



Friday 7th June 2024

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 had an enjoyable half term break. We have had a week full of fun and exciting activities.



U11 Hardball Cricket Tournament

County Champions!

Following their success before half term the eight children from the Connor Downs Academy cricket team took part in the U11 hardball cricket County final on Monday



held at Truro School. Every member of the team worked so well as a team, and we are delighted to announce that they came out on top and are now County Champions!

They now move onto the next round, which is being played at Kings College, Taunton, on Monday 17th June where they will face the best of the Southwest. Congratulations to the whole team, we are so proud of all your achievements and wish you all the very best of luck on the 17th June!



We would like to thank all the parents/carers and grandparents who supported the team.



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Year 6 – Cake Making and Maths

As part of their maths work, Year 6 have designed and made appropriate packaging for cupcakes. They then explored ratio and proportion questions using recipes. Finally, they enjoyed eating the cakes they had made.



Year 5 – Geevor Mine Outreach Programme and Visit to School

On Wednesday, in preparation for their visit to Geevor Mine next week as part of their residential, Year 5 welcomed into school, a representative from the mine's outreach programme. Mr Hosking shared a number of tools, clothes and photographs from the mine's history. The children had lots of fun hearing

about the conditions the miners had to work in, the clothes they would have worn and the tools they used.



We would like to thank Mr Hosking for coming to school and giving such an insightful talk. The children are all very excited for their visit to the mine next week.



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Year 6 – Surf Day

The children from Year 6 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 Mrs Shaw for her support with the visit.



Parking

Please can we politely remind parents/carers to be considerate when they are dropping off and collecting their child/children from school.

Please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, even if only stopping for '2 minutes'. When several people do this, it means a driveway is constantly blocked.

Also, can we kindly remind parents/carers to ensure that when crossing the road, they safely see their children onto the opposite pavement. We have had several instances of parents stopping opposite the school entrance and letting their children get out and cross the road without an adult exiting the vehicle.

Thank you for your support and understanding in helping to keep all our children safe.

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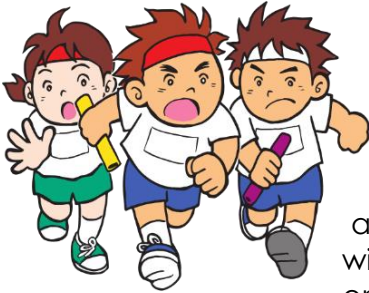
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Sports Day – Thursday 20th June 2024



On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.

Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a **prompt 1:30pm start**.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.

Please can we ask all children to have their PE kits in school every day in case of Sports Day practices, thank you.

EYFS / KS1 Fun Night

*****Change to Advertised Date*****

A fun night has been organized for Years R, 1 and 2 to take place on **Friday 21st June** (previously advertised as Friday 28th June).

All EYFS and KS1 children are invited to attend an evening of fun activities, both inside and out, including tea and treats to end the evening. Year 2 children then have the option to stay for a sleepover in the KS1 building.

Letters/Consent forms for these activities have been sent home with all EYFS/KS1 children today. In order to help cover the cost of this amazing educational experience, we are kindly requesting parents/carers make a payment of **£3 per child for Year R and Year 1 and £6 per child for Year 2 if they plan to attend the sleepover as well**. Payment should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you all for your continued support.



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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 24 th June
4	Tuesday 25 th June
5	Wednesday 26 th June
6	Thursday 27 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**. Payment should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you all for your continued support.

Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Tuesday 25th 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 Tuesday 25th 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.



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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.

Lateness

We are also seeing an increasing number of children arriving late to school.

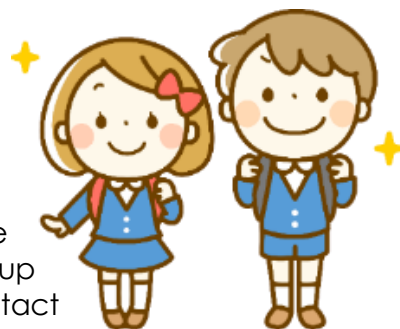
We believe that arriving at school on time is essential for children to fulfil their potential. Being on time to school ensures that children settle into the school day and prevents them from missing essential learning. Children who arrive on time are happier, less anxious, and ready to learn.

Poor punctuality not only has an impact on learning of the child who is late for school, but also on the learning of all the other children in the class. Being on time means not missing out.

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.



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Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 12th July 2024 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.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	97.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 7th June 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 **Friday 14th June** 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 – Jago

For his enthusiasm and concentration when writing a sentence about our tadpoles. Well done, Jago!

Year 1 – Freddie Ow.

For his amazing art skills when creating a self-portrait. Well done, Freddie!

Year 2 – Evelyn

For her excellent effort in all subjects and the way she embraces new learning opportunities. Well done, Evelyn!

Year 3 – Harriet

For fantastic work on reading digital time in maths. Harriet is also super role model who is always focused and gives 100% effort in all her work. Well done, Harriet!

Year 4 – Noah

For excellent effort and engagement in all areas of his learning. Well done, Noah!

Year 5 – Finley

For his excellent cricket skills when winning the county hardball cricket final. Well done, Finley!

Year 6 – Hugo

For great teamwork during the Year 6 surfing day by helping his friends carry a surfboard. Well done, Hugo!

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Writer – Delilah (Year R)

For becoming more confident to write words and sentences independently. Well done, Delilah!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Arthur (Year 2)

For excellent reading aloud and achieving a high word count on his AR quizzes. Well done, Arthur!

KS2 Reader – Reuben (Year 6)

For being a super reading role model to his peers by consistently reading above his given target every night and throughout the holidays. Well done, Reuben!

Mathematician – Malyka (Year 5)

For conquering multiplying and dividing by ten, a hundred and a thousand. Well done, Malyka!

Numbots/Rock Star – Charlie S (Year 4)

For his amazing efforts in reaching and going beyond his targets. Well done, Charlie!

Performer – Sienna H (Year 1)

For showing great confidence during Year 1's first swimming lesson. Well done, Sienna!

Character – Mia (Year 3)

For being a great role model, always showing outstanding patience and kindness when working with her friends in class. Well done, Mia!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School