

Friday 9th June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

On behalf of myself and the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to welcome all our children and families back to the final half of the summer term. I hope that you and your families are safe and well and were able to make the most of the beautiful sunshine we had during the half term break. We have had a week full of fun and exciting activities.



Years 3 and 4 Countdown Cricket Festival

On Wednesday, children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Penwith Schools Cricket tournament, held at St Just Cricket Ground.

Tino, Jacob, Maddie, George, Eden-Lily and Lowen represented Year 4. The Year 3 representatives were; Daniel, Jacob H, Perran, Charlie, Joseph and Jacob M.

They competed against four other schools. We are so proud of the children who played brilliantly and we are delighted to share

that our teams won and have been selected to go through to the finals later this summer!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Marrion and Mr Smitheram who supported the event.



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Hayle Tennis Club – Assembly and Taster Sessions



Tennis Coaches from Hayle Tennis Club visited Connor Downs Academy on Monday to give a whole school assembly about Tennis. After the assembly, each year group were given a 30-minute taster session. We hope that all the children really enjoyed the opportunity to have a session with a Tennis Coach. If any families are interested in having a go at Tennis, the tennis club are offering a 30-day trial for just £10. Please see flyer below for more details.



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Year 5 – Global Boarders Surf Day

The children from Year 5 had an amazing day on Thursday with Global Boarders Surf School learning to surf and enjoying the water and the beach. We would like to thank Mr Lewis and Mrs Devey for their support on this visit.



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Storytelling Chairs

As you may recall, back in the Autumn term, our Year 6 pupils won a staggering £1,000 for our school with their entry into the John Harris 200th Centenary Competition. We are delighted to share with you the amazing purchases we have made using these funds. We have purchased two storytelling chairs.



These fantastic storytelling chairs have been placed on the decking area in the playground with a second chair in Cultivating Futures.

The children from each of the classes have been excited to use the chairs this week and share their love of reading with their friends.



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Year 4 – Jam Tarts!

This week Year 4 have been learning about seasonal food. They learned about growing wheat, which months it can be grown in and how it can be stored. They then made pastry and after the pastry had a chance to 'rest', rolled it out and made jam tarts.



Attendance and Holidays During Term Time

A polite reminder that as per the Aspire Academy Trust Attendance policy, all absences associated with a holiday (without exceptional circumstance) during term time will be marked as unauthorised within the register.

Any parents known to have removed their child from school for the sole purpose of a holiday may be referred to the Local Authority and be issued with a penalty notice fine or referred to the Local Authority to consider prosecution.

Aspire Academy Trust believes that children need to be in school for all sessions so that they can make the most progress possible.

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Ice Creams – Friday 16th June

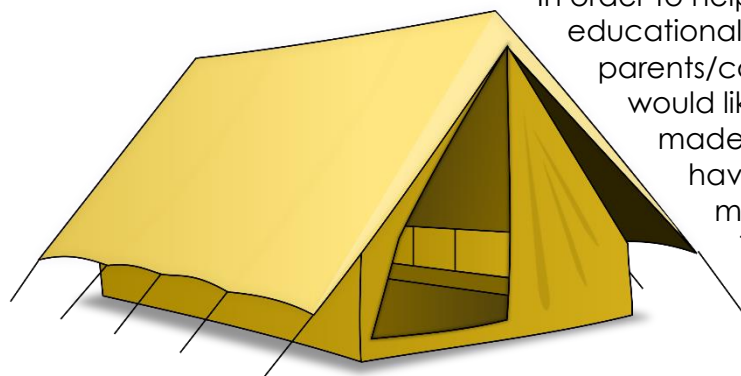
Due to the fantastic response to the Ice cream sale before half term, the FOCDA will again be selling ice creams after school in the playground, **next Friday, 16th June**, for **£1 each**. All funds raised will go towards resources and equipment for the children's learning right across the school.



School Field Camping – Years 3 - 6

A reminder that later this term, the children in KS2 are invited to spend the night camping on the school field as detailed on the schedule below:

Year Group	Date for Camping
3	Monday 26 th June
4	Tuesday 27 th June
5	Wednesday 28 th June
6	Thursday 29 th June



In order to help cover the cost of this amazing educational experience, we are kindly requesting parents/carers make a payment of **£10 per child**. We would like to thank all those who have already made payment and kindly remind those who have not yet done so, that payment should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you all for your continued support.

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Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Friday 23rd June**.

Please find on the flyer a list of the items that they will accept.

Please could all bags be brought to school by 9:00am on Friday 23rd June and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations.

Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.



Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 7th July 2023 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

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. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



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New After School Club - Reminder

We would like to remind parents/carers of an amazing opportunity to attend a Spanish after school club. This club is run by Vicky, who also runs our French club on a Thursday.

Spanish is held in school on a **Tuesday** from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It is open to children from Years R – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website.

Please use the following link to book:

<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/spanish-classes-central-west-cornwall/?fbclid=IwAR0ROZN98we5jGKjDtU8EdstVRM1GqOaFVuZuswhuTCCmzlyqDTfHCVjBJo>



Places are limited and are available on a first come first served basis.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	97.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 5	97.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 9th June 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 16th June 2023** 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 – Archie

For showing increased confidence when writing independently. Well done, Archie!

Year 1 – Finlay

For amazing progress during his time in Year 1 and being an excellent role model. Well done, Finlay!

Year 2 – Elowen

For the detail and care she takes in written work. It is always a joy to mark Elowen's work. Well done, Elowen!

Year 3 – Ella

For writing detailed answers in reading comprehension about Ramadan. Well done, Ella!

Year 4 – Tino

For representing Connor Downs Academy so amazingly at the Year 4 cricket tournament. Well done, Tino!

Year 5 – Caycie

For her courage at taking the plunge during our coasteering at Gwithian. Well done, Caycie!

Year 6 – Emir

For volunteering to take on additional Prefect tasks at lunchtime. Well done, Emir!

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Writer – Alfie (Year 1)

For writing an excellent character description of Peter Rabbit. Well done, Alfie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lissi (Year 2)

For excellent reading progress. Lissi is reading with increasing expression and fluency. Well done, Lissi!

KS2 Reader – Carter (Year 3)

For consistent reading every day and showing super progress with his fluency and expression. Well done, Carter!

Mathematician – Charlie (Year R)

For showing great understanding of doubling numbers from 1 – 10. Well done, Charlie!

Rock Star – Isla (Year 5)

For 36,411 correct answers on TTRS. Well done, Isla!

Performer – Eden-Lily (Year 4)

For her resilience and bravery during the Year 4 cricket tournament. Well done, Eden-Lily!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Lily-Mae (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Lily-Mae's total was an amazing 26,399 steps. Well done, Lily-Mae!

Character – Alfie and Mason (Year 6)

For showing great determination and effort in reaching their 25metres in swimming. Well done, Alfie and Mason!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School