

Friday 7th October 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another very full and engaging week in our Academy.



New Additions

We are delighted to introduce to our two new additions to our Connor Downs Academy family – Winnie and Bessie. The rabbits have been adopted through Marias Animal Shelter and have been bonded with our existing rabbit, Brian. The

children from all classes have spent the last couple of weeks getting to know the new rabbits.



Year 6 – Sports Leaders – Hayle Academy

On Monday, a group of our Year 6 children attended Hayle Academy where they were able to make up their own games which they will share with the rest of the children in school at break times and lunchtimes to help with their physical and mental

wellbeing. We are so proud of the efforts and ideas they all showed!



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Year 3 – Savvy Dance

This week, the children from Year 3 took part in the second of 6 weekly sessions at Savvy Dance Studios in Hayle. Over the course of the 6 weeks, they will be taught both lyrical and commercial dance by fully qualified and experienced teachers in their two professional studios. They are learning new skills and knowledge of a variety of positions such as classic 1. Well done to all of Year 3!

Year 3 – Cornwall Hospice Care Cards

During the summer term, the children from Year 3 were invited by local charity, Cornwall Hospice Care, to create card designs. These cards were commissioned to be part of a Welcome Home pack for patients of St Julia's Hospice, Hayle.



The children worked extremely hard, experimenting with different ideas in their

sketch books, before creating their final designs. The designs were cheerful, welcome pictures, seascapes and flower illustrations.

Clare Bray, Community Engagement Officer for Cornwall Hospice Care, was delighted to receive the cards at St Julia's Hospice.



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Year 5/6 Netball Tournament

On Thursday our Year 5/6 netball team took part in a tournament held at Hayle Academy. They played against teams from other local primary schools and finished in second placed. Every one of the team played with grit and determination and represented the school in a very positive way. We are proud of all who took part! Well done!



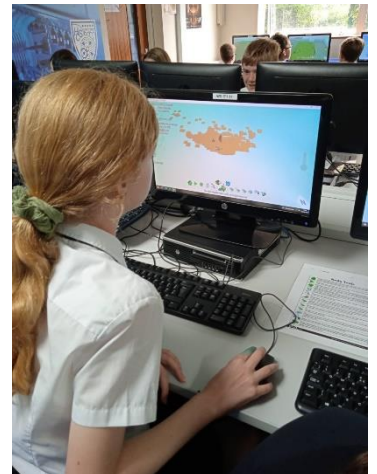
Year 6 – Taster Day – Hayle Academy

On Wednesday 5th October, Y6 attended a taster day at Hayle Academy. The children took part in a number of workshops, including a computing lesson using a piece of software called Kudu. The children learned about sequencing and practised giving the correct order of commands to make a character move and explore a made-up world.



In DT, the children made geo- structures using sweets and toothpicks. They learnt the best way to keep the structure strong and stable, as well as how to work with others.

In Drama, the children thoroughly enjoyed a range of games to improve the children's ability to think quickly and control their bodies. Behaviour was immaculate throughout- what an enjoyable day! Thank you to the staff and students



who helped organise the day.



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Year 4

On Wednesday this week, Year 4 learned the poem 'Whether the Weather' off by heart. They were amazingly brave and performed it to Year 3 and Year 5. They have been challenged to be ready to recite it whenever they hear 'Whether the Weather'. I wonder if they can recite it to their families at home?



As part of their 'Plant art' topic, children in Year 4 began making flower-shaped clay pots this week. They kneaded the clay, rolled it, cut it using a template and used the score and slip technique to join the petals to make a bowl shape.



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Music Opportunities

Last Friday we were lucky enough to have an assembly from Sarah Hanley, a woodwind teacher. She played some very recognisable tunes for the children from Harry Potter and Peter and the Wolf. If your child is interested in finding out more about learning a woodwind instrument, please speak to Mrs Crease and get an expression of interest letter.



Are you having a sort out of toys and games?

If you are and have any good quality games (Chess, Jenga, Top Trumps, Connect 4 etc) that need a new home, Y5 and Y6 are looking to replenish their wet playtime cupboards. They would be very grateful for any donations you could make. Thank you!

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Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultations are being held on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. Bookings should be made via the Arbor App and will open at 7:00pm tonight and close at 7:00pm on Thursday 13th October.

Please email hello@connordowns.org.uk if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

Children's Hospice South West – Santas on the Run Campaign 2022

The Eden Project are hosting an in person event on behalf of Children's Hospice South West's Christmas fundraising appeal, **Santas on the Run 2022**. Due to the cost of living, the early bird tickets for the fun 2k festive fun run have been reduced to £4.50 for a child and £9.00 for an adult. This gives participants free entry into The Eden Project for the day to experience a wonderful family day out.



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Attendance

Attending school regularly is **so important**, both academically and socially. Children who are absent from school:

- Miss vital learning
- Miss their friends
- Can find it difficult to catch up when they come back

Please see attached to this newsletter, the Aspire School Attendance Booklet, detailing what we will be doing as a school to monitor attendance.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk

We thank you for your support and understanding.

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	97.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 7th October 2022

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Friday 14th October** 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 – Maisie

For being very creative at the art table, making and drawing lots of beautiful autumn pictures. Well done Maisie!

Year 1 – Dylan S

For his excellent attitude towards his learning in every subject. Dylan has been outstanding in his phonics and writing this week. Well done Dylan!

Year 2 – Imogen

For always giving 100% to everything she attempts and for her beautiful handwriting. Keep up this great enthusiasm Imogen!

Year 3 – Joseph

For super participation in the Savvy Dance workshop. He showed amazing effort to learn the dance moves. Well done Joseph!

Year 4 – Eden-Lily

For settling back so well into school life and giving her all in every subject. Well done Eden-Lily!

Year 5 – Reuben

For demonstrating great behaviour for learning in class and on the football pitch. Well done Reuben!

Year 6 – Seth

For being a superb ambassador for our school at Hayle Academy, assisting other children and being a role model to others. Well done Seth!

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Writer – Kingsley (Year 1)

For the amazing progress in his confidence when he is writing and the effort he shows with his handwriting which is lovely and neat. Well done Kingsley!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jago (Year R)

For demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm during phonics. Well done Jago!

KS2 Reader – Flora (Year 6)

For consistently reading over and above your target which is having an impact on the vocabulary you are using in your writing. Well done Flora!

Mathematician – Jacob H (Year 3)

For brilliant independent work, learning place value with numbers up to 1000. Well done Jacob!

Performer – Kiani (Year 4)

For her amazing work playing her trumpet in our brass lessons this week. Mrs Burden was really impressed. Well done Kiani!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Charlie M (Year 6)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Charlie's total was 28,450 steps. Well done Charlie!

Citizen – Mia (Year 5)

For always offering to help. Your efforts are much appreciated. Well done Mia!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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Transfer to Secondary School – September 2023



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The
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applications is
31 October
2022

Transfer to secondary school

September 2023

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2023**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1

Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school. When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school**. Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to transport to school.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2

Submit your application by **31 October 2022**

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3

Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 1 March 2023**. **Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Starting School – September 2023



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Starting school September 2023

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019

Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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2 Submit your application by **15 January 2023**

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If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 17 April 2023. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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Online Information Briefings

-  29TH SEPT 2022, 4.00PM-5.00PM
-  19TH OCT 2022, 4.00PM-5.00PM
-  15TH NOV 2022, 3.30PM-4.30PM
-  7TH DEC 2022, 3.30PM-4.30PM



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