

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. This week in school has been extremely busy with lots of exciting activities happening.

### Service of Remembrance



On Sunday, representatives from our Year 6 prefect team and School Council attended the annual service of remembrance at Hayle War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the Connor Downs Academy Community. The service was attended by Mrs Eddy and Mrs Kitching along with other members of staff and children from across the school. We are so proud of the respect that all our children showed and particularly in those laying the wreath. A big thank you to all those parents/carers who gave up their time to attend along with their children

and to Mark and his team at The Big Pink Tree for once again providing us with a beautiful wreath.



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## Year 6 – Godrevy Warren

Last Friday, our Year 6 outdoor learning group explored the unique and scientifically important habitat of Godrevy Warren. They learned about the history of the area, the formation of the dunes and the geology of the surrounding area. The area itself is not open to the public and is a site of specific scientific interest being home to around 25% of Cornwall's plant species.

While exploring the warren, the wildlife and habitats were identified and discussed. The children learned how to carry and use tools safely and used these to cut down the shrubs and prepare the fire. They all had a thoroughly enjoyable experience and look forward to returning in the spring term.



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## Year 5 – Nexus Workshop



A highlight of the term has been the trip to the Nexus campus of CSIA to study gears, levers and pulleys. The children were able to make predictions using their scientific knowledge and test their predictions in the lab. Using force meters, the children tested the effect of using levers to lift a load. They recorded their results and wrote a conclusion. Next, using a variety of gears, the children learned how the teeth of gears interlock to produce different outputs. Finally, linked to a real like cow rescue by the fire service, the children recorded

how pulleys are used to make lifting easier. The children had a great experience, and we would like to thank Mrs Richmond for supporting this educational visit.



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## New Musical Instruments

This week, we have received some new instruments which have been purchased by the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy' using money from fundraising events last summer term.



Children from across the school have enjoyed investigating the new glockenspiels, recorders, triangles and egg shakers.

Thank you to all parents for supporting our fundraising efforts which have made this possible. A huge thank you also needed to the 'Friends' for facilitating the purchase of the instruments needed to ensure our children continue to experience a rich and varied curriculum at Connor Downs Academy.



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## Year 5 – CSIA Climbing and Orienteering

Lenny from Year 5 wrote the following report on today's visit to CSIA.

*Today at Camborne secondary school we learnt orienteering and how to climb better. Many people conquered their fears and got to the top of the climbing wall. I got to the top of every climbing wall. The hardest one for me was the second one there weren't many grips to hold on to.*

*We also did a PE challenge. We threw bean bags into hula hoops, we raced, slid bean bags onto a line and we had a hula hoop race.*

*The last challenge was orienteering. We had to find all of the letters to finish on the huge secondary school site - my group finished first. At the end we had to unscramble the word, it was, well, that would be telling! I learned that I was good at orienteering, and it was very fun.*



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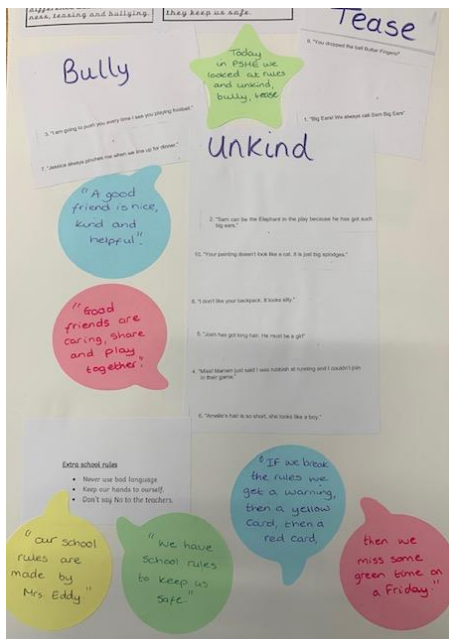
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## Anti-Bullying Week

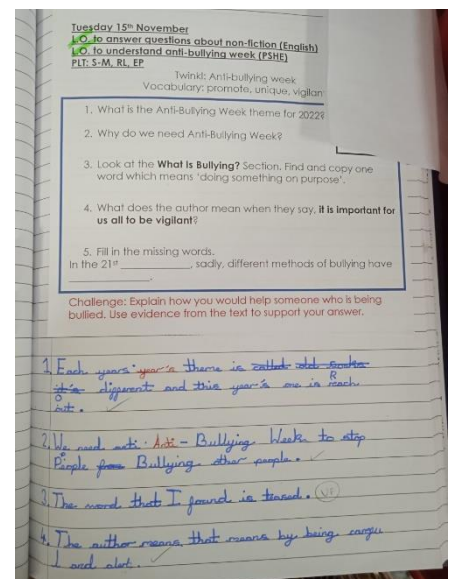
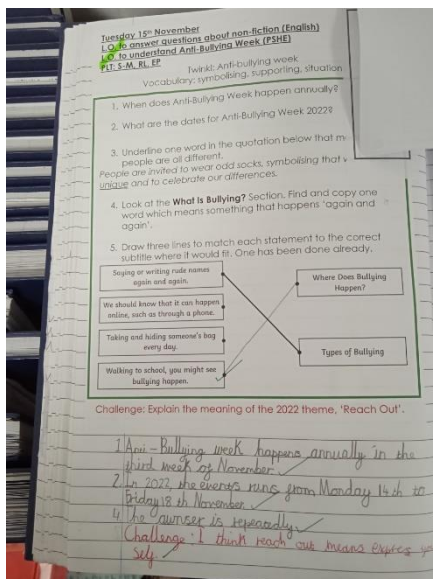


Across the school this week all the children have been recognizing Anti-Bullying week in age-appropriate ways. This years theme is Reach Out.

Year 1 have been looking at and sorting different scenarios that would be either unkind, bullying or teasing, as part of anti-bullying week.



Year 4 have been learning about anti-bullying week. They have learnt about the different types of bullying, what constitutes bullying and when, how and why we acknowledge anti-bullying week. We also discussed how to deal with any concerns they have. Mrs. Crease was very impressed with their knowledge and understanding.



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## Cross Country

On Monday, members of our Cross Country club took part in a Cross Country event held at Hayle Academy. All who took part did so with grit and determination and we are so proud of each and every one of them. We are delighted to announce that one of our Year 4 pupils placed second in the Year 4 boys race. The next event is being held towards the end of January 2023 in St Ives. Further details will be shared with parents/carers nearer the time. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who came along to support all the children.

## Road Safety

Across the school, we are continually talking to the children about road safety. The Theme of Road Safety Week 2022 is SAFE ROADS FOR ALL.

Road Safety week aims to help children, young people and parents learn why all lives matter on roads and encourage them to shout out for everyone's right to make safe and healthy journeys.

In classes this week, children have been reminded about road safety in age-appropriate ways and have discussed how to keep themselves and others safe while out on the roads.

Please find below some useful links for parents/carers regarding road safety for children and young people.

[Advice for parents and families | Brake](#)

[Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents \(rospa.com\)](#)



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## Parking Reminder

Please can we remind all parents/carers to park responsibly when dropping off and collecting your child. We ask that you respect all residents around the school and do not park across or impede their driveways or access roads.

## School Meals – Why School Meals are Great!

### Why School Meals are Great

**FOOD  
FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

Lunch time is an important part of a child's school day, giving pupils a break with friends and the chance to recharge their batteries. But why should you choose a school meal? Take a look at the ten great reasons we have come up with!

1. School meals are delicious, healthy, safe, varied and could be free!
2. Measures have been taken around staff training, food safety and enhanced cleaning to ensure that all of our dinners are safe.
3. It would save you hours making packed lunches for your child!
4. Children receiving Free School Meals have exactly the same choice as everyone else and no-one will know that your child's meal is free.
5. You can see the menus and choices online, and on the app, so you know exactly what they'll be eating.
6. The school catering team is fully trained and ready to cater for children with allergies or other special diets.
7. School meals help encourage good eating habits from an early age and provide the opportunity to further develop their social skills as they sit down with friends to enjoy their meals.
8. There are plenty of opportunities to try new foods and more fussy eaters are much more likely to try new things if their friends are eating the same meals as they are.
9. It's easy to apply and eligibility has currently been extended due to coronavirus – speak to your school office for details or check your eligibility here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
10. You'll be supporting the school too. Schools receive extra government grants for every child who is claiming Free School Meals. That can be used to pay for more books, computers, special events and much more.

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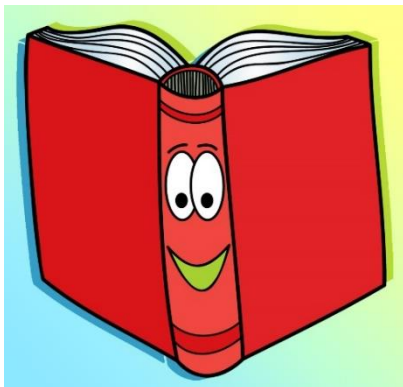
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## Sponsored Reading Event

This week, a letter has been sent home to all children along with a sponsorship form. The sponsored reading event will take place in school between Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

In conjunction with Usborne books, we are promoting and encouraging children to read for pleasure. Being a confident, fluent reader is a vital life skill which is recognised to make a significant difference to children's future success. Books open doors to new worlds, allow children to walk in someone else's footsteps, help them to learn new skills and encourage pupils to explore new ideas.



Usborne Books have generously agreed to match the amount of money raised in our school community to enable us to develop both our School Library and the collections held in each of our classrooms. If every child were to raise just £1 of sponsorship, this would raise an incredible £400 with the match funding from Usborne.

A payment item has been set up on ParentPay and we ask that all sponsorship is paid in via ParentPay by the deadline of **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

## Children in Need

Today the children and staff in school recognised Children in Need day by wearing Pudsey themed clothes, spots and their own choices for a donation of their choice. So far parents/carers and staff have donated an amazing £240. If you have yet to donate and still wish to do so, please use the link below, with funds going directly to Children in Need. **Please note we are unable to accept cash donations.** Thank you for your support.



## [Children in Need Donations](#)

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos



The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place next **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**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.

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.**

### Dates for Diary – Autumn Term

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 – 1:30pm

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm

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

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day

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

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 – First day of spring term

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**FREE HOT MEAL INCLUDED FOR ALL**

**St Ives**  
5-16 Year olds

**Hayle**  
5-16 Year olds

**Helston**  
5-16 Year olds

**SCAN TO BOOK**

19th - 22nd December

**Half days 10am - 2pm**  
£15 or **Free** with a FSM code

**Full days 9am - 4:30pm**  
£25

For every 4 days booked get 10% discount

Coast Camp Games  
4:00 - 4:30pm Every day for the whole Family

Swimming available at some sites!

KS1 5-7 year olds Learn New Skills

KS2 7-11 year olds Develop Skills

KS3 11-12 year olds Leadership Award

10-16 year olds Leadership Qualifications

## Our Holiday Camps are back for 4 days in the Christmas Holiday!

Coast are delighted to offer their Christmas Sports and Activity Programme. It is **for all children** of all abilities and we have half day places **free of charge** for Free School Meals (FSM) students. FSM Children can attend as many days as they would like from 10am - 2pm.

**When:** Mon – Thurs Half day 10.00 - 2.00pm Full day 9am - 4:30pm

**Dates:** 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**Free school meal voucher codes:** To access FSM codes please click [here](#) and enter your code upon checkout at booking on [Playwaze](#).

**Food and Drink:** Each participant will be provided with **free hot meal** at lunchtime, therefore all we ask is that everyone brings a drinks bottle to refill with our water fountains to keep them hydrated.

## We aim to support children by:

- **Being Active**
- **Developing Skills**
- **Making Friends**
- **and Having Fun**

This programme is supported by the Time2Move Programme: The Time2Move Holiday Programme is open to ALL young people and is FREE for those aged 5\* to 16 on benefits related Free School Meals. <https://www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/>

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## Attendance this week

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	98.8 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	97.2 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 – Hugo**

For always showing enthusiasm and enjoyment when learning our nativity songs and dance routines. Well done Hugo!

### **Year 1 – Evelyn**

For always having a positive attitude towards her learning at school and at home. Evelyn has brought in some amazing homework activities. Well done Evelyn!

### **Year 2 – Isaac**

For your amazing calculation skills and 100 percent participation in our lessons. Well done Isaac!

### **Year 3 – Billy**

For applying his knowledge learnt with super vocabulary about the Stone Age to answer a History enquiry question. Well done Billy!

### **Year 4 – Seth**

For his sustained concentration and effort when writing his script about 'The Great Connor Downs Rabbit Robbery'. Well done Seth!

### **Year 5 – Liv**

For always having a smile on her face and putting a huge amount of effort into her school work every day. Well done Liv!

### **Year 6 – Flora**

For exceptional answers in your homework about Remembrance Day. Well done Flora!

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**Writer – Maddie (Year 4)**

For carefully including all of the features of a play script in her script 'The Great Connor Downs Rabbit Robbery'. Well done Maddie

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Dylan (Year R)**

For showing fantastic progress in phonics, Dylan is now blending 3 letter words. Well done Dylan!

**KS2 Reader – Isabella V (Year 3)**

For including super detail when answering questions in reading comprehension about Skara Bare, the Stone Age village. Well done Bella!

**Mathematician – Eva (Year 6)**

For accurate, thoughtful answers in maths. Eva always gives her best to everything she attempts. Well done Eva!

**Performer – Amelia B (Year 5)**

For her effort and enjoyment during our swimming sessions at St Ives Leisure Centre. Well Done Amelia!

**Moki Fitness Tracker – Charley (Year 5)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Charley's total was an amazing 24,563 steps. Well done Charley!

**Citizen – Lola (Year 2)**

For her kindness and consideration towards others. Lola is always for ways to support her peers inside and outside of the class and always has a big smile on her face. Well done Lola!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School