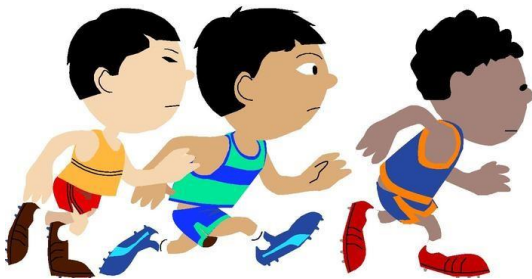
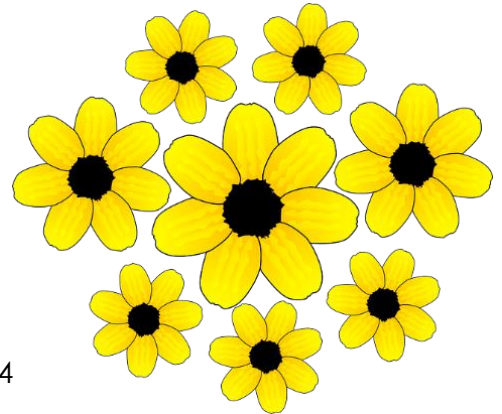


Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had an incredibly full and exciting week across our academy.



Cross Country

Cross country report from Year 4 pupils:

'On Monday 30th January, we went to cross country at St Ives RFC. Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 represented Connor Downs Academy in the Year 4 girls, Year 4

boys, Year 5 girls, Year 6 girls and Year 6 boys races. Year 4 had to run one lap of the rugby field and one lap of the football field then each year group after that had to run further. Every runner did an amazing job. We would like to thank the adults who took us and all the parents who came to support us.'

Everyone showed great determination and resilience and we are very proud of them all.



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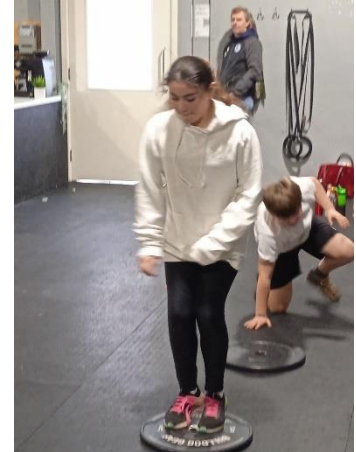
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Year 6 – Cross Fit



This week, Year 6 have had the chance to enjoy the first of three Cross-fit sessions in Penzance. The children's reactions when entering the gym were brilliant - faced with ropes, balance bars and all manner of interesting equipment, they were very excited to get started.



They completed an obstacle course to warm up and then learned how to build strength and balance with some wall exercises. They finished off with a quick game of volleyball with forfeits.

We can't wait for next week - once their achy legs have recovered!

Year 6 – Newquay Zoo



Learning about different animals and how species show variation, on Wednesday, Year 6 spent the day at the zoo! A favourite animal was a capybara named Johnson!

The children learnt about habitats and the conservation work the zoo takes part in. They enjoyed a workshop about evolution, where they learnt

about the different patterns the stripes form on a giraffe and about Charles Darwin.

The children's enthusiasm and excitement were clear to see. Thank you to Mrs Chapman and Mr Lewis for supporting Year 6 on this visit.



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Year 2 – Newquay Zoo



Year 2 enjoyed their school trip to Newquay Zoo on Thursday. The children were so excited and asked amazing questions, during their educational workshop sessions. The trip will support and enhance their geography theme, On Safari, back in the classroom. Thank you to the adults that joined us, for your help. A wonderful day was enjoyed by all.

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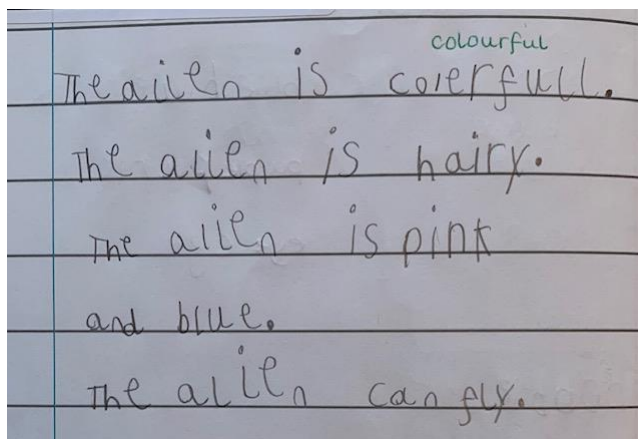
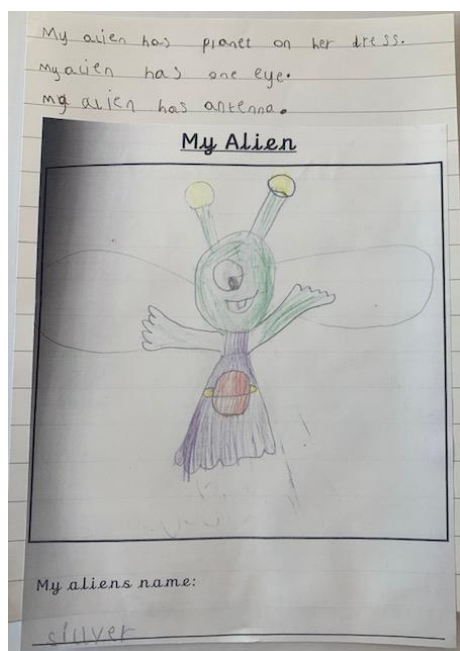
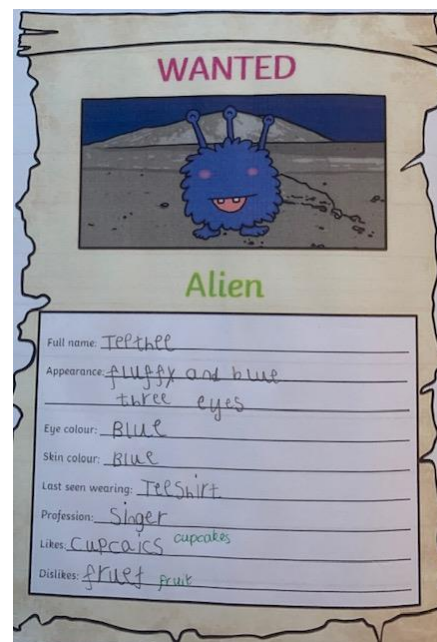
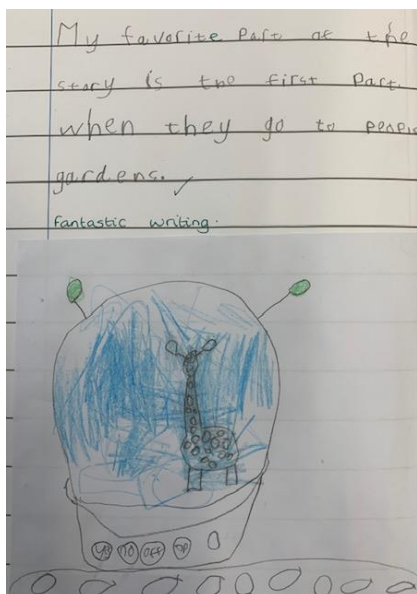
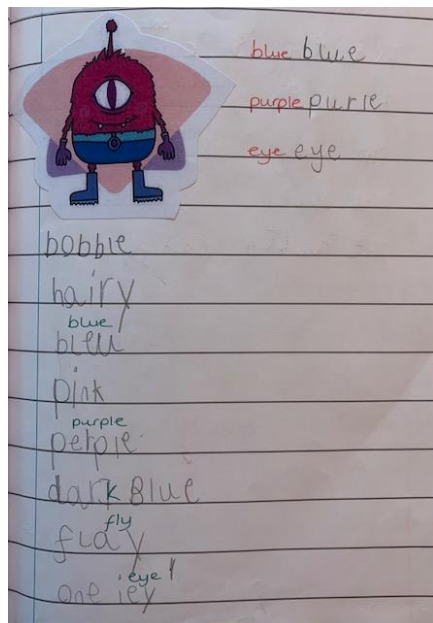
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Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying reading the story 'Aliens love underpants'. We have drawn pictures and written about our favourite part of the story. We have then moved on to describing different aliens, made wanted posters and finally created our own alien and wrote a character description.



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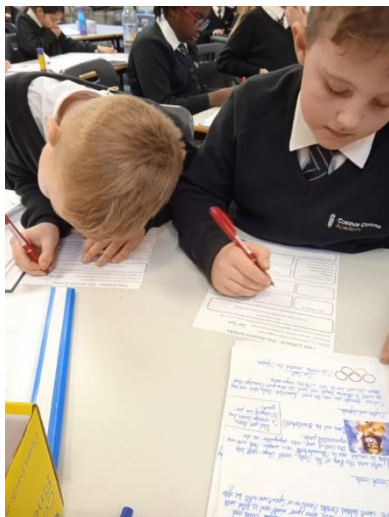


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Year 5 – Chinese Art and Big Write on the Greeks

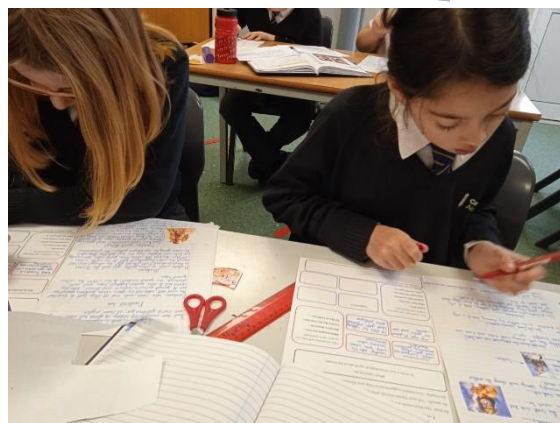


Cornwall Men's Under10's Gymnastic Champion



On Saturday, one of our Year 5 pupils went to Cornwall men's gymnastics championships held at Penryn Gymnastics centre. He performed superbly and supported all the other gymnasts amazingly.

We are delighted to share that having won Gold on vault, pommel, high bars and rings, silver on parallel bars and bronze on the floor, he deservedly came away as County Under 10's Champion! We are all so proud of his drive, resilience and professionalism – Well done!



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Children's Mental Health Week – 6th – 12th February 2023

**Wear Your Scarf to School Day – Thursday 9th
February 2023**



To support Children's Mental Health Week, we are inviting all our children, staff and parents/carers when dropping off and collecting their children, to wear a scarf to school. We will be joining with other schools throughout the country to celebrate the SCARF (**S**afety, **C**aring, **A**chievement, **R**esilience, **F**riendship) values that promote children's health and wellbeing.



Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the spring term disco will take place on **Thursday, 9th February 2023**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

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Illness - A reminder of when you should keep your child off school



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Strep throat



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Advice and guidance
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Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	99.5 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	98.5 %
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 2	96.4 %
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 5	96.4 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

Please note, due to next Friday, 10th February being an Inset Day and closed to students, Shine will be held on Thursday 9th February at the usual time. Thank you.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 3rd February 2023

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly, on **Thursday 9th February** 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 – Noah V

For showing lots of enthusiasm and perseverance during Bike Balance this week. Well done, Noah!

Year 1 – Cecily

For her impressive attitude towards her learning and her eagerness to showcase her writing skills which are improving all the time. Well done, Cecily!

Year 2 – Mackenzie

For excellent reasoning and number bond skills which Mackenzie explained and demonstrated in front of our maths lead visitor. Well done, Mackenzie!

Year 3 – Ruan

For his super use of technical words when writing a report about how volcanoes erupt. Well done, Ruan!

Year 4 – George

For always showing great behaviour for learning and regularly contributing to lessons. Well done, George!

Year 5 – Chester

For his positive attitude and determination in maths intervention. Well done, Chester!

Year 6 – Rhys

For an impressively positive attitude towards school. Well done, Rhys!

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Writer – James (Year R)

For using his phonological knowledge to write a fantastic sentence about a Polar bear. Well done, James!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Piran (Year 1)

For his amazing progress in his reading and phonics lessons. Piran shows his passion for reading by reading at home every night. Well done, Piran!

KS2 Reader – Sam (Year 4)

For reading every night without fail. Sam is a great role model for his peers. Keep up the great work Sam, well done!

Mathematician – Carter (Year 3)

For using amazing calculating skills to explain how to solve a reasoning challenge
Well done, Carter!

Performer – Reuben (Year 2)

For excellent behaviour for learning and being a wonderful role model on our class trip to Newquay Zoo. Well done, Reuben!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Violet (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Violet's total was an incredible 45,482 steps. Well done, Violet!

Citizen – Reuben (Year 5)

For always being a great role model at lunchtimes. Reuben helps show other children how to play nicely and is always on hand to tidy the huff and puff equipment away. All Lunch staff are so proud of Reuben and his help. Thank you, Reuben!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
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