



Friday 19th April 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to welcome all our children back for what is planned to be a very busy and exciting summer term.



Artist Visit

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Textile Artist, Jenni Burrows to Connor Downs Academy. Jenni took on the challenge of working across the school with pupils from EYFS through to Year 6.

Jenni began by showing the children her own mixed media work and sketchbooks. The children then set to work creating their own art work looking at the still life objects set up by Jenni. The children were very busy using collage, drawing and mixing paint. It was fantastic to see the different age groups working alongside each other.

The final work will be put together as a collaborative piece to be photographed and hung in the school.

A big thank you to Jenni who gave her time and materials to the school. Thanks also to Hayle Plants who donated plants for the still life and also Elles Salon in Hayle who donated card

for the art day.



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Year 3 – Dance Sessions

On Wednesday, Year 3 had a great morning workshop with Rosie from Mounts Bay Academy. They began by learning to warm up and stretch before learning to create movement and connections linked to forces to their learning in science. The children were very excited as they performed their sequences to music. This is the first of 6 sessions during this half term where the children will learn to

develop new skills. Thank you to Rosie for a great first session!



Digital Champions

At the end of last term, members of Year 5 wrote letters to Mrs Crease to apply to become 'Digital Champions'.

Mrs Crease and Mrs Eddy were so impressed with the quality of the application letters that we now have 13 digital champions working on a rota system!

They are currently supporting Mrs Crease by ensuring the chromebooks and iPads in school are plugged in and ready for use each day. They have all had great suggestions for how to support other pupils in their role and will be working with Mrs Crease to decide how they can develop the role of a 'Digital Champion'.



Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between Monday 13th May and Thursday 16th May. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

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Family Support Advice

Available from our school's link **Family Worker, Jana Cowan-Dickie** on any issues that may be affecting your family.

They offer you a friendly, supportive service that meets your needs or introduces you to a service that can help you. They also offer parenting courses and information on these can also be given.

If you feel you need some friendly advice or any kind of family support, please contact school and we will arrange for you to meet with Jana at a booked slot between **08:45am and 10:45am on Tuesday 30th April.**

To book, please contact hello@connordowns.org.uk and Mrs Gallagher will reserve you a place. Booking deadline is **Friday 26th April.** Thank you.

Autism Café

We are looking forward to hosting the first Autism Café here at Connor Downs Academy next Monday, 22nd April. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have booked a place.

If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions the next Autism Café for Aspire schools situated in the west area of Cornwall is being held on **Thursday 2nd May** from **1:30pm to 3:00pm** at Grade-Ruan C of E Primary School.

A representative from county's Autism team will be in attendance. The cafe is open to any parent/carer of CURRENT ASPIRE ACADEMY TRUST PUPILS and is an opportunity to share any concerns you have about your child with professionals and to meet other parents in a similar position.

To book, please contact hello@connordowns.org.uk and Mrs Gallagher will reserve you a place. Booking deadline is **Thursday 25th April.** Thank you.

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Diary Dates

Monday 22nd April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 1
 Monday 29th April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 2
 Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY – **School Closed**
 Thursday 9th May – Friday 10th May – Year 4 – Camp Kernow residential
 Monday 13th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 3
 Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs
 Monday 20th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 4
 Tuesday 21st May – Science morning for parents/carers – more information to follow.
 Thursday 23rd May – FOCDA Discos – more information to follow.
 Friday 24th May – Last Day of first half of summer term – **3:15pm FINISH**

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

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	19th 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.

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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	97.1 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 19th April 2024

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 summer term, on **Friday 26th April** 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 – Adam

For sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge about a range of minibeads to the rest of the class. Well done, Adam!

Year 1 – Levan

For his excellent attitude towards all his learning. Levan always gives 100% effort and enjoys an extra challenge. Well done, Levan!

Year 2 – Kingsley

For his enthusiastic and dedicated approach to all his work with outstanding results. Well done, Kingsley!

Year 3 – Lissi

For her great attitude to learning giving 100% and showing kindness to her class, always stepping in to help and organise learning equipment. Well done, Lissi!

Year 4 – Charlie B

For showing excellent behaviour for learning, diligence, perseverance and a helpful classroom manner. Well done, Charlie!

Year 5 – Zoey

For her amazing shading to make her graffiti so effective. Well done, Zoey!

Year 6 – Unique

For putting your excellent creativity skills to good use during our art workshop this week. Well done, Unique!

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Writer – Oscar (Year 3)

For working so hard to improve his writing and use a legible joined style. His efforts are really starting to pay off. Well done, Oscar!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Brodie (Year 1)

For his amazing progress in his reading. Brodie has developed a real passion for reading which is lovely to see. He enjoys reading his phonics books and sharing stories with his peers and adults in school. Well done, Brodie!

KS2 Reader – Amelia H (Year 6)

For having a really positive attitude towards her reading this year. Well done, Amelia!

Mathematician – Jacob H (Year 4)

For always being ready to offer his mathematical ideas and suggestions and for his excellent progress in maths. Well done, Jacob!

Numbots/Rock Star – Oliver (Year 2)

For regularly and skilfully showing his maths understanding on Numbots and achieving first place. Well done, Oliver!

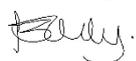
Performer – Victoria (Year R)

For showing fantastic co-ordination and balance during our Balance Bike session. Well done, Victoria!

Character – Bella (Year 5)

For her positive attitude towards every aspect of school life. Bella is always ready with a smile on her face to brighten everyone's day. Well done, Bella!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

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Hayle Academy – Super Saturday Events

Year 5 and Year 6 – Drama Club

An opportunity for current Year 5 and Year 6 students to attend a Drama Club on Mondays from 15:30 – 16:30 dates 22nd April – 1st July (excluding school/bank holidays) if they wish to attend please can the Google form be completed: <https://forms.gle/EPPHgExjZspF7Whj8>

Summer Super Saturday Events – Year 4 and Year 5

This is aimed at students in current years 4 and 5. Please complete the Google form using the below:

- DT Egg Drop Challenge Saturday 27th April
- <https://forms.gle/x53p5EJribVDj7JM7>
- Creative Writing Saturday 11th May
- <https://forms.gle/UGuFY9sQYxxLPJqGk>



Super Saturday Events for Years 4 and 5

DT EGG DROP CHALLENGE
Put your problem solving and engineering skills to the test in this fun and creative challenge!
Saturday 27th April 10am - 12pm

CREATIVE WRITING
Calling all budding authors; Develop skills in creative writing and learn how to take inspiration from the things around you in this interactive workshop.
Saturday 11th May 10am - 12pm



PK PORTHCUENO
MUSEUM OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

PLANET PK CHAMPIONS
PLANET PK VS PLASTICS

SAT 20 APRIL | CLORE LEARNING SPACE | 10:30 - 12:00

Something fishy is going on with our single use plastics, so this month we'll be getting creative and giving plastic bags a second life! Come and transform your everyday carrier bags into charming fish windsocks and see them fly in the wind. Please bring a clean plastic bag from home to recycle into something new.

Planet PK Champions is our free, monthly, environmental club for families. Meet us in the Clore Learning Space, PK. Free parking in our car park for all attendees.

Visit www.pkporthcurno.com/planetpk for further information about Planet PK Champions.

PKPorthcurno.com | PKPorthcurno, Eastern House, Penzance, Cornwall, TR19 4LX | PKPorthcurno

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The next Planet PK Champions activity for 7 – 12 year olds and their families is taking place on Saturday, 20th April between 09:30am and 12:00pm.

Please see poster for further details.

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National Cricket Programmes – All Stars and Dynamos in Cornwall 2024

Registrations are now open for both the All Stars and Dynamos Cricket Programmes.

Cornwall currently has 39 club centres running the summer programmes.

Cornwall Cricket have continued their Support Fund for National Programmes for those with a need to apply for free places to any programme run in Cornwall. Please note, there is limited funding available, so if you are interested, please use the link below for further information.



Support Fund for National Programmes

Junior Cricket at Hayle Cricket Club – Summer 2024

Please see poster for the amazing opportunities on offer at Hayle Cricket Club this summer.

There are opportunities for all ages, abilities and for boys and girls.

Hayle Cricket Club is one of 39 centres across Cornwall offering the All Stars and Dynamos Programmes mentioned above.




All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds
Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June & 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd July 5.00pm – 5.45pm
Book via: www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars

Dynamos Cricket for 8-11 year olds
Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th June & 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd July 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Book via: www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket



Calling 8-11 year-olds
Register today



Hayle CC Hardball U11s, U13s & U15s
U13s & U15s (School Years 7 to 10) – Monday 6.00pm – 7.30pm from **22nd April**.
U11s (School Years 4, 5 & 6) – Tuesday 6.00pm – 7.30pm from **23rd April**.
Just turn up & register at the first session.

Boys and Girls Welcome to All Sessions

Contact Tim Marrion for more info:
07817 743633 / timmarrion@me.com



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