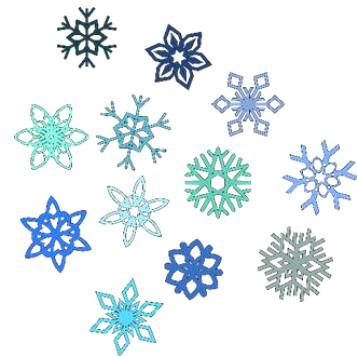




Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

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



Year 3 – Art Workshop

Last week, Year 3 were delighted to welcome James Eddy, Cornish artist and parent, into school to deliver a fantastic art workshop.

Mr Eddy began the day sharing his sketchbooks and drawings for his sculptures.

The children were excited to see and touch some of the sculptures Mr Eddy

had brought into class. The children were then challenged to draw their own designs for a sculpture before constructing their sculptures out of recycled materials.

All the children and staff in Year 3 would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Eddy who generously gave his time to work with the children. The children were delighted with their finished products.



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Art Club

Art Club were busy creating wax resist firework paintings last week. The children were very surprised and excited as they painted the black paint over the wax crayon and watched it magically shine through. It was fantastic to see the array of firework pictures.

Year 1 – Old Toys Workshop

Year 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to Penlee Gallery and Museum for the 'Old Toys' workshop to support their learning in school. They had an amazing time meeting 'Museum Doll' who is over 100 years old and exploring old toys. They were able to play with spinners, yoyo's, kaleidoscopes, flip books, Jacob's ladders, acrobat tumbling toys and the cup and ball. Even the adults enjoyed playing with the toys, the cup and ball got competitive with Mr Gallagher winning with a score of 7. After playing with the toys, the children were able to look at some old windup toys, a 'Jack in the box' and the wooden ladder toy. The group then had a tour around the art gallery and were asked which pictures were old and which were new. The children



noticed that the new pictures were in white frames and the old pictures were in gold frames. Year 1 would like to say a massive thank you to all the adults who supported on the trip, without their help the trip would not have been possible.



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Lego League request

Calling all companies that would like to support our pupils in an amazing STEM opportunity.



We have been successfully awarded grants to purchase new Computing equipment to benefit children across the school.

Now, we would like to enter a team of children in the Lego League. As part of the fun, friendly competition, the pupils will discover and innovate to design their own robot which will need to take on a range of challenges. They will learn the importance of teamwork while gaining an understanding of the basics of STEM. If this sounds like something your company (or the company you work for) would like to support then please get in touch with Mrs Crease by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk or calling in to the school office.

[First Lego League](#)

Open Afternoon and Online Safety Session - Reminder

Next Wednesday, **27th November**, we are inviting parents/carers, to an open event from **2:00pm** where you can come join your child's class to look at their books and view the classroom. At **2:30pm** parents/carers will move to the hall for an Online Safety session delivered by Giles Hill, Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for the Aspire Academy Trust.



This session will provide parents/carers with useful information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy while accessing materials and services online. The presentation will explain Aspire's new collective action initiative for 2024-25, alongside simple, easy ways to set up devices to achieve a manageable and useful balance.

The session will include:



- Current context of developments
- Aspire's collective action initiative for 2024-25
- Tech preventions and controls
- Questions and Discussion

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Scholastic Book Fair – Thankyou!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who supported our Scholastic Book Fair last week. We are delighted to share with you that your purchases earned us enough rewards to buy all of these fantastic new books for the library!



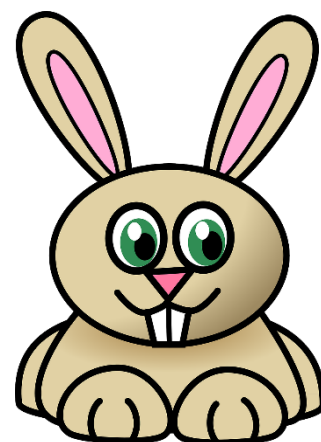
Request for Help – School Animals

Unfortunately, Mr Costello, our Outdoor learning lead is unwell and is not expected to return to school for several weeks. One of Mr Costello's roles, working alongside Miss Pedley, is to care for our school animals. Due to his ill health, this will not be possible at the present time. We are therefore sending out a plea for help from any families who live locally and are able to give up some time on a weekend and over the upcoming Christmas holidays to join a rota, to ensure our beloved animals are looked after. If you

are able to offer a few hours, please speak to Miss Pedley who is based in the Year R classroom either at the start or the end of the day, or email hello@connordowns.org.uk and Miss Pedley will contact you to discuss your availability.



Thank you in advance for all the support and understanding our amazing Connor Downs parent/carer community gives.



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Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

Christmas Wreath Making

On **Thursday 12th December**, Louise from Lou-Lou Belles will be running a wreath making workshop from **6:30pm for adults only**. There are a maximum of 25 spaces available and the cost will be £37.50 per person, to include all the materials for you to make a wreath to take home and refreshments.

If you would like to secure a place, please speak to Mrs Gallagher in the school office to complete a booking form. Payments should be made via bank transfer within 48 hours of the booking. Thank you!



Christmas Fayre

FRIENDS OF CONNOR DOWNS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2024

3:15PM – 4:45PM

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE
FESTIVE FUN!**

- ❖ **CLASS CHRISTMAS STALLS**
- ❖ **CRAFT ROOM**
- ❖ **VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS GAMES**
- ❖ **SANTA'S GROTTO TO INCLUDE A GIFT FROM SANTA**
- ❖ **BRASS PERFORMANCE FROM YEAR 4**
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (TO BE DRAWN AT 4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE**
- ❖ **HOMEMADE CAKE SALE**
- ❖ **HOT FOOD**
- ❖ **NAME THE ELF (WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED AT 4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**



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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.



FINAL WEEK FOR CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS



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.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to this already. If you haven't and would like to, there is still time!

The Cashpot will close on 30th November 2024.

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Christmas Post Box

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas post box will be appearing in the main corridor in the KS2 building from Monday, 2nd December. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. **Last Day for posting will be Thursday 19th December.**



Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 prefects when sorting into year groups for delivery. 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 with your requirements. Thank you.

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 6	99.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	99.5 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 22nd November 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 29th 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 – Jodie

For her enthusiasm and love of learning every day. Well done, Jodie!

Year 1 – Jago

For his enthusiasm, engagement and great behaviour during the 'Old Toys Workshop' on our school trip. Well done, Jago!

Year 2 – William

For an outstanding attitude towards his work with excellent results. Well done, William!

Year 3 – Harrison

For showing great calculating skills using arrays in maths multiplication lessons. Well done, Harrison!

Year 4 – Phoebe

For a superb piece of work in Geography on the structure of the rainforest. Well done, Phoebe!

Year 5 – Jacob M

For his enthusiasm and ability across the curriculum. Jacob always gives 100% to every piece of work. Well done, Jacob!

Year 6 – Sarah

For settling into Year 6 so quickly and always trying her best. Well done, Sarah!

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Writer – Destiny (Year 2)

For excellent progress in phonics and super spelling results. Well done, Destiny!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lowenna (Year 1)

For her great progress and determination when reading tricky sentences during phonics lessons. Lowenna is transferring these skills into all her lessons. Well done, Lowenna!

KS2 Reader – Elsie-May (Year 4)

For continuously reaching her reading targets both at home and in school. Well done, Elsie- May!

Mathematician – Perran (Year 5)

For his active listening and participation in maths - especially during the work on fractions. Well done, Perran!

Numbots/Rock Star – Malyka (Year 6)

For her effort and dedication to improving her Times Tables scores. Malyka is making great progress. Well done, Malyka!

Performer – Imogen (Year R)

For learning the words and actions for her special moment on stage in the nativity play. Well done, Imogen!

Character – Cecily (Year 3)

For showing thoughtfulness and kindness inviting her friends to play at playtime. Well done, Cecily!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School