



Connor Downs Academy

21st September 2018

Virtue of the week—Peace

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to the parent and carers who were able to join us for our meet the teacher meetings this week. We hope that you found these meetings informative. A reminder that the reception meet the Teacher session is next Tuesday 25th September at 3.30pm or 4pm. Following these meetings if you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child/rens class teacher.



Linked to their topic 'Where does my food go?', year 4 had a visit from Mrs Davies, who is a Dental Hygienist. The children learned all about the different types of teeth and their function, together with how to look after their teeth with regular brushing and visits to the dentist. In order to show the appearance of plaque on their teeth, the children chewed a disclosing tablet, which showed where plaque was present. After a good brushing of teeth, the plaque disappeared leaving the children with a beautiful white smile!

A great big thank you to Mrs Davies for taking the time to share her knowledge and expertise with our children.



Next week is 'National Recycle Week'. At Connor Downs, we are aiming to encourage everyone to recycle more so we decided to join forces with the largest sustainable schools programme in the world; 'Eco schools'. The aim of this programme is to empower our children to be the change factor that our sustainable world needs by immersing them in activities and learning through the natural environment. We will be focusing on a range of topics that will enable our children to achieve a green flag award. The driving force will be our new 'Eco

Warrior Team,' consisting of two children from each year group between Years 2 to Year 6. They will encourage whole school and community involvement whilst developing skills and knowledge around environmental issues. During the next few weeks, this team will lead an eco-committee and undertake an audit that will allow them to focus on their chosen topics. Connor Downs Academy already teaches our children respect for the environment through outdoor activities and environmental science but we aim that by joining this programme, it will allow us to share our vision widely and achieve national recognition through the green flag eco school award.

Bikeability continued this week with children from KS2 developing their cycling and road safety skills. Well done everybody for taking part. Thank you to the parent and carers for your support in bringing bicycles to school.

We would like to remind parents/ carers that Tempest photographers will be in school on Monday 24th September. If your child has siblings that **do not** attend Connor Downs Academy and you would like them to have a photograph taken with their siblings, please bring them to the school office from 8.35am to sign in. All children in school will have their individual photograph taken as well as one with their sibling if they attend Connor Downs throughout the morning.

Mrs Eddy



BOOK FAIR

All are welcome to pop into the new KS1 school building after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week to browse the fantastic selection of books available to purchase through our book fair. Every book purchased earns the school commission to be spent on books for the children's library, so please do come along and support us.



DONATION OF CAKES



Please can we ask parents/carers and extended family for donations of cakes to be sold at our McMillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September 10.30am—11.30am.

Please can donations be brought to the new building (Year 1 and 2 classrooms) where a member of staff will assist you.

Thank you

MENU

Please note there will be a change to the usual menu on Thursday 27th September. The menu on this date will consist of Cornish pasties or Cheese and onion pasties and Cream Tea for dessert.



HOMEWORK GRIDS



Do you want to support your child's learning by working with them to complete fun topic-based activities at home?



We hope you will enjoy discussing the new **homework grid** sent home today. **These grids are full of fun ideas for children and their parents or other family members to try at home.**

The activities are entirely optional although we hope lots of children and families will take part! On the grids one or two boxes will have the title: **WILD CARD FREE CHOICE!** We hope this will encourage children to think up their own ideas.

Children can choose how many activities they try – they can try one or many. For children who like to respond to a challenge, they can work towards achieving a bronze, silver or gold award.

Each time your child completes an activity at home they can bring it in to show their teacher. If they wish they can have the opportunity to share their task with others in their class.

Items will be displayed so the children's achievements can also be shared with and celebrated by others at school and with Parents and Carers.

The closing date for all completed activities to be brought in is **Monday 3rd December 2018.**

We warmly invite **Parents and Carers** to join us in celebrating the fantastic tasks children and their families have enjoyed creating on **Thursday 6th December 2018 from 3.15 – 4.30pm.**



We hope parents, family members and children enjoy completing the tasks!

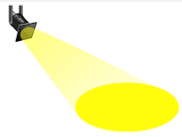


ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

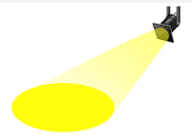
1st Place	Year 5	100 %
2nd Place	Year R	99 %
3rd Place	Year 6	97.5 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 28th September**, at 2.40pm.

Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Malyka	For being such a fantastic role model to her classmates. Malyka is caring, polite and always follows instructions.
Year 1	Isla	For writing with great detail and imagination, when writing sentences about Little Red Riding Hood.
Year 2	Seth	For his positive attitude to all aspects of school life, his consideration of others and mathematical achievements as a result of hard work and embracing challenges.
Year 3	Riley	For his positive attitude to maths and working hard on reading new words.
Year 4	Alan	For super effort and focus in English comprehension answering questions relating to Islam.
Year 5	Ethan	For making good contributions to our shared writing on making a flying machine.
Year 6	Noah	For fantastic effort and perseverance with his handwriting - it is now flowing beautifully!
Writer of the week	Orla Year 2	For her skill when compiling a toolkit and using it to write an engaging riddle full of key features.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Kian Year 1	For reading his reading book every night. Kian enjoys listening and joining in when reading class books.
KS2 Reader of the week	Jake Mc Year 5	For working really hard on his reading and gaining 6 100% results in his AR quizzes. Well done Jake!
Mathematician of the week	Finley Year 6	For persevering with a tricky maths problem involving negative numbers.
Performer of the week	Kacie Year 4	For reading aloud her own poem about Autumn. Kacie spoke clearly and with expression in front of the class.
Citizen of the week	Rhys Year 2	Rhys has been an absolute superstar helper to all the lunchtime supervisors in the dinner hall, by helping to show the new Reception children what to do with their trays/plates once they have finished their lunch. Rhys chose to take on this role without being asked by an adult.