

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another unbelievably full and exciting time in school this week. Please find below a selection of pictures from last week's sports day!



## Sports Day



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## EYFS/KS 1 Fun Night and Year 2 Sleepover

Last Friday, the children from Years R, 1 and 2 enjoyed a fun night at school, where they enjoyed pizza, hot dogs, ice lollies and sweet treats! Despite the weather, the children had lots of fun taking part in some fun sport, music and craft activities.

Year 2 then had a sleepover in the KS1 building, enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows before bedtime, making lots of special memories together.



## KS2 School Camping

This week each of our KS2 classes have spent one night camping on the school field. The children who assisted with putting up the tents on Monday showed great teamwork to erect the eight tents alongside Mr Costello!

Each class had a fantastic night camping, beginning with a lovely walk along the beach to Gwithian. The children took part in lots of games, including cricket and football, making sand sculptures and also rock pooling.

During their time at the beach, the children had a picnic tea before returning to school for more activities, which for Year 3 included a 'Year 3's Got Talent' show, with many dances, gym demonstrations, comedians and even a puppet show! Then then settled down with hot chocolate and marshmallows before bedtime.



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We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents/carers who volunteered their time, some with supporting the beach walk and games and others who also stayed and camped overnight – all the staff and children are so appreciative of all your support.

Thank you also to Mrs James and Churchtown Farm Campsite for allowing us to park our minibuses on their site for the beach walks – we are very grateful for your continued support.

**Thank you!**



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## Year 3 – Prima Bakeries Pasty Day



Year 3 had a fantastic morning on Wednesday, making Cornish pasties with the team from Prima Bakeries. Funded by The Cornish Pasty Association, the children learnt about the history of the Cornish Pasty and were surprised to hear that pasties have been made and eaten for 800 years!



They learnt how miners ate pasties when working down the mines and loved shouting "OGGY, OGGY, OGGY, OY, OY, OY!" as they made their own pasties. It was tricky learning to fold and crimp the pasty, but the children were rewarded with the delicious smell of pasty as they



came out of the oven. Thank you to Kerris, Sue and Jackie from the Cornish Pasty Association, The Friends of Connor Downs who organised the event and Mrs Allen in our kitchen who cooked the pasties for Year 3.

## Advance Notice - Lockdown Practice



In line with health and safety, as you will be aware, we are required to run practice 'fire' drills, which we undertake every half term.

We also run, practice 'lockdown' drills. This covers any scenario where, rather than evacuating the children and staff, everyone would need to 'lockdown' safely inside their classrooms. This will involve all doors/windows being closed, blinds being drawn and children and staff sheltering under tables.

We have practiced this previously, so children and staff are familiar with the process, however teachers will be discussing the drill with the children, prior to it taking place. This will be done in an age appropriate, supportive manor.

We are advising parents/carers that this drill is planned for next Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

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## Bags2School



**Thank  
You!**

We would like to say a big thank you to all those parents/carers and families who kindly donated bags of their unwanted clothes to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy Bags2School fundraising. We are delighted to share that your generous donations raised a fantastic **£136.00**. These funds will be used to support the children across the school with resources. 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements.

Thank you.



## Friends of Connor Downs Academy

### Summer Fayre

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.



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We will also be having a teddy tombola, so are asking for any donations of unwanted teddies! Please bring any donations for the tombola to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office.

**All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.**

### **Do you have a little spare time that you could give to the children of our school?**

The Friends are looking to recruit some new members to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy, to help in arranging and facilitating future fundraising events to be able to support the children in our school with resources and opportunities. With ever decreasing budgets in all schools, it is becoming even more important for charities like the Friends, to be able to help schools to support a variety of ways to extend the opportunities available to all children.

The Friends are also now looking for a new Secretary. No experience is required and a full hand over period will be in place with lots of support from current committee members.

If you are interested in either becoming a committee member or in becoming the new secretary, please contact the Friends via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk). Thank you.

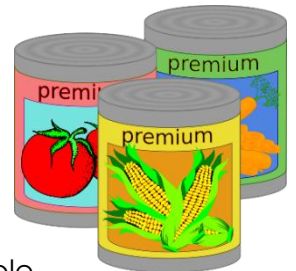
### **Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard**

# HELP

To help support our local community, we are politely asking for families from the Connor Downs Academy community to donate tinned goods for the food cupboard in the village. These donations will help many families during not only the school holidays, but every day.

Please can we ask for any donations to be brought to Mrs Gallagher in the school office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Thank you for all your commitment in supporting not only our children at Connor Downs Academy, but also the Connor Downs Community as a whole.



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## Ofsted

You will recall that Connor Downs Academy received a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

I am delighted to share with you the glowing Ofsted report which is now live on the Ofsted website.

[Connor Downs Academy \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

The headline Ofsted judgement is that,

**Connor Downs Academy continues to be a good school.**

Ofsted recognised that,

**'Connor Downs Academy is a place where pupils shine.'**

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	97.4 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 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 5<sup>th</sup> July** 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 – Florence**

For making great progress with her writing. Florence is independently writing with such confidence. Well done, Florence!

### **Year 1 – Levan**

For being such a kind and caring member of Year 1. Levan is a great role model to his peers when always listening and following instructions. Well done, Levan!

### **Year 2 – Dylan M**

For excellent progress in Year 2 and always modelling a superb attitude to his learning. Well done, Dylan!

### **Year 3 – James**

For showing great enthusiasm and knowledge when making pasties with the Cornish Pasty Association. Well done, James!

### **Year 4 – Lois**

For being a kind, caring friend to everyone in the class. Lois is always looking to help and support her peers. Well done, Lois!

### **Year 5 – Oscar**

For his perseverance and determination to conquer the sand dunes and for being such a good friend to his fellow campers.

### **Year 6 – Max**

For showing great independence and excellent organisational skills during our camp. Well done, Max!

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**Writer – Tino (Year 5)**

For his detailed recount of school camp at Carnyorth. Well done, Tino!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Evelyn (Year 2)**

For being a committed and enthusiastic reader, achieving a high word score daily on Accelerated Reader. Well done, Evelyn!

**KS2 Reader – Elsie R (Year 3)**

For consistent hard work in reading to make progress with her Accelerated Reader Quizzes. Well Done, Elsie!

**Mathematician – Holly (Year 6)**

For showing such resilience and determination when completing a chessboard problem solving activity in maths! Well done, Holly!

**Numbots/Rock Star – Perran (Year 4)**

For his dedication to improving his times tables recall. Perran is answering questions correctly in around 0.75 seconds. Well done, Perran!

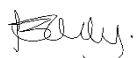
**Performer – Nathan (Year 1)**

For overcoming his nerves and showing great confidence in our swimming lessons. Well done, Nathan!

**Character – Caleb (Year R)**

For showing such kindness in giving his 1st place sticker to another child who was upset on Sports Day. Well done, Caleb!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School