



Connor Downs
Academy

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had a very busy and exciting final week of the first half of the autumn term. We hope that you will all enjoy some rest and relaxation with your families and friends and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 4th November 2024**.



Reminder that the clocks go back an hour this weekend and summertime will end, meaning the evenings will get darker.



The links below will help remind children, about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>

Keeping Children Safe in the Dark <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Dark Nights <https://www.childcare.co.uk/information/dark-nights-children-safety>

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BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN
this winter

Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

**5 top tips on how to
BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

Be Bright, Be Seen

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Tempest Photos

On Wednesday, the Tempest Photographer came into school to take the children's individual and family photographs. We would like to thank all our parent/carer community for ensuring their children all arrived at school looking very smart in their full school uniforms and full of big smiles. All pictures have been sent home this week, with details of how to order online.



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Rough Tor – Year 5

Last Friday, as part of their outdoor and adventurous PE provision and as a fantastic enhancement to their topic about Sir Ernest Shackleton (English and History), Year 5 visited Rough Tor with Aspire's Outdoor learning lead, Mr Turnham. The children



were amazing and arrived at school early dressed and ready for adventure. There was a sense of excitement as the buses arrived on Bodmin Moor and we could see the task in front of us. The children embarked on the challenge and



were asked to reflect on how Shackleton and his team might have felt on their hike to safety. There were several opportunities to enjoy



the wonderful countryside and for the children to develop their map skills. Having lunch on the second highest point in Cornwall was inspiring and as the wind picked up, we were grateful of our extra layers. As the children navigated the boulder fields to return to the minibuses it was clear that everyone had enjoyed the experience. We would like to thank Mr Gallagher, Mr Lewis, Mr Horey, Mr Hollis, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Rees for supporting the children on our visit.



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Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Reminder

Further to the information emailed to all parents/carers on 23rd September and the reminder email sent on 16th October, the nasal flu vaccinations are taking place in school on **Tuesday 5th November.**

Please see letter with further details. If you would like for your child to have the flu vaccination in school, please use the link on the letter to give your consent. If your child has already had their vaccination this year, or you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination, no action is required. The vaccination will not be given without consent being given.

Thank you.

Consents must be given by 12pm on Friday 1st November.



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ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

**CONNOR DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL
EE142144**

**Cornwall and Devon
School-Age Immunisation Service**

Cornwall

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Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

Devon

Tel: 01392 342678

Email: Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmsdevon@nhs.net

Website: www.kernowhealthcic.org.uk

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health's School Age Immunisation Service is delivering the nasal flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's and Devon's schools on behalf of NHS England & Improvement. Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2024/25 all children in Primary Schools from **Reception to year 6 (inclusive)** will be offered the vaccine. The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please enter www.nhs.uk/child-flu to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The patient information leaflet is also in the attached link, [FLUENZ Tetra, INN-influenza vaccine \(live attenuated, nasal\)](#) (medicines.org.uk)

We are due to visit your child's school on **5th November 2024**. In order to access the online consent form, please enter or click on the following link: <https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> **PLEASE ENSURE YOU ENTER THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your child's school is: EE142144**

Please submit your consent form by **midday on 1st November 2024** to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form please **telephone 01872 221105 for Cornwall schools and 01392 342678 for Devon schools** and the team will be happy to help. Please note that as in previous years **you must opt into the programme**. If a consent form is not submitted your child will not be vaccinated.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you submit this form, please contact us on the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, it will help us if you still complete and submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and develop the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

Dr Paul Cook
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Bikeability

This week, children from our Year 5 and Year 6 classes took part in their Bikeability training. Unfortunately, their final session had to be cancelled today due to the weather, but this will be rescheduled for after half term. Well done to everyone who took part – you were all brilliant!



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FOOD FESTIVAL
SPARKLE SPECTACULAR

5th November

Blazing Bonfire Bangers
(Hot Dogs)

Quorn Bonfire Bangers
(Quorn Hot Dogs)

**Flame-tastic Sweet Potato
Wedges and Firework Rainbow
Slaw**

AND

Sparkle Sprinkle Cookies

Menu Change – Tuesday 5th November

On Tuesday 5th November, Aspens, our catering provider are offering the following menu change to celebrate Bonfire Night! As the menu on ParentPay is already published the options cannot be changed, so please book either the meat or vegetarian option as published and your child/children will be receive the equivalent 'banger'!

Hot Tomato Pasta and Jacket Potatoes will also be available. Thank you

Friends re-scheduled AGM

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are holding their re-scheduled AGM on **Monday 4th November at 3:30pm.** Following our recent request for help, we are delighted to say that several parents/carers have stepped forward, therefore, we have been able to fill the secretary position and have a bank of volunteers to support at events. We would be delighted to see some new faces at the meeting on the 4th to officially agree the secretary position and introduce new members. If you are able to spare a little time, please do come along to the meeting and see how you can help. We would love to welcome you to our amazing team.



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Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school every day from **Monday 11th November until Friday 15th November 2024.**

Please do come along and have a look at the fantastic offers available.

All the children will be given the opportunity with their classes, to look around the book fair during the day.

Please note, all payments will be online via the QR code on the poster below.

To access the fair, please use the granite steps at the bottom of the school once Year 4 have been dismissed. This will be signposted.

BBC's 500 Words Writing Competition

"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words, the UK's largest children's writing competition for children aged 5-11, is open for entries now! Submit before the competition closes at 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

Please use the link below for more information and details of how to submit your entry. Good Luck!

500 Words - BBC

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Additional After School Clubs – After Half Term

After half term we are delighted to announce that we will be offering 3 new after school clubs in addition to what is already on offer.

On a Tuesday we have ELDA coming in to run **Dance Classes** for **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**. Miss Emma came into school last week to give an assembly to our children and we are delighted with the number that have signed up. This club will run from 3:15pm until 4:00pm every Tuesday and costs £5 per session, payable direct to Miss Emma.

On a Wednesday we are delighted to be offering a **Sewing Club** to **Years 5 and 6**. This club will be open to a **maximum of 6 pupils** and costs **£2 per week**, payable via **ParentPay**. The club will be run by Mrs Shaw who has supported Year 5 over the last two academic years with a sewing project.

The club will teach pupils about the sewing machines and their parts, how to wind a bobbin, machine control using a variety of stitches and finally deciding on an item to make for Christmas and learning different techniques. Below are some of the items your child can choose to make if they sign up for sewing club.

- ❖ Christmas Bunting
- ❖ Christmas Stocking
- ❖ Christmas Tree Decoration
- ❖ Christmas cushion cover (cushion not included)



Also on a **Wednesday**, we are offering a fun **Singing Club** for **Years 1 – 6**. This will be run by Mr Foulds in the Year 4 classroom.

Please note, Choir has now been incorporated into singing club.

To sign up for either Sewing club or Singing Club, please use the portal on Arbor which will open at 7pm tonight and close at 7pm on Sunday 3rd November. Please email hello@connordowns.org.uk if you experience any difficulties. Thank you.

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.



Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do

is:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30th November 2024

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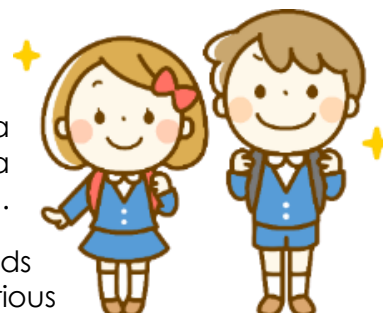
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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.



Thank you.

Changes to Communications

From after half term, our main form of communication will be via the Arbor App rather than text messages. Please ensure that you have notifications enabled on your phone to ensure you receive all messages sent. Text messages will now only be sent in an emergency. 98% of our parent/carer community are already accessing the Arbor App but we need to ensure that all messages are received promptly.

If you are having any difficulties with accessing the Arbor App, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and we will resend the necessary link to get set up. Thank you for your continued support.



Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	99.2 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	98.8 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 25th October 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 autumn term, on **Friday 8th November 2024** 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 – Jacob

For his progress and growing confidence in phonics. Jacob is now reading and writing our daily sounds. Well done, Jacob!

Year 1 – Reuben

For his amazing effort in all his learning. Reuben loves sharing his knowledge with the whole class and supporting his peers. Well done, Reuben!

Year 2 – Alvah

For making excellent progress with his phonics and spelling this half term. Well done, Alvah!

Year 3 – Connie

For her being a super role model, showing great concentration and patience in all subjects. Well done, Connie!

Year 4 – Lissi

For independently writing an excellent newspaper report. Well done, Lissi!

Year 5 – Idy

For his organisation and discipline in completing his morning tasks independently every day. Well done, Idy!

Year 6 – Amara

For sharing her ideas and answers during their grammar lessons. Well done, Amara!

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Writer – Zac (Year 1)

For his excellent attitude towards his learning and amazing determination when writing to remember capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and correct letter formation. Well done, Zac!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Rilie (Year 2)

For an excellent commitment to reading and making superb progress. Well done, Rilie!

KS2 Reader – Kostia (Year 6)

For his love of reading lots of books in school. Kostia is making amazing progress. Well done, Kostia!

Mathematician – Barney (Year 4)

For his maths reasoning with an area challenge question involving an expanding pattern. Well done, Barney!

Numbots/Rock Star – Otis (Year 3)

For answering 3,795 times table questions correctly this week. Well done, Otis!

Performer – Bailey (Year R)

For his enthusiasm when singing and learning our nativity songs. Well done, Bailey!

Character – Tegen (Year 5)

For her resilience and determination to climb Rough Tor. Well done Tegen, we are so proud of you!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School