

Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a busy and exciting time in school this week, with pupils settling well into their new classes.



Zen Educate – Thank you!

Over the summer we were delighted to have some amazing PE equipment donated from one of our supply agencies, Zen Educate. The equipment will be used to support our Nurture provision at lunchtimes. We would like to say a huge thank you to Kendra and her team at

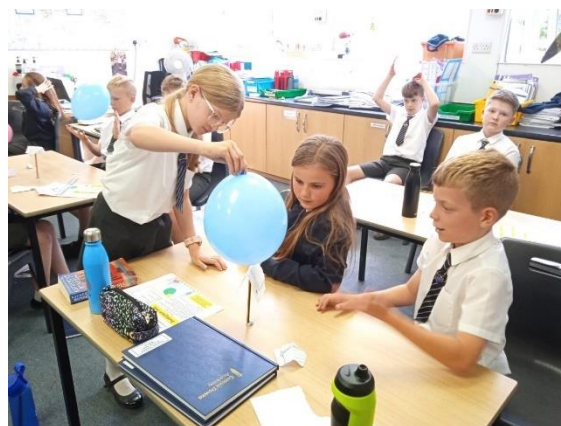
Zen, who kindly donated the equipment.



Year 6 – Science



In Science this week, Year 6 have enjoyed exploring static electricity using balloons. It was 'hair-raising' stuff!



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Football – Liam Dart Coaching

On Thursday we welcomed Liam Dart into school to offer football sessions to all year groups during the day. Liam also held girls only sessions before and after school which were well received. We would like to thank Liam for his time.



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Cycle to School Week



Cycle to School Week is back!

Organised by [The Bikeability Trust](https://www.bikeability.org/) and Sustrans, Cycle to School Week is a fantastic opportunity to promote active travel in your schools.

The national event will take place between **25-29 September**, with lots of opportunities to get involved, win prizes, and learn valuable skills for all ages.

Make a pledge to cycle more and WIN!



This year, children and their families can make a pledge to cycle more during Cycle to School Week and beyond. Pledges are being accepted from **now** until Friday 25th September.

Participants are asked to fill in the online form to make a pledge using the following link: [Cycle to School Week Pledge](https://www.cycletotheworld.org.uk/)

Each pledge will be entered into a **prize draw** to win fantastic prizes from Bikeability partners.



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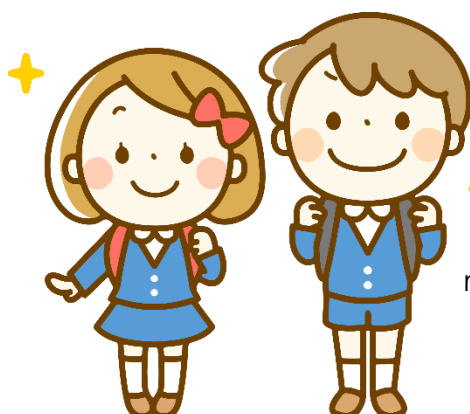
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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.

Secondary School Open Evenings



We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Event 2023.

Explore our main campus, meet our passionate teachers and explore the unique opportunities we have on offer. The whole school will be open for self-guided tours from 5.30-8.30pm. You can also book a slot for the welcome address with Principal Mrs Emma Haase BEd(Hons). Please note that due to the popularity of

this presentation, we will need to limit numbers. Sessions will be booked on a first come, first served basis at 5.45pm to 6.15pm or 6.30pm to 7pm.

[CSIA Open Evening Booking Link](#)

Parking: Staff car park and overflow car park.

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HAYLE ACADEMY OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER
5pm - 8pm



We inspire
students
to dream big,
to achieve more.

Diary Dates

Monday 18th September – Year 6 Swimming – Week 1
 Monday 18th September – After School Clubs Begin
 Monday 25th September – Year 6 Swimming – Week 2
 Monday 2nd October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 3
 Tuesday 3rd October – Maths Morning – Parents/carers invited (Timings TBC)
 Thursday 5th October – Friends of Connor Downs Academy AGM – 3:30pm
 Monday 9th October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 4
 Tuesday 10th October – Parents Evening (1) – (more information to follow)
 Wednesday 11th October – Parents Evening (2) – (more information to follow)
 Monday 16th October – Tempest Photographs – Individual and Family
 Monday 16th October – Year 6 Swimming – Week 5
 Wednesday 18th October – BAGS2SCHOOL Collection
 Friday 20th October – Last Day of first half of Autumn Term – Finish at 3:15pm

Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for next **Wednesday 18th October**. Bags will be sent home with children once they have been received.

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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After School Clubs

After school clubs will begin next week. A list of clubs available has been emailed home to all parents/carers with booking open until Sunday evening at 7pm to sign up. We still have space on most of the clubs, so if your child is interested, please sign up.

If we do not have enough interest in a particular club, then it will not run. If you miss the deadline or your child, at a later date, decides they would like to attend a club, please see Mrs Gallagher in the school office and if there is space, your child can be added from the next session.

With regard to My Chance to Dance, being held on a Monday, this can be joined at any time. Please use the link below to book your child's place with Miss Jess.

<https://app.classmanager.com/portal/steren-school-of-ballet/register>



New Ballet School opening in the heart of Cornwall

Stere School of Ballet

Giving every dancer a chance to shine

Reach for the Stars Ballet Classes from birth to school age.

Graded Ballet Classes

Pre Pointe and Pointe classes

Graded Contemporary Classes

Adult Ballet and Dance Fitness

Classes starting September 2023 at Evolve Studio, Pool and St Day's Enterprise Centre

Principal: Miss Jessica Lily Chance.
A professionally trained ballet and dance Teacher who is coming home to open her own ballet school and follow her dreams

info@sterenballet.co.uk
www.sterenballet.co.uk
07345129358

Scan the QR Code for our website, social media, timetable and lots more!

Miss Jess also runs Steren School of Ballet with classes outside of school for all ages. Please see poster for further details if you or anyone you know is interested.

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Primary Teacher Training

Start your journey now!

Train to teach with Aspire Academy Trust,
in partnership with Cornwall SCITT.

Achieve Qualified Teacher Status + PGCE
validated by Bath Spa University.

**Applications open 10th October 2023,
for courses starting September 2024.**

Meet us and find out more

- 26TH SEPT 2023, 3.30PM - 4.30PM, ONLINE
- 17TH OCT 2023, 4.00PM - 5.00PM, ONLINE
- 21ST NOV 2023, 2.00PM - 4.00PM (DROP IN),
ASPIRE ACADEMY TRUST OFFICE, ST AUSTELL
- 13TH DEC 2023, 4.00PM - 5.00PM, ONLINE



More info/to book:
www.aspireacademytrust.org/ITT

[Train to Teach - Primary Teacher Training in Cornwall \(aspireacademytrust.org\)](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org)

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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 1	99.6 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 2	99.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	99.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	98.8 %

Congratulations to everyone this week as every year group reached our target attendance of 97% or above. Well done!

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 15th September 2023

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 22nd September 2023** 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 – Ava R

For producing beautiful, detailed artwork. Ava comes to school every day with a smile. Well done, Ava!

Year 1 – Brodie

For settling in so well to year 1 and making an excellent start in all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Brodie!

Year 2 – Harrison

For his hard work and love of learning. Harrison has had a great start to Year 2. Well done, Harrison!

Year 3 – Mia

For excellent work on times tables. Mia is always gives 100% and is ready to learn. Well done, Mia!

Year 4 – Theo

For regularly contributing to lessons and always being keen to work his hardest. Well done, Theo!

Year 5 – Mabel

For producing her detailed book about the solar system independently. Well done, Mabel!

Year 6 – Lily-Mae

For exceptional maths work during our place value unit. Lily-Mae is 100% focused and this is showing in her work. Well done, Lily-Mae!

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Writer – Ben (Year 6)

For a beautifully written application letter to become a prefect. Well done, Ben!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Coco (Year 2)

For reading her poem so well in front of the whole class. Well done, Coco!

KS2 Reader – Finley (Year 5)

For independently testing and quizzing on his AR books. Well done, Finley!

Mathematician – Drake (Year 1)

For showing a great understanding of sorting objects within 10 and for sharing his knowledge with others. Well done, Drake!

Rock Star – Tommy (Year 3)

For spending the most amount of time on TTRS this week in Year 3. Well done, Tommy!

Performer – Jobie (Year R)

For showing great skills and co-ordination during our football session yesterday with Liam. Well done, Jobie!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Zoey (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Zoey's total was an amazing 34,697 steps. Well done, Zoey!

Character – Leo (Year 4)

For always showing such great awareness of others and impressing the adults in the class with your impeccable manners. Well done, Leo!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Transfer to Secondary School – September 2024



Together 
for Families

The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2023

Transfer to secondary school

September 2024

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

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **secondary school** place for **September 2024**

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 home to school travel assistance.

...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 2023**

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 2024. 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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**15 January
2024**

Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in
a reception class for
children born between
1 September 2019 and
31 August 2020



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 2024

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