

Friday 13th June 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. What a wonderfully busy, exciting and successful week we have had in school!



The ESCA Under 11 Hardball Cricket Tournament – County Champions!

Following on from their success last week, our incredible cricket team, represented our academy in the Cornwall County Final, playing against Truro Prep School. In a match of 12 overs per side, Connor batted first scoring a total of 292 runs (each side started with 200 runs on the board) with the loss of only 2 wickets.

Truro Prep lost 8 wickets during their 12 overs but failed to reach the impressive target set by our team. This fantastic win, means, for the second year in a row, Connor Downs Academy are the U11 Hardball Cricket County Champions.



They now move forward to the regional finals being held in Taunton, Somerset, next Monday, 16th June. I am sure you will join with myself and all the staff and children at Connor Downs Academy in wishing them Good Luck! We are so proud of all their achievements!

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the team for their report on the final this week and

also we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents/carers who are making the journey to support the team in Taunton on Monday.



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Year 4 – Camp Kernow



Last week, 26 children from Year 4 went to Camp Kernow for a one night residential. They learned about living off-grid with no connection to mains electricity or water.



On Thursday, as well as completing tasks around the site, the class enjoyed archery, climbing and needle work. They finished the day with a fantastic night walk in the woods where they were taken on a tour by woodsman Chris, who shared a wealth of information on wildlife.



After camping for the night and enjoying a concoction of unusual muesli ingredients and extra helpings of eggy bread for breakfast, the children packed up their belongings and



headed into the woods to build shelters. The shelters needed to withstand wind and rain, and they enjoyed testing them with each team inside! After dismantling the shelters, they hiked to the park and enjoyed a picnic lunch before returning to school.

We are so proud of the way that the children conducted themselves and represented Connor Downs Academy during the stay and the resilience, bravery and independence the children displayed throughout the residential.

Well done everyone!



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We would also like to thank Mrs Kessell, Mrs Richardson and Mr Shilston for helping make this trip possible, their support was very much appreciated.

A massive thank you to Mrs Hackett for driving a minibus and being an all-round superstar TA!



Appeal for Plants

Can you help? Each of our classes have been designated a planter in school and over the remainder of the summer term, we are planning some gardening activities for all the children. With this in mind, we are kindly requesting donations from parents/carers of some plants that the children can plant in the planters. Please bring any donations into school from next week and drop them off at the school office or with your child's class. Thank you as always for your continued support.



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Aspire Games

On the 11th June, the Year 5 children attended the Aspire Games held at Carn Brea Leisure Centre. All the children were split up into countries with people from other Aspire Schools. Each group represented a different country. Every child was given a coloured t-shirt to identify the country they were representing. The events they competed in were; speed bounce, long jump, vortex, 75m sprint and 400m run. We all had such a fun time taking part in the games and chatting and making new friends. Finally, it was time to announce the winning country and it was us, Qatar!! We were so shocked, we ran up to collect our Gold Medals. We were all very proud of each other!



Thank you to Lois and Evelyn for the report.

Well done to all the children who took part in the Aspire Games. We are proud of every one of you for stepping outside of your comfort zones to try new events and meet new people. Well done Year 5!

Softball Cricket Success – Hayle Cricket Club U11's

A number of our Connor Downs Academy children represented Hayle Cricket Club at the West Cornwall U11s soft ball tournament on Sunday last week, at St Just cricket club.

The girls' team have only been training for a few weeks and were at their very first tournament, playing their very first matches against some very experienced teams. They smiled and supported each other all the way through, improving with every game, with their best result against a team that got through to the final.



The boys' team, made up of 6 Connor Downs pupils plus 2 others, started with a strong win and continued in that fashion all the way to the final. The ultimate match was a showdown between Hayle and Paul. With lots of boundaries hit, wickets taken and fast fielding, the Hayle boys came out on top by 12 runs, winning the whole tournament and lifting the silverware with pride.

Most of all, both teams played with resilience, determination, respect and teamwork. We are so proud of them all. Thank you Mrs Savage for the write up and photo!

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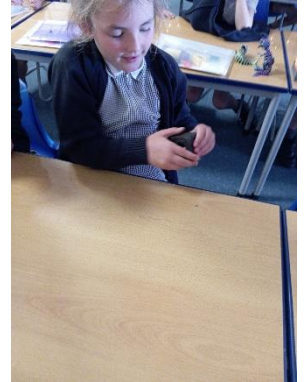
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Year 3 – Local Historian Trevor Smitheram



This week, Year 3 were lucky to have an afternoon with local historian Trevor Smitheram.

Linked to their learning in History about the Industrial Revolution, Trevor shared his knowledge of the great industry of Hayle. The children learnt about the Cornish Copper company, Harveys of Hayle and Richard Trevithick.



They saw photographs of familiar places where industrial buildings had once been, from Black Bridge to Lidl's and Foundry Square. The children were excited to handle a real bolt made for the Royal Albert Bridge in Plymouth.



Kingsley said *"I enjoyed it because I didn't know that the new buildings were where the old smelting works were"*

Harrison agreed *"I liked how the stuff was old and holding the bolt that came from the Royal Albert Bridge at Plymouth"*

Piran declared *"Did you know that the heavy iron bolt was made in Hayle Foundry"*



Basketball

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the very kind donation of a bag of basketballs to enhance our PE Equipment from one of our parents this week. This will enable all the children to take part in this fun game. Thank you so much!



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REMINDER - Sports Day – Thursday 19th June 2025

On Sports Day, being held **next Thursday, 19th June**, 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.

Menu change – Thursday 19th June



With Sports Day next Thursday, the kitchen are offering a special menu, as detailed on the poster. The kitchen will also be offering Jacket Potatoes and Pasta as usual.

To book please use:

Main Event – for Steak Pasty

Side Dish – for Cheese and Onion Pasty

Dessert Trolley – for either jacket potato or pasta.

This will be clarified with children in class on the morning of the 19th June. Thank you.

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EYFS / KS1 Fun Night

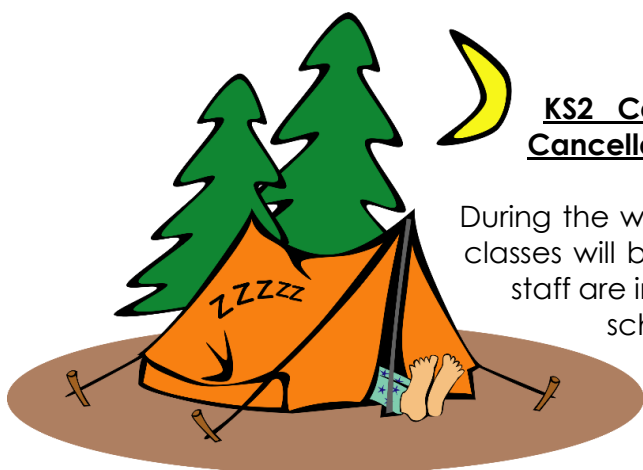
A fun night has been organized for Years R, 1 and 2 to take place **next Friday, 20th June**.

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 this week. 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.



Please note, there is no Sports4Tots afterschool club, next Friday, 20th June due to the fun night.



KS2 Camping on School Field and Afterschool Club Cancellations

During the week beginning Monday 23rd June, each of our KS2 classes will be camping on the school field. As most teaching staff are involved in these activities, we will have to cancel all school led afterschool clubs that week. **The only clubs that will run will be ELDA dance on the Tuesday and Sports4Tots on the Friday.**

Camping Timetable

Year 3	Monday 23 rd June
Year 4	Tuesday 24 th June
Year 5	Wednesday 25 th June
Year 6	Thursday 26 th June

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Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 4th 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. Thank you!

We will also politely requesting donations of any of the following:

- Homemade Cakes for our cake stall. All cakes must be **nut free** and be accompanied by a list of ingredients to cover all allergens. Cakes should be delivered to the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre please.
- Any items for the tombola
- Any items for the Teddy Tombola



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.



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Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 6	98.9 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 13th June 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 20th June 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 – Henry

For making great progress with his writing. Henry is now writing independently and with greater confidence. Well done, Henry!

Year 1 – Adam

For his witty sense of humour brightening everyone's day, alongside his fantastic work ethic in the classroom. Well done, Adam!

Year 2 – Levan

For his behaviour for learning and effort across all subjects and being a great role model for the rest of the class. Well done, Levan!

Year 3 – Emily

For her fantastic effort and positive attitude to all areas of the curriculum. Emily always gives 100% to everything she does. Well done, Emily!

Year 4 – Elowen

For showing such engagement, eagerness and determination when writing her summer term assessment. Well done, Elowen!

Year 5 – Perran

For his ability to shine on the sports field and represent our school with passion and pride. Well done, Perran!

Year 6 – Jacob

For his effort and determination with his writing with Mrs Smitheram last week. Well done, Jacob!

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Writer – Nathan (Year 2)

For the determination Nathan has to improve his handwriting. Nathan has made such great progress. Keep it up. Well done, Nathan!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Bailey (Year R)

For reading tricky words and phase 4 words independently during phonics sessions. Well done, Bailey!

KS2 Reader – Elsie R (Year 4)

For always meeting or exceeding her reading targets. Elsie has a fantastic attitude to reading. Well done, Elsie!

Mathematician – Bowen (Year 1)

For his outstanding drive and focus in maths lessons. Bowen is using real life manipulatives to support his learning and understanding! Well done, Bowen!

Numbots/Rock Star – Peyton (Year 5)

For his incredible effort last week in earning over 1,288 coins on TTRS. Well done, Peyton!

Performer – Otis (Year 3)

For taking a risk to perform some great moves in the Year 3 dance workshop. Well done, Otis!

Character – William (Year 6)

For his continued determination to follow instructions and set a good example to his peers. Well done, William!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Churchill Cleaning Vacancies at Connor Downs Academy

Churchill Cleaning currently have vacancies for two cleaners at Connor Downs Academy. If you are interested, please see the advert below and contact Simon Hunnam for more details.



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