



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had an incredibly busy and exciting final week of this half term. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, we wish you all a lovely, half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 3rd June 2024**.



Year 6 – Group 3

Last Friday afternoon the final Year 6 outdoor learning group visited Copperhouse pool nature reserve and King George V memorial walk. They began the nature trail with a discussion about why and when the memorial walk was developed, and what it was previously used for.

During the trail they stopped off at key points, using binoculars to observe the variety of wildlife including the many species of birds that visit the reserve. The children used a compass to understand direction and why this location is ideal for the growth of unusual plant species. They also learnt some history of this area including how the waste product from the copper industry was used to build many walls and buildings, which they were able to observe during the trail.

Finally, they discussed the nature quiz and ensured they all understood to appreciate how these unique landscapes offer important habitats for wildlife. This visit complements their previous visit to the dunes, focusing on local and contrasting

landscapes within our local area.



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Year 3 – Outdoor Learning

During their session on Monday with Mr Costello, the Year 3 outdoor learning group took part in a pond dipping exercise, discovering what lives in the pond, observing them closely and comparing amphibians to insects.



Science morning

On Tuesday this week, we held a Science morning and invited parents/cares to join their child/children in a science lesson.

Year 3 had a great Science morning when they carried out an investigation in how to make a rainbow grow. Linked to their previous learning about capillary action in plant stems, the children worked with parents to set up the experiment and observe the rainbow grow.

The children were thrilled as the rainbows started to absorb the water and change colour.



It was lovely to see the children working in teams and sharing their learning with the parents.

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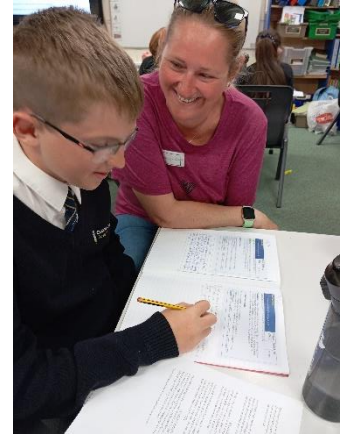
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Year 5 were studying the legacy and impact of David Attenborough.

We would like to thank all the parents/carers who came and supported their children during this morning. We hope you found it interesting and educational!



Year 3 – Dance Sessions



The intent of Year 3 dance sessions this half term was "How can we move like excellent dancers?"

On Wednesday morning, the children really showed us they could move like excellent dancers as they performed for an audience of Reception and Year 5 children. It was brilliant to see the children show their balanced shapes and moves which they had

choreographed together. A big thank you goes to Rosie, our teacher from Mounts Bay Academy who led the sessions each week.



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U11 Hardball Cricket Tournament



Eight children from the Connor Downs Academy cricket team took part in the U11 hardball cricket tournament against Truro and Devoran on Tuesday. They worked superbly well as a team and never gave up against tough competition.

We are so proud to say they have made it through to the County final, being held on Monday 3rd June at Truro School. Good luck boys!



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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Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

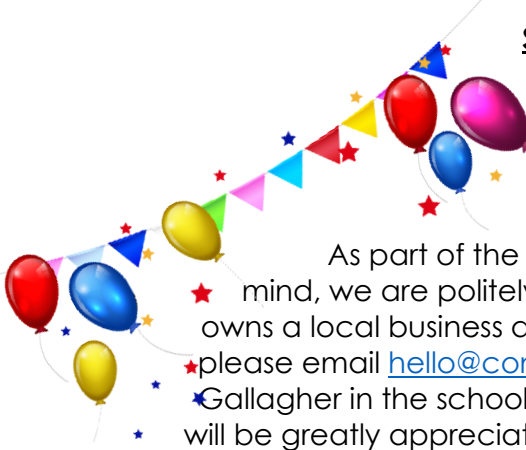


Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 4th June** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only.

As a reminder, if your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Any hair accessories must be small and, in the school, navy colour.

Thank you.

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.

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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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 6	97.1 %
2 nd Place	Year R	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 17th May 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 7th 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 – Jobie

For showing amazing progress with his sentence writing and handwriting this term. Well done, Jobie!

Year 1 – Jago

For the amazing attitude he shows towards his learning. Jago is willing to take on challenges and gives 100% effort in all subjects. Well done, Jago!

Year 2 – Dylan S

For excellent spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. Well done, Dylan!

Year 3 – Lola

For her great attitude to her learning. Lola is always keen to complete her work to the highest standards and is always there to step in and help friends when they need it. Well done, Lola!

Year 4 – Perran

For showing his excellent physical dexterity and teamworking skills in PE. Well done, Perran!

Year 5 – Liam

For showing fantastic leadership skills when working as part of a team. Well done, Liam!

Year 6 – Kian

For solving problems in maths with enthusiasm this week and throughout the year. Well done, Kian!

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Writer – Riley W (Year 1)

For his amazing independent effort at writing a fact file about a flamingo. Well done, Riley!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Ben (Year R)

For his incredible confidence when reading and writing tricky words. Well done, Ben!

KS2 Reader – Ella But. (Year 6)

For always giving 100% concentration during our reading comprehension lessons. Well done, Ella!

Mathematician – Leon (Year 2)

For excellent progress through his maths unit on time and 100% in his end of unit test. Well done, Leon!

Numbots/Rock Star – Arthur (Year 3)

For excellent effort to learn quick recall of his times tables. Arthur has gained 6,489 points earning over 27,000 coins. Well done, Arthur!

Performer – Oscar (Year 5)

For his excellent caught and bowled in the hardball cricket competition this week. Well done, Oscar!

Character – Sydney (Year 4)

For showing such kindness, always saying hello to everyone and offering to help where he can. Well done, Sydney!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School

