



Friday 25th April 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to welcome all our children back for what is planned to be a very busy and exciting summer term.

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**



Year 4 – Carn Euny

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited Carn Euny ancient village site at Sancreed near Penzance as part of their geography topic on settlements.

The children spent the day surveying the settlement, looking for resources that the original inhabitants would have needed to

build their courtyard roundhouse structures.

They reviewed the location and the area that surrounds the village - where they could find arable land and where the nearest water source was located.



Everyone had fun exploring the beehive room and the fogou (although recent rainfall meant that only those with the tallest wellies were able to traverse the entire fogou!)

The children had plenty of fresh air and exercise with a walk up to the holy well and then back along the farm track to the minibuses before returning to school.

We would like to say a huge thankyou to Mrs Rautenbach and Mrs French for supporting this visit.

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RNLI

Today we were delighted to welcome two Lifeguards from the RNLI, who visited our Academy to deliver a water safety assembly to all our children. The aim of the session was to help pupils to:



- Identify a Beach Lifeguard
- State the meaning of the Beach Flags
- Identify hazards on a beach
- Know what to do if they get into trouble or see someone else in trouble
- Explain key sun safety messages



Living in Cornwall surrounded by beautiful beaches and the sea, these visits from the RNLI are a vitally important resource to help everyone learn about how to have fun and enjoy the beach, in a safe and secure way.



Thank you to Heather and Kia from the RNLI for sharing some really important information, in a child friendly way.



Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between **Monday 12th May and Thursday 15th May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

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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

A reminder that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy are holding their next meeting on **Monday 28th April from 3:30pm**. All welcome. If you have a few hours free that you could give to FOCDA at some of their events, please do come along and see what they do. Any time, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated and you do not have sign up to be on the committee. They look forward to welcoming current and new members on Monday.

Attendance

| <u>Attendance</u> | | |
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| Our school target for attendance is 97% | | |
| 1 st Place | Year 4 | 99.6 % |
| 2 nd Place | Year 3 | 99.5 % |
| 3 rd Place | Year 2 | 98.2 % |

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 25th April 2025

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 spring term, on **Friday 2nd May 2025** 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 – Leo

For his enthusiasm and interest when learning about minibeasts. Well done, Leo!

Year 1 – Jacob

For his excellent effort in all subjects. Jacob has made amazing progress with his reading and writing this year, we are very proud of you. Well done, Jacob!

Year 2 – Archie

For showing responsibility and good behaviour for learning in the classroom. Archie is always keen to participate and share ideas. Well done, Archie!

Year 3 – Kingsley

For his super effort to show his calculations in maths challenges on mass and capacity. Well done, Kingsley!

Year 4 – Isaac

For showing fantastic behaviour for learning and displaying great effort and determination during the start of the recent writing unit. Well done, Isaac!

Year 5 – Theo

For an amazing return to work after the Easter break. Theo has demonstrated fantastic behaviour for learning and Lego building skills. Well done, Theo!

Year 6 – Archie V

For being polite and respectful to others. Archie's growing maturity is great to see. Well done, Archie!



Writer – Hugo (Year 2)

For showing creativity and enthusiasm in his writing. Hugo always has lots of ideas and is keen to share his writing with the class. Well done, Hugo!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jesse (Year R)

For his great progress with Phase 2 phonics. Jesse is now beginning to read and write words independently. Well done, Jesse!

KS2 Reader – Emily (Year 3)

For consistently reading well above her target every night. Well done Emily!

Mathematician – Sam (Year 6)

For showing super data skills in maths using bar charts, line graphs and pie charts. Well done, Sam!

Numbots/Rock Star – Lola (Year 4)

For excellent improvement in her MTC assessment scores and continuing to play TTRS throughout the Easter break. Lola shows a fantastic attitude to learning. Well done, Lola!

Performer – Zak L (Year 4)

For his brilliant effort when playing football, learning to be a team player and being considerate to his peers. Well done, Zak!

Character – Peyton (Year 5)

For consistently being kind and thoughtful to all children, staff and visitors and this week showing such care and patience when building Lego in groups. Well done, Peyton!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Mental Health Support Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Please see posters below for details of some valuable MHST Parent/Carer Workshops that are set to run from June 2025. These are 5 session online workshops with the teams Mental Health Practitioners and are open to everyone; you do not need to have a mental health need to join.

Please use the following links to book:

Anxiety and worries - <https://forms.office.com/e/0qRnKmCw1j>

Behaviour as Communication - Parent Support- <https://forms.office.com/e/BvhDpYUcQa>



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers
Please join us for a 5 session online workshop for **Behaviour as Communication - Parent support**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

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