

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a very exciting and busy penultimate week in school.

### Year 1 Paradise Park





Last Friday Year 1 visited Paradise Park which linked with their science learning about animals. They visited all the different birds, a particular favourite were the flamingos as they have written about these in English. They then had two very informative talks about the Otters and the Penguins and were able to watch them being fed by their keepers. The children were

very lucky and caught a glimpse of the red panda hiding in the tree. Lots of children enjoyed visiting the farm animals as they were



able to feed the sheep and goats which was great fun. A highlight for lots of them was having fun in 'Jungle Barn' soft play at the end. This trip has created lasting memories for the children of Year 1. It was a lovely day, the children were very well behaved and lots of fun was had by all. A special thank you to all the adults who helped with this trip - it would not have been possible without your support!











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### <u>My Chance To Dance – Ballet Taster</u> <u>Sessions</u>

On Tuesday, Jess, from My Chance to Dance, visited the school to give an initial assembly to the whole school followed by taster sessions for each class on ballet. We are hoping to be able to offer afterschool clubs in September to all year goups, beginning with Ballet in the Autumn term and then other dnace styles for the Spring and Summer terms.

A letter of interst will be sent home once received from Jess to guage whether this would be something that the children at Connor Downs would support.

My Chance to Dance CIC is a community dance company based in the South West e opportunities through dance.





This Summer they are hosting a Dance Summer School free for children in receipt of Free School Meals for ages 5-16. These sessions are in partnership with Time2Move's holiday programme with Active Cornwall and is a great way for children to keep moving during the Summer, they will also receive lunch and snacks throughout the day.

Parents/carers can scan the QR code on the posters above to book onto the sessions or click the poster to be directed to the booking site if accessing online.

Year 6 children can also attend their Senior sessions giving them an opportunity to possibly make some new friends for September and starting their Secondary Schools.

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### Year 6 London Residential

From Wednesday to Friday this week, our Year 6 children attended the London residential. For many, this was their first time away from home. The children left school at 7:00am on Wednesday to make the long journey to London. They were all very excited, if somewhat apprehensive, about the next few days. The traffic was reasonable and they arrived in London at their anticipated time starting with a visit to the Natural History Museum, followed by a flight on the London Eye. All the children were very excited to see the incredible views of London as the flight progressed.

In the early evening the group were taken on a walking tour where they saw, Horse Guards Parade, Downing Street, the Cenotaph, Trafalgar Square, Nelsons Column and The National Gallerv before passina under Admiralty Arch and heading up the Mall to see Buckingham Palace. Back at the YHA they settled into their rooms, had a fish and chip dinner and prepared for another full day on Thursday.















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After a good night's sleep, the group arrived at the Palace of Westminster and met our local MP, George Eustice, for a tour of the House of Commons. Following the tour, the children were given the opportunity to ask questions and all the staff and George Eustice MP were highly impressed by the quality of the questions posed. Following lunch outside the Houses of Parliament, the group walked to St Paul's Cathedral, where they had a tour and walked up the 379 steps to

The Stone Gallery. On leaving St Paul's Cathedral, the group headed to the Tate Modern where they were able to study lots of contemporary artworks.

To end an incredibly busy and fun-packed day they had tea at a Giraffe Café, followed by watching the amazing performance of 'The Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre. They finally returned to the YHA for another good night's sleep.

This morning saw the group packing their bags for the return journey with a much-anticipated few hours at Harry Potter World before making their way

back to school. They are expected to arrive back some time around 21:00, dependent on traffic. Parents/carers of the Year 6 children will be kept up to date with text messages as the journey progresses.





The adults accompanying the trip would like to express their thanks to the children for being polite and courteous, kind and caring to each other and



respectful of the adults and members of the public that they encountered during the whole visit. We are very proud of you and hope that your first residential away was full of memories to cherish always.



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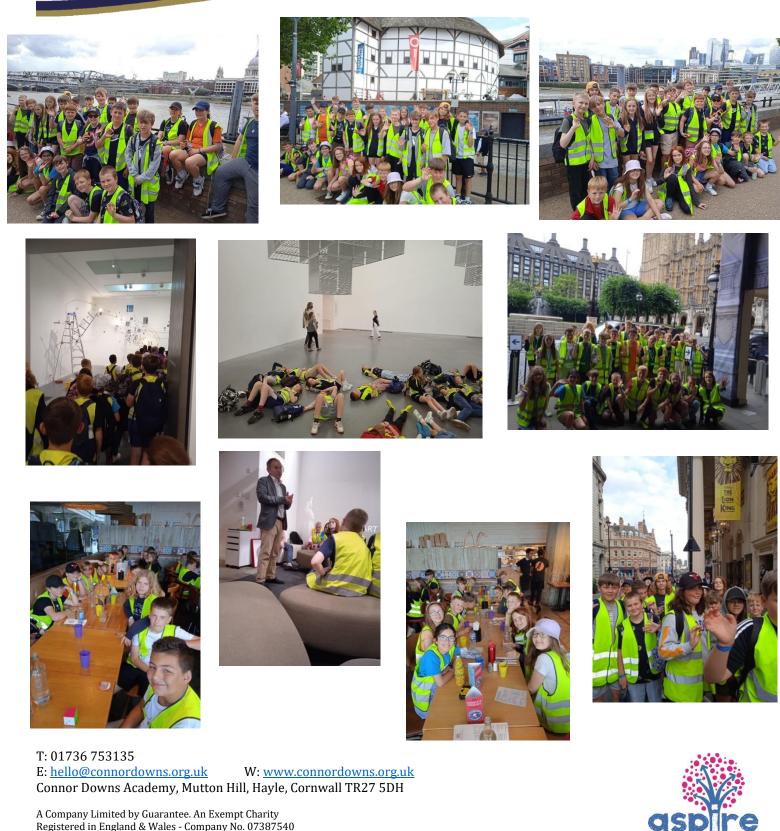






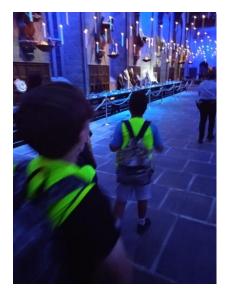


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### Vocal Workshop

On Wednesday, the children from Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 worked with Angela Renshaw in a free vocal workshop as part of Connor Downs Academy's Gold Cornish Singing Schools Award. The children all learned three new songs, learning to sing in parts and learning



actions to go with the songs.





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#### Summer Fayre and Sports Day

Last Thursday and Friday we held our Sports Afternoon and Summer Fayre, respectively. On both days, the weather was perfect for the occasion, and we were delighted to see so many families and friends joining us to support their children.





We are delighted to announce that the

Friends of Connor Downs Academy raised in excess of £1,000 across the two events.





These funds will be put towards

future projects to support educational opportunities for all our children. We would like to thank every one of you for your continued support!







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### Ice Lollies

The Friends have a limited number of Ice Iollies available and will be selling them in the playground, after school, next Thursday,  $20^{th}$  July, for £1 each.



### After School Clubs

A reminder that afterschool clubs have now ended for this academic year. Please ensure your child/children are collected from school at 3:15pm. Thank you.

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### <u>Reports</u>

Next Tuesday, your child/children will come home with their end of year report. We are delighted with the progress, effort and attitude to learning of every one of our children this year. At the end of each report is an acknowledgement slip. Please do take the time to complete this and return to your child's class teacher before the end of term. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

#### <u>Reminder – Last Day of Term</u>

Next Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July is our last day in school. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that School closes at **2pm** so please ensure arrangements are in place for your child/children to be collected at the earlier time. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Attendance**

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Our school target for		
attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	99.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	98.5 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year R	97.4 %

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy Head of School





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### Soccer School

Infant Soccer Schools are aimed at children aged 5-7 years old. Whether participants are new to football or are already budding Saints Superstars, the Infant Soccer Schools programme has been put together to provide a fun holiday activity allowing them to play and make new friends within a safe learning environment, whilst being delivered by experienced FA qualified coaches at an affordable price. Junior Soccer Schools are aimed at children aged 8-11 years old. Whether they are confident players looking to develop their technique, or they have never played football before and looking for an introduction to the game, they will find our Junior Soccer Schools are an environment that allows them to flourish, whilst being delivered by experienced FA qualified coaches at an affordable price. Soccer school booking link - https://saints-southwest.class4kids.co.uk/camp/748

### <u>Time2move Programme</u>

Saints Southwest are very proud to be a key provider of the HAF Programme across Devon, Somerset & Cornwall, helping us reach more young people across the Southwest with professional coaching, activities, education and experiences.

In 2021, the HAF programme enabled us to support hundreds of thousands of children and their families throughout the Easter, summer and Christmas school holidays.

This holiday provision is for school-aged children from **Reception to year 11 (inclusive)** who receive benefits-related free school meals.

Please find the link below with more information regarding our **Time2move Programme** and the specific **booking link**.

https://playwaze.com/saints-southwest-cornwall-autumn-21/jh29b17l55f4/community-publicList?type=Signup

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Or find us on the activity finder at www.activecornwall.org/t2mholidayprogramme/

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Global Boarders have places for **all** children and each child receives a free hot lunch.

### Free School Meal (FSM) voucher codes

We offer free places to those who are eligible for FSM. Parents/carers can find their child's voucher code at <u>Time2Move</u>.

Global Boarders are offering super fun Surfing and Coasteering opportunities for children in Cornwall.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to access free activities during the summer at the beach.

Dates and locations can be found below by clicking on the links:

<u>Mousehole coasteering -</u> <u>click here</u> <u>Gwithian Surfing - click</u> <u>here</u>





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