

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another incredibly busy and exciting time in school this week, with even more cricket success!



Year 4 - Cricket Final



'On Tuesday, 2nd July, our Year 4 team attended a cricket tournament held at Grampond Road. They played 5 games against St Mewan, Newlyn, Devoran, Trevithick and Ludgvan.

In our first game, we won, 48 – 32. The second game we won by 45 runs and 37 runs in third game.

In the final, we beat them by 30 runs. We were presented with gold medals and we were all very happy!'

We would like to say a big thank you to the team for their report, and to Mr Mungles and Mr Smitheram for their support.

Year 3 – Cricket Final

'On Thursday 4th July, 6 of us in Year 3 travelled to St Stephen for a cricket tournament. The teams in our group were St Mewan, Brunel B, Devoran and Ladock. We won 3 games and lost 1 which made us top of our group.

We then went on to play the winning team in group B in the final which was St Hilary. It was a very tough game and we bowled and batted very well but we lost to St Hilary 61-86.

At the end of the tournament we were presented with silver medals. We had a great day!'

Thank you to Amelia in Year 3 for her report and to Mrs Marrion for supporting the event!



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Mayors Cup – Football

On Friday last week, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children represented Connor Downs Academy at Hayle AFC in the Mayors Cup. Every member of the team showed great teamwork and determination and we are very proud of the efforts. Well done boys!

Thank you to the parents/carers that supported this event.



Year 5 Mounts Bay Activity Day

On Wednesday this week, Year 5 attended a multi-skills workshop held at Mounts Bay Academy. The children had lots of fun taking part in mountain biking and the climbing wall. Thank you to the staff at Mounts Bay for the opportunity and also to Mrs Kevern for supporting.



Music

We are delighted to announce, that our Year 5 class have been nominated to receive a commended Gorsedh Kernow Young People's Award in the Ilow Kernewek category for their song, 'District Nurses'.

The awards ceremony is taking place in Callington in September, but as many of the winners are from the far southwest, a special ceremony will be held later in September at Kresen Kernow in Redruth. Congratulations to Year 5 on this fantastic achievement!



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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.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy

Summer Fayre

Next Friday, 12th July 2024, The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre from 3:30pm.

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 or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office.

Thank you to those parents/carers and local business' who have kindly donated raffle prizes to date:

- Hayle Cycles
- Blewetts Toy Shop
- Lucy Kemp Jewellery
- Trophy Textiles - £20 voucher
- £10 M&S Voucher – Charles Crown Financial
- £15 National Book Tokens Voucher – Charles Crown Financial



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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. Thank you.

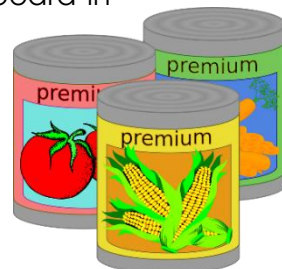
Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard

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 19th 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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Connor Downs Academy

Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Parking Request for funeral

The funeral of one of our school neighbours is taking place next Thursday, 11th July. As there will be a number of family and friends joining the funeral cortege along with the hearse and accompanying cars, his wife has asked if we can politely request that no-one uses the cul-de-sac opposite school, Telcarne Close, for dropping off/parking on Thursday morning. This will help to support the family at a very solemn time. Thank you in advance for your assistance in supporting our local community.



Ofsted

You will recall that Connor Downs Academy received a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection on the 8th and 9th 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

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	97.9 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	97.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 5th July 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 **Thursday 11th 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 – Zac

For his amazing progress when reading tricky words. Zac now includes them in his sentence writing. Well done, Zac!

Year 1 – No nominations this week due to school trip

Year 2 – Coco

For the enthusiasm and joy she brings to every activity and part of the school day. Well done, Coco!

Year 3 – Sonnie

For his effort and perseverance to improve his reading fluency. Well done, Sonnie!

Year 4 – Daniel

For being an incredibly supportive and kind friend being able to adapt to all situations. Well done, Daniel!

Year 5 – Archie V

For playing a full role in our activity day at MBA and taking on the challenge of their climbing wall with great courage. Well done, Archie!

Year 6 – William

For reading our leaver's memories with such confidence during their practice sessions. Well done, William!

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Writer – Emilie-Rose (Year 4)

For identifying areas in her writing that could be improved and being able to adapt and rectify her work to produce a great outcome. Well done, Emilie-Rose!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Bruce (Year 2)

For the excellent progress Bruce is making in reading which is being reflected in his writing. Well done, Bruce!

KS2 Reader – Amelia B (Year 6)

For reading with such consistency and great concentration during her time in Year 6. Well done, Amelia!

Mathematician – Phoebe (Year 3)

For super work when learning about parallel and perpendicular lines. Well done, Phoebe!

Numbots/Rock Star – Liam (Year 5)

For achieving an incredible 49,878 all-time correct answers. Well done, Liam!

Performer – Robyn (Year R)

For showing fantastic confidence and enthusiasm in the water during our 1st swimming session. Well done, Robyn!

Character – Oriana (Year 6)

For making a step counter in computing and showing great kindness when helping the children in Year 3 to use it. Well done, Oriana!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School