

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The penultimate week of the spring term has been very busy and exciting.



Year 6 – Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre

Last Friday, the children from Year 6 visited the Cornwall Energy Recovery Centre, where they discovered how electricity is produced from our bin waste.

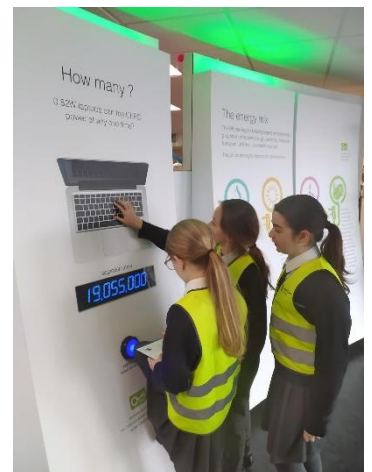
Following an introduction to the facility the children were taken on a behind-the-scenes tour to see the processes involved and see the facility in action.

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They particularly enjoyed visiting the control room and using the interactive displays which enabled them to investigate sustainability and energy.

Finally, they participated in an interactive quiz before making their own pledges and sending them to the virtual cloud.

We would like to thank Mrs Bandziene for supporting us on this visit.



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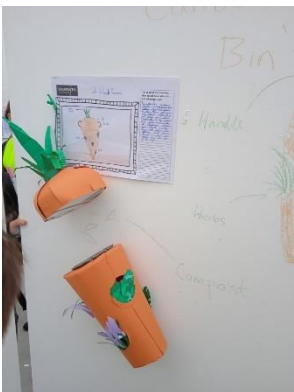
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Year 6 – Falmouth University Art Exhibition

Members of Year 6 attended an exhibition this week at Falmouth University. Having visited last month, students on the sustainable design course used our pupils' designs to turn into 3D card prototypes.

It was such a treat to see the designs made real! What a special opportunity to develop the pupils' understanding of purposeful design and drawing skills! Thank you to the parents who accompanied us and to all at Falmouth University.



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Year 2 – Computing

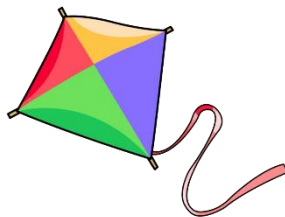


In computing this week, Year 2 have had an exciting lesson learning about digital design and music making. The children learnt to create music for a purpose.



Year 5 – DT

In DT this week, the children in Year 5 have continued using their skills to make kites.



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Year 5/6 Football Festival



This week our Year 5/6 football team took part in a rearranged football festival held at Mounts Bay Academy. Every member of the team played with great resilience and showed great pride in representing Connor Downs Academy. Well done to everyone who took part! Thank you to the parents that supported this event.

After school clubs – now finished for spring term

A reminder that afterschool clubs for this term have now finished. The Summer term afterschool clubs will be shared and available to book soon. Thank you.

Menu Change – Thursday 28th March

With next Thursday being the final day of term, the kitchen will be offering the following menu options, rather than those shown on ParentPay. If you require the fish fingers, please book the meat option or for the veggie fingers, please book the vegetarian option. Thank you.

- Fish Fingers, Chips and beans
- Veggie Fingers, Chips and beans
- Hot Pasta
- Jacket Potato
- Ice cream

Aspens



TTRS/Numbots

We're excited that your child has both a Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots account! To learn all about Times Tables Rock Stars and download free resources to help your child, please visit the dedicated parent/carer information page here -

[TTRS Parents & Carers](#)

Encourage your child to engage with the programme regularly. The guiding principle should be "little and often", e.g. three - five minutes, four or five times a week (spaced practice is more effective than blocked practice). Thank you for your continued support.



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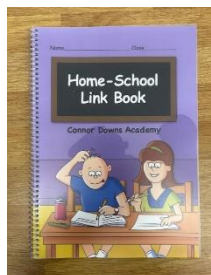
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Home-School Link Books

A reminder to all parents/carers to please ensure your child/children has their Home-School Link book in school with them every day. This book is a key resource for communication between parents/carers and staff.

Listening to Your Child/Children Read at Home

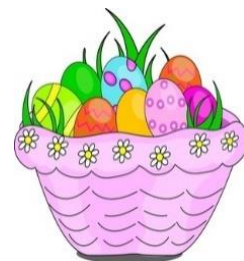
In response to parent feedback, you will find a few recommendations of the types of comments you may wish to make in your child's Home-School Link book. The intention is to aid communication between school and home and to support your child in their reading journey. As always, we would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support.



Easter Events

Next Wednesday, **27th March**, the Friends of Connor Downs will be holding a Tabletop Sale starting at 3pm. Each child will be making an Easter themed item to sell for **£1** at the sale and there will also be pre-loved uniform and books available for a donation. Please do come along and support this fundraising event.

Next Thursday, **28th March**, the Friends of Connor Downs will be holding an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds. Each pupil will win a small Easter Egg for finding the hidden eggs.



The Friends also have '**Name the Bunny**'. For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the bunny names on the board next to the bunny. The winner will be chosen by Mrs Eddy/Mr Pascoe on the final day of term, **28th March**.

The bunny is on display in the front office with a board full of names to choose from, so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on board under the names you choose! Names can be chosen up to breaktime on Thursday 28th March, or before if all names have been chosen! 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 with your requirements.



Diary Dates

Monday 25th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Final session

Monday 25th March – Year 5/6 Pirates Rugby Session – Final session

Wednesday 27th March – Tabletop Sale, Pre-loved Uniform and Book Sale – 3pm

Thursday 28th March – Easter Egg Hunt in school

Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term – **2pm FINISH**

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – First Day of Summer term

Monday 22nd April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 1

Monday 29th April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 2

Thursday 9th May – Friday 10th May – Year 4 – Camp Kernow residential

Monday 13th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 3

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs

Monday 20th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 4

Tuesday 21st May – Science morning for parents/carers – more information to follow.

Thursday 23rd May – FOCDA Discos – more information to follow.

Friday 24th May – Last Day of first half of summer term – **3:15pm FINISH**

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

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Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	98.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	97.1 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.0 %

Reminder

Next Thursday, **28th March** is the last day of the spring term. **School finishes at 2:00pm** on this day. Please ensure your child is collected from school at the earlier time. If you have a child in KS2 who normally walks home, please ensure someone is at home to meet them at the earlier time. Thank you!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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We offer free places to those who are eligible for FSM. Parents/carers can find their child's voucher code at [Time2Move](#).

Our FSM meal places are for our half days. Please get in contact if you have any questions.

Tax Free Childcare

As we are now Ofsted registered, we can accept payments through the tax-free childcare scheme. Please visit [here](#) to find out more.

Healthy Cornwall – Free Family Arts Sessions

Healthy Cornwall will be holding Free Family Art Sessions in Penzance over the Easter Holidays. Please see poster for further details and to book your family a place.



Healthy Cornwall
CORNWALL COUNCIL

Free Family Art Sessions
Easter Holidays

Healthy Cornwall are working with Toughdough to bring you a fun family day of adventure and creativity in Marazion.

We will be walking to the beach to collect some beach treasures, please make sure you have suitable footwear and clothing

Dates: 3rd, 4th or 5th April 2024 in Marazion 10am - 3pm

Booking is essential

To book your family a place please email:-
Healthy.cornwall@cornwall.gov.uk or call us on 01872 324200

Please note: Lunch will not be provided, therefore please bring a packed lunch for you and your family.

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Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Events

Year 5 and Year 6 – Drama Club

An opportunity for current Year 5 and Year 6 students to attend a Drama Club on Mondays from 15:30 – 16:30 dates 22nd April – 1st July (excluding school/bank holidays) if they wish to attend please can the Google form be completed: <https://forms.gle/EPPHgExjZspF7Whj8>

Summer Super Saturday Events – Year 4 and Year 5

This is aimed at students in current years 4 and 5. Please complete the Google form using the below:

- DT Egg Drop Challenge Saturday 27th April
- <https://forms.gle/x53p5EJribVDj7JM7>
- Creative Writing Saturday 11th May
- <https://forms.gle/UGuFY9sQYxxLPJqGA>

Super Saturday Events for Years 4 and 5

DT EGG DROP CHALLENGE
Put your problem solving and engineering skills to the test in this fun and creative challenge!
Saturday 27th April 10am - 12pm

CREATIVE WRITING
Calling all budding authors; Develop skills in creative writing and learn how to take inspiration from the things around you in this interactive workshop.
Saturday 11th May 10am - 12pm

Sponsored by: TAMNS ASSOCIATION SUBSIDISED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION

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TECGIRLS EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP



8th
April

**Stop Motion Animation
Studios & LED light up art**
Hall for Cornwall, Truro

9th
April

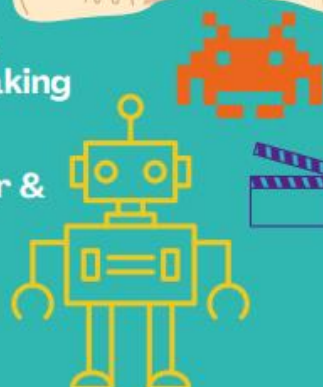
Robot Art & Coding Camp
Hall for Cornwall, Truro

10th
April

**Micro:bit Step Counter &
Secret Code Bracelet Making**
Hall for Cornwall, Truro

11th
April

**Design a Game Character &
Create your own game**
Hall for Cornwall, Truro



Who's it for?

Our Tech, Engineering and Creative digital workshops are for girls aged 8-13 as part of the Time 2 Move programme. These sessions are completely **free to children on free school meals**. A healthy meal is provided at every session. Pay for spaces are £40.

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and book your
space here



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