



Friday 4th October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another exciting time in school this week.

Year 6 – World War II Presentation

On Tuesday, the children in Year 6 welcomed Mr Gallagher into class as part of their History lesson, to give a presentation on World War I and World War II. Mr Gallagher brought with him a number of artefacts including a quill, a de-commissioned rifle and coins, as well as lots of other interesting items. The children were very enthusiastic and asked many questions, which were met by very knowledgeable responses from Mr Gallagher. They were even lucky enough to read some of the entries from the schools log book which was kept during the war.

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Gallagher for visiting us and helping bring this era of history to life for the children.



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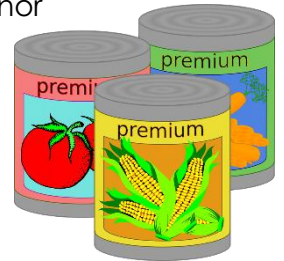
Friends of Connor Downs Academy – AGM

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their AGM **next Monday, 7th October at 3:30pm**. They are looking to recruit some new members, to help in arranging and facilitating fundraising events to be able to support the children in our school with resources and opportunities. **The Friends are in desperate need of someone to volunteer for the Secretary role, without which, the organisation cannot continue.** With ever decreasing budgets in all schools, it is becoming even more important for charities like the Friends, to be able to help schools to support a variety of ways to extend the opportunities available to all children. No experience is required and a full hand over will be in place with lots of support from current committee members.

If you are interested in either becoming a committee member or in becoming the new secretary, in the first instance, please contact the Friends via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk. Thank you.

Harvest Assemblies

Next week, we will be holding our Harvest Assemblies for our pupils. This year, we are politely requesting parents/carers to send in either a tin or packet of food with their child/children that we can then donate to the Connor Downs Food Cupboard as part of the Harvest celebrations. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to our Academy and our local community.



Parent Consultations

The booking portal via the Arbor App is now open, closing at 09:00am, Monday 14th October. If you do not have access to the Arbor App, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk for a new link to be sent to you.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Parent Consultations are being held on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October 2024. Appointments will run in 10-minute intervals with the first appointments at 15:30 and the final appointments at 17:50. All appointments will take place in your child's classroom, with their books being available for you to review either while you wait, during the appointment or afterwards.

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Year R only

For Year R, appointments with Mrs Bartaby will be held on Wednesday 15th October only. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at 15:10 and the final appointment at 17:50. All Year R appointments will be held in the main school office.

Year 1 only

For Year 1, appointments with Miss Pedlar will be held on Tuesday 16th October only to allow Miss Pedlar to access her chemotherapy treatment. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at 13:00 and the final appointment at 17:50. All Year 1 appointments will be held in the main school office.

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

At the start of each parent/carer evening, Jana Cowan-Dickie, Family Worker for Cornwall Council, will be available in the hall to meet with parents/carers to introduce herself as the Family Support Link Worker for Connor Downs Academy. Please see information below. If you would like to book an appointment to speak with Jana, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk

Tempest Photos

Tempest will be coming into school on Wednesday, 23rd October to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like a sibling photo with siblings not attending Connor Downs Academy, **please arrive at the school office at 8:20am** to sign in. The photographer will be ready to take photos from 08:30am. You will be given a number and photos will be taken first to enable parents/carers to get younger/older siblings to nursery/school. Children with siblings within Connor Downs Academy will have their photos taken during the morning. Please can we ask that all children come to school on the day looking extra smart in their full school uniforms and black school shoes. Thank you.



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Reminders

As the weather has turned more autumnal, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child/children come to school with a warm, waterproof coat every day. We are encouraging the children to get some fresh air at all break and lunch times as well as taking advantage of our amazing outdoor area during lesson times, so it is vital that your child has a coat to wear to keep them as dry and warm as possible.

Naturally, with the colder weather comes more illness, in terms of colds, sickness bugs etc. If your child/children has/have a bout of sickness or diarrhoea, the school policy is the requirement for them to be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last occurrence.

Please can we also remind parents/carers, that if your child/children is/are absent from school due to illness, please ensure you telephone the school every morning they are absent and leave a message on the absence line giving full details of the illness. We have staff and children in school with weakened immune systems that need to be kept away from certain illnesses. Thank you.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.



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Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do is:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30th November 2024

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.

Parking

Please can we politely request all parents/carers when dropping off and collecting their children at any time, including for breakfast club, ensure they do not block residents driveways, or access roads/lanes at any time. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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Transfer to Secondary School – Deadline for applications: 31st October 2024



CORNWALL COUNCIL *one and all - ones together!* **Together for Families**

Transfer to secondary school
September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2024**

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



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Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

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 2024

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: 3 March 2025. 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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Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	99.6 %
2 nd Place	Year R	98.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below 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 of the autumn term, on **Friday 11th October 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 – Imogen

For making great progress when forming her letters. Imogen can write her name independently. Well done, Imogen!

Year 1 – Frankie

For his amazing attitude towards all his learning. Frankie gives all aspects of his learning all his efforts, especially when he is challenged. Well done, Frankie!

Year 2 – Destiny

For perseverance and having excellent resilience in her learning. Well done, Destiny!

Year 3 – Alfie

For showing super behaviour for learning, particularly in his reading and phonics work in class. Well done, Alfie!

Year 4 – Mia

For always being ready to learn. Great listening, great application and great attitude! Well done, Mia!

Year 5 – Carter

For being so focussed and independent in all of his lessons.

Year 6 – Oscar

For showing great resilience when completing your reading test. Well done, Oscar!

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Writer – Kingsley (Year 3)

For using fantastic verbs and adverbs when re-writing the end of our class story: Fox Friends. Well done, Kingsley!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Delilah (Year 1)

For an amazing effort with her phonics, using her sounding out to help her read in every lesson. Well done, Delilah!

KS2 Reader – Elowen (Year 4)

For consistently meeting her reading targets both in school and at home. Well done, Elowen!

Mathematician – Olivia (Year R)

For showing fantastic confidence when counting and recognising numbers to 10. Well done, Olivia!

Numbots/Rock Star – Linkcon (Year 5)

For winning over 2000 coins on TTRS this week. Well done, Linkcon!

Performer – Sienna S (Year 2)

For sharing her fantastic sketching techniques in Art with the class. Well done, Sienna!

Character – Bella (Year 6)

For being thoughtful and calm whilst completing a brilliant piece of art work. Well done, Bella!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School