



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. There have been lots of exciting activities taking place in school this week, with Year 5/6 rugby, parent consultations, Year 5/6 netball and World Book Day to name but a few.



Parent/Carer Consultations



We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this weeks' parent/carers consultations. We were delighted with the number of families who turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their children are progressing.

Illustrator Visit – Rebecca Cobb



On Wednesday, to celebrate World Book Day, we invited Rebecca Cobb to visit our school. Rebecca is an illustrator based in Falmouth and has worked with some very famous authors including Julia Donaldson. She showed the children how she draws her characters and inspired them to create and draw their own. Rebecca discussed how she uses the words created by the author to draw storyboards, which she then adds more and more details to overtime.

Rebecca explained how she began her career in drawing when she was very young and continued to learn and practice drawing until she became an author. The children were delighted when she

sketched one of her characters and it was great to see the children engaged as Rebecca read some of the stories she had illustrated. After reading, Rebecca asked the children to illustrate the story with their own ideas. She was very impressed with their drawings.



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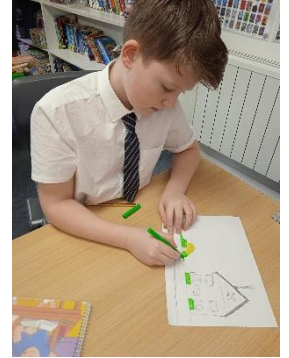
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Thank you to Rebecca and to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for funding this very worthwhile experience for the children.

**Thank
You**



World Book Day



Thank you for supporting World Book Day with a range of fantastic character costumes. The children really enjoyed the day. Don't forget to spend your World Book Day token to treat yourself to a new book!



Girls Football Challenge



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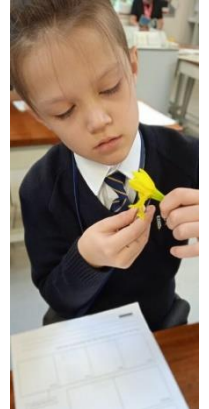
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Year 5 – Nexus Science Trip



On Wednesday, Year 5 attended the Nexus campus to take part in a workshop to learn about life cycles. They learnt about MRS GREN, the seven things all living creatures and plants do or need which are, Move, Reproduce, Sense, Grow, Respire, Excrete, Nutrition. They were also excited to learn about a sea turtle's life cycle.



After this the children dissected a daffodil where they saw how a daffodil reproduces seeds and how it lives.

We would like to thank the staff at Nexus once again for inviting us to one of their workshops and Mrs Kevern and Mrs Easterbrook for giving up their time to support the visit and to Mrs Lewis for driving the minibus!



Year 5/6 Netball

On Thursday our Year 5/6 Netball team took part in a netball tournament at Hayle Academy. Each player showed great teamwork and effort in their matches and had lots of fun. We are so proud of each member of the team. Thank you to Mrs Allen for supporting the event.



Can you help....?

We are looking for donations of any old balls of wool, of any colour required for an art weaving project in school. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for all your continued support.

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Year 3 – Science

In science this week, Year 3 worked in teams to investigate how shadows are created. They explored shining light on different objects to see if they were transparent, translucent or opaque.



Choir – Songfest Practise



Our choir welcomed Angela Renshaw from ASONE Music Hub into school this week to help practise some of the Sea Shanties that they have been learning in preparation for this years Song Fest being held on 27th March in Penzance.



Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2024

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge, inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine, helping them arrive at school more relaxed and alert; it's great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge runs from 11th March to 22nd March 2024, so we are encouraging all families, where it is safe and feasible to do so, to walk, cycle or scoot to school each day during this period. Thank you for your support.



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Camp Kernow (Year 4) and Carnyorth (Year 5) and London (Year 6) Payment Reminders

A reminder of the deadlines for payments for the upcoming KS2 residential:

Year Group	Residential	Dates of Residential	Payment Deadline
4	Camp Kernow	9 th - 10 th May 2024	19 th April 2024
5	Carnyorth	12 th - 14 th June 2024	24 th May 2024
6	London	17 th - 19 th July 2024	26 th April 2024

Please ensure full payment is made by these due dates. If you are experiencing any difficulties in making payments, please speak to Mrs Gallagher in the school office. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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.

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	97.2 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see next page for our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 8th March 2024

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly, on **Friday 15th March 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 – Emily

For her amazing drawings and creations linked to our topic of Space. Well done, Emily!

Year 1 – Archie B

For his amazing attitude towards all aspects of learning. Archie's confidence has really flourished this term, he is very willing to share his knowledge with his peers and adults in all subjects. Well done, Archie!

Year 2 – Bruce

For excellent progress with remembering finger spaces and independently spelling words correctly. Well done, Bruce!

Year 3 – Zachary P

For great use of vocabulary when explaining the results in science when investigating shadows. Well done, Zachary!

Year 4 – Ruan

For always putting 100% effort into everything he does. Ruan always tries his best to be the best that he can be! Well done, Ruan!

Year 5 – Kostia

For making such a positive start to Connor Downs and making so many new friends. Well done, Kostia!

Year 6 – Maci

For showing exceptional manners and describing her World Book Day character so well. Maci always works really hard in school and should be proud of all her achievements. Well done, Maci!

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Writer – Ava

For her fantastic vocabulary used when describing a planet. Well done, Ava!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Freddie Ow. (Year 1)

For his excellent progress in phonics and confidence when reading with an adult or in a group. Well done, Freddie!

KS2 Reader – Ben (Year 6)

For brilliant reading comprehension answers about a volcano. Well done, Ben!

Mathematician – George (Year 5)

For his flexible thinking when converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. Well done, George!

Numbots/Rock Star – Jacob H (Year 4)

For an incredible 1,119 correct answers in a week. Well done, Jacob!

Performer – Sully (Year 2)

For composing a piece of music to match a picture using IT and performing it in front of others. Well done, Sully!

Character – Tommy (Year 3)

For showing such thoughtfulness to everyone in Year 3, especially this week when offering to organise the class books for parents evening. Tommy is a great role model for his classmates.

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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