



Thursday 8th February 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. The final week of this half term has been incredibly busy with lots of exciting events taking place. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 19th February 2024.



Year 5/6 Football

Report by Harry, Year 5



On Wednesday afternoon our Year 5/6 football team played in a football tournament hosted by Mounts Bay Academy. They played against multiple teams with Alfie scoring a hat-trick in one match which Connor won 5 – 1. Archie V played really well on the left wing and gave Harry lots of chances which were blocked but eventually Harry scored. Year 6 also played really well and everyone had a good time. We appreciate Mr Costello and all the parents/carers coming to help us and cheer us on.

We are so proud of every member of the team who represented Connor Downs and showed great determination and teamwork, Well done to you all!

Swimming Success

We are delighted to share an amazing swimming achievement by one of our Year 5 pupils who swims with Truro Swimming Club. Spanning two weekends at the end of January and the beginning of February, taking place at Penzance and Bodmin Leisure Centres respectively, he achieved a total of 12 medals; 2 x 1st place, 9 x 2nd place and 1 x 3rd place. These medals were gained over a variety of distances and across all four strokes. We are so proud of all his achievements, well done!



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Year 2 – Weaving



The children in Year 2 enjoyed using natural materials this week to weave some lovely pictures filling the classroom with a touch of spring.



Cornish Pirates – Year 5 and Year 6

On **Monday 19th February**, the Cornish Pirates will be coming into school to work with the Year 5 and Year 6 classes. Please ensure your child has a warm PE kit with them for that day. Thank you for your support.

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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TTRS/Numbots

We're excited that your child has both a Times Tables Rock Stars and NumBots account! To learn all about Times Tables Rock Stars and download free resources to help your child, please visit the dedicated parent/carer information page here -

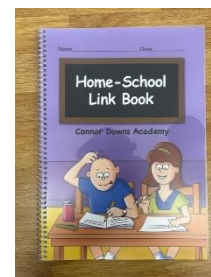
[TTRS Parents & Carers](#)



Encourage your child to engage with the programme regularly. The guiding principle should be "little and often", e.g. three - five minutes, four or five times a week (spaced practice is more effective than blocked practice). Thank you for your continued support.

Home-School Link Books

A reminder to all parents/carers to please ensure your child/children has their Home-School Link book in school with them every day. This book is a key resource for communication between parents/carers and staff.



Listening to Your Child/Children Read at Home



In response to parent feedback, you will find a few recommendations of the types of comments you may wish to make in your child's Home-School Link book. The intention is to aid communication between school and home and to support your child in their reading journey. As always, we would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	99.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	98.0 %
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 4	97.5 %
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 5	97.5 %

Shine Celebrations

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

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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 23rd 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 – Caleb

For amazing the class with his 2 x table skills. Well done, Caleb!

Year 1 – Charlie

For the development in his confidence to share his ideas, answers and knowledge in all subjects during shared learning. Well done, Charlie!

Year 2 – Oliver

For excellent progress in maths and applying skills to solve new challenges. Well done, Oliver!

Year 3 – Zak L

For using great vocabulary in science when learning about plants and seed formation. Well done, Zak!

Year 4 – Billy

For his fantastic attitude and behaviour for learning. Billy is always ready to share his ideas and suggestions with the class. Well done, Billy!

Year 5 – Malyka

For her increased confidence and participation during shared problem solving in maths. Well done, Malyka!

Year 6 – Solomon

For having a positive attitude towards your maths during the Year 6 afterschool workshops. Well done, Solomon!

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Writer – Sydney (Year 4)

For producing an amazing formal letter of complaint. Well done, Sydney!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Spencer (Year 2)

For excellent progress in reading and using new vocabulary in written activities. Well done, Spencer!

KS2 Reader – Unique (Year 6)

For working so hard on her reading and achieving an amazing AR star quiz score. Well done, Unique!

Mathematician – Elsie B (Year 3)

For always being ready to answer questions on number facts in our daily Spiral Maths. Well done, Elsie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Archie V (Year 5)

For an incredible 3,965 correct answers in a week of 4 days! Well done, Archie!

Performer – Connor (Year R)

For demonstrating fantastic balancing shapes on the apparatus during PE. Well done, Connor!

Character – James (Year 1)

For always showing impeccable manners, making him a good role model for his peers. Well done, James!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School