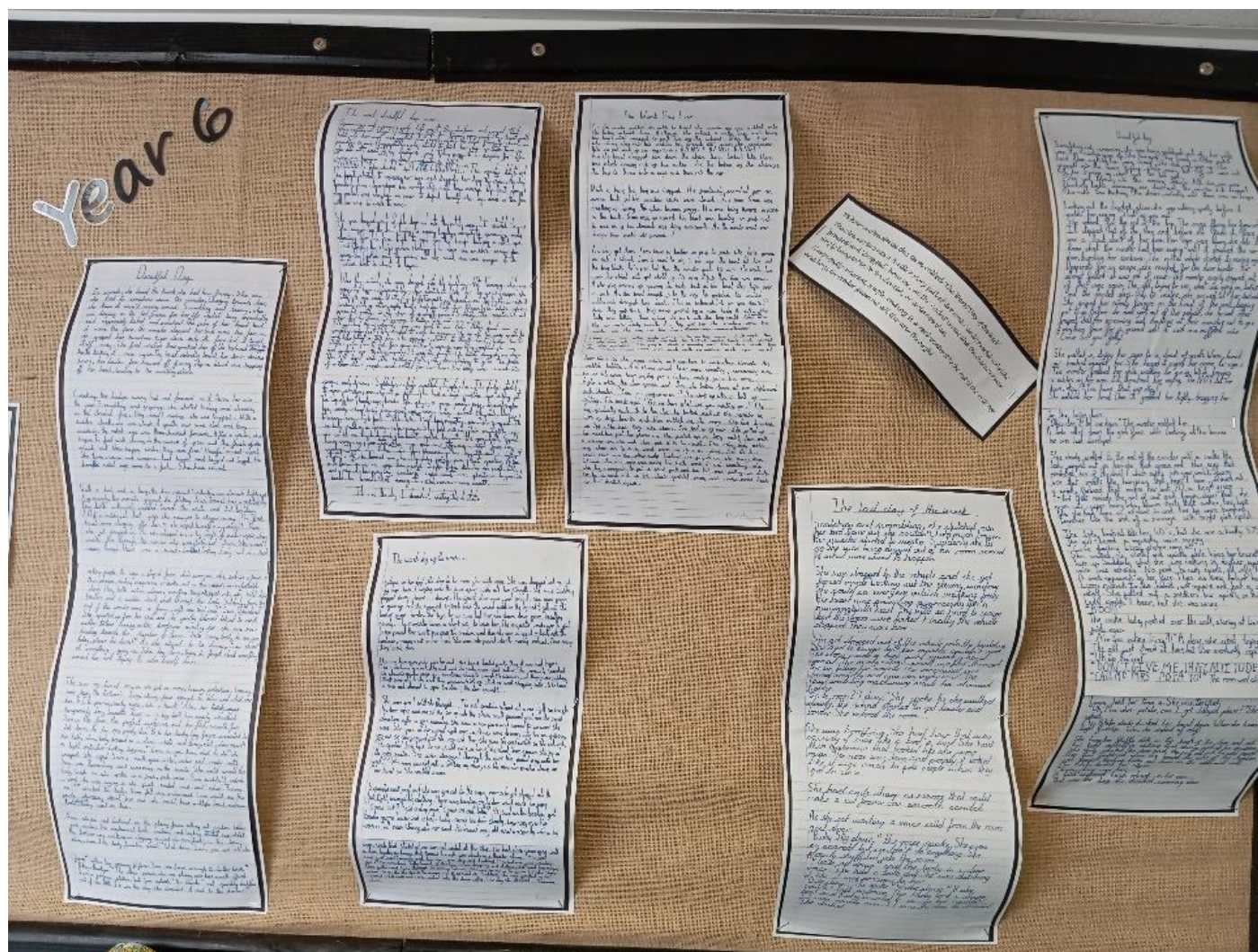
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Year 6 writing



Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils. We are proud of all your achievements!

Wishing you all the very best as you transition to Secondary School!

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The summer term, along with the entire school year, has been packed with exciting learning taking place in the classrooms, outside in Cultivating Futures and within our local environment and beyond. The children have experienced a rich and varied range of enrichment activities to support their curricular learning including school visits, special visitors, careers day and opportunities for residential experiences, along with a huge array of sporting and arts events.



Year 6 enjoyed a surfing lesson at Gwithian beach this term which built on their skills and water confidence gained in Year 5.



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Special thanks to our parents and carers who supported our school events through volunteering, some even camping on the school field! We are very grateful.



Year 4 Camp Kernow.

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There have been many school trips to enhance the learning in class with real life experiences.



Year 5 visiting Gevor Tin Mine.

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Special visitors have enriched our lessons.



Year 3 being led by a skilled dance teacher from Mounts Bay Academy.

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Art and music have played a key part in our Summer term learning experiences.



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Year 3 musicians.

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Special thanks must be extended to our superb Friends of Connor Downs Academy who have been tirelessly fundraising to support school projects. The school disco along with the pre-loved uniform sales, ice-cream sales and the spectacular summer fayre, have all raised considerable funds which will be used wisely to benefit all children within the school community.



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We are very grateful for the ongoing support from our parents and carers. You have worked alongside us to enable our children to fully access their learning and to participate in the huge range of events offered, thank you.

Many parents/carers have also stepped forward this year to support with our career's day. Thank you for your support. Days of this nature are incredibly inspiring and enriching for the children.



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Careers Day.

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Our children have competed in a range of sporting fixtures this term and have represented themselves and the school admirably.

Special mention must go to our amazing hard ball cricket team who competed in the ESCA Regional Under 11 Hardball Cricket Tournament.



The ESCA Regional Under 11 Hardball Cricket Tournament

On Monday, our incredible cricket team attended the Regional Under11 Hardball Finals at King's College, Taunton. Representing Cornwall as Champions, they faced the winners from Devon, Dorset and Somerset, all of which were Prep schools. We are delighted to share that Connor Downs beat both schools from Devon and Dorset, and narrowly missed out on beating Millfield Prep, from Somerset, finishing a fantastic 2nd place. Chris Twort, Regional and National organiser of the tournament, said:

'It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the Connor Downs Academy Cricket team to the Regional Hardball

Finals at King's College in Taunton yesterday. Not only did they distinguish themselves by defeating two Prep schools in Bryanston and Mount Kelly but their behaviour and conduct on and off the field of play was beyond approach. As I'm sure you know, they came runners-up to the redoubtable Millfield Prep but certainly gave them a very tough match.

I've been involved in this competition for thirty years and can honestly say that Connor Downs are not only the first state school team to win two matches at this level but are also the most talented state school team I can remember.'



We are beyond proud of the team, for not only their incredible talent, but also for the behaviour and conduct they showed, both and off the field.

A huge thank you must go to Mr Marrion, who coached the team and all the amazing parents/carers who made the journey to support their children.

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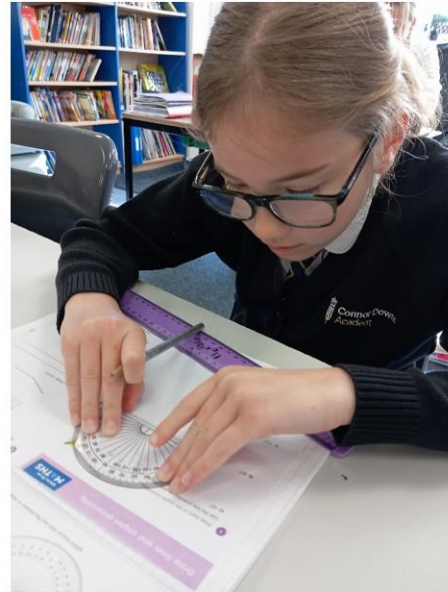
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Year 5 working with concentration in Maths.

Each class teacher has created a summer term newsletter to showcase the amazing array of work covered this term. I hope that you enjoy reading these letters.

For our children and parents/carers who are leaving us this term, we wish you and your children the very best for the future. We hope that your time at Connor Downs Academy was special, meaningful and memorable.

On behalf of all at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to wish you and your family a super summer break. I hope that you have time to relax, enjoy the sun and stay safe and well.

Kind regards,



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