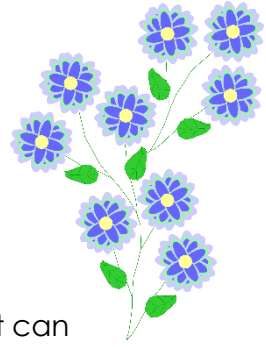




Friday 26th January 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another busy and exciting week in our academy.



Year 5 – Art - Bamboo (Summer)

Bamboo is the symbol of summer but it also symbolises strength because it can bend in the strongest gales but not break. It has a hollow trunk which represents humility. This week in art, the children in Year 5 used their brushstrokes and lines to reflect the beauty in nature and emulate the Chinese style of art that has spanned centuries.



Year 1 – Computing

In computing this week, the children in Year 1 looked at sequences of instructions to move the Beebots forwards and backwards, made predictions about where the Beebots would end their sequence and then tested their predictions.



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Year 6 – RE and Art



In RE this week, Year 6 re-enacted the parable of the unforgiving servant. The children then considered the idea of forgiveness and under what circumstances someone may, or may not, be forgiven for their actions.

Following on from last week in Art, where the children designed their own vases, this week they

have been able to make their designs using the coil or thumb pot techniques. When the vases are dry the children will decorate them.



Important Information

Measles and MMR vaccination

Following recent cases of Measles, The UK Health Security Agency's (UKHSA) warns the virus can spread very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill. Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms followed by a rash. Children are at risk of measles if they haven't had the recommended 2 doses of the MMR vaccination. For more information on Measles and the MMR vaccination please see the link: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

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Nuts in School

A gentle reminder that Connor Downs Academy is a **nut free** school. We have children and members of staff in our Academy who have severe nut allergies. We ask all parents/carers to ensure that they do not send their child to school with any items containing nuts. Thank you for your support.



Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. This limits the transmission of headlice and also supports concentration. Children should not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Longer earrings present a health and safety risk of injury during play. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

Jumpers and Coats

Please ensure your child/children have their school jumper with them every day and also a warm, waterproof coat, hat scarf and gloves.

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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We would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents/carers, family and friends who kindly donated to the Bags2School collection this week. We are delighted to say that an amazing **£100** was raised from your donations.

Thank you

Year 6 – London Residential

This year our Year 6 London Residential is taking place between **Wednesday 17th July and Friday 19th July 2024**. A reminder please that the payment item is set up on ParentPay and the total amount should be paid by **30th April 2024**. Thank you to parents/carers for all the payments received so far.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place on **Thursday, 8th February 2024**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. Thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.**

Shine Celebrations

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

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 26th January 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 2nd February 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 – Ava

For her enthusiasm and effort when writing about a penguin. Well done, Ava!

Year 1 – Sienna S

For her positive attitude towards her learning. Sienna is gaining in confidence and sharing her answers in whole class learning time. Well done, Sienna!

Year 2 – Rupert

For the contributions he makes in class. Rupert always inspires others and shows an excellent understanding of the topics being studied. Well done, Rupert!

Year 3 – Elsie R

For fantastic work on her homework grid task, making an excellent volcano model that exploded. Well done, Elsie!

Year 4 – Carter

For his excellent learning attitude. Carter is always determined to give 100% to achieve his best. Well done, Carter!

Year 5 – Dari

For her concentration and determination to produce a beautiful piece of Chinese inspired art. Well done, Dari!

Year 6 – Jack

For practising giving directions in French with enthusiasm and great pronunciation. Well done, Jack!

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Writer – Lois (Year 4)

For her fantastic 'Sound Collector' poem. Well done, Lois!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Frankie (Year R)

For showing great progress during phonics. Frankie is beginning to read and write phase 2 words. Well done, Frankie!

KS2 Reader – Hunter (Year 5)

For showing the confidence and determination to read aloud in the KS2 assembly. Well done, Hunter!

Mathematician – Zander (Year 1)

For being able to clearly explain to the whole class how many tens and how many ones there are for any number up to 20. Well done, Zander!

Numbots/Rock Star – Zak L (Year 3)

For working hard to improve his knowledge and speed this week. Zak earned an incredible 3013 coins and answered 571 questions correctly. Well done, Zak!

Performer – Arthur (Year 2)

For confidently reading aloud with clarity and expression, a lovely piece of writing he had produced using a wide range of punctuation. Well done, Arthur!

Character – Logan (Year 6)

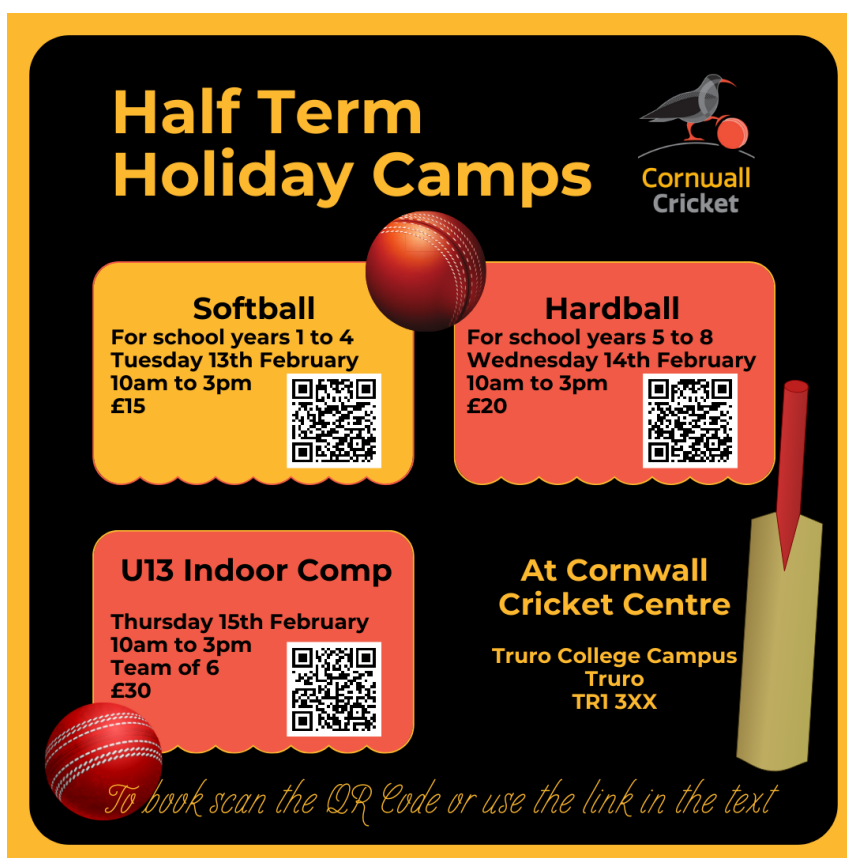
For showing a great team attitude during after school football club. Well done, Logan!


Kind regards,


Mrs Eddy
Head of School


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Half Term Holiday Camps 

Softball
For school years 1 to 4
Tuesday 13th February
10am to 3pm
£15 

Hardball
For school years 5 to 8
Wednesday 14th February
10am to 3pm
£20 

U13 Indoor Comp
Thursday 15th February
10am to 3pm
Team of 6
£30 

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