



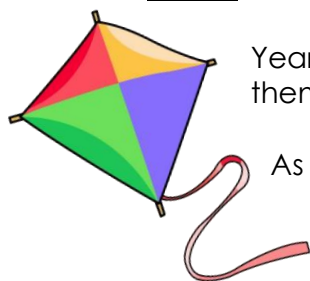
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another busy and exciting week in our academy.



## Year 2



Year 2 have been busy writing weather poems and performing them in front of their peers.

As part of their homework grid tasks the children made kites and explored materials that they could use to construct them. This linked to their science.

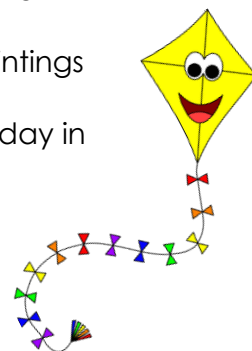
In art, the children explored art in nature and created rock paintings and patterns.

It is lovely to enjoy their work every day in the classroom.

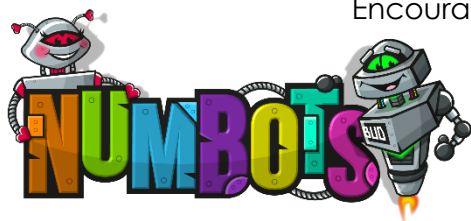


## TTRS/Numbots

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.



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## Year R

Reception Class had an amazing morning learning how to make hot chocolate outside with Mr Turnham, Outdoor Education Lead, Aspire.



## Cross Country

Our Year 5 and Year 6 cross country teams participated in the primary league at St Ives Rugby Club on Tuesday afternoon. All those who took part showed great determination, embracing the challenge and never giving up. Well done to everyone involved, we are incredibly proud of you all!



## Year 6

Year 6 visited Falmouth University on Thursday where they enjoyed a tour of the campus and were able to ask questions about what people do at a University. The class then took part in a workshop with first year sustainable product design students, where they designed products to



help the environment. These designs will then be turned into prototypes and displayed at the university at an open evening at the end of March which parents and carers are welcome to attend.



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## Inset Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

A reminder that next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, school is closed to students as we have an INSET Day.



## Menu Change – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Please note, next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, there will be a change to the published menu on ParentPay. Please see poster for options available. Please note, the usual Hot Tomato Pasta and Jacket Potatoes will also be available.

## 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements.

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

**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.

**Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. Thank you.**

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.**

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	98.4 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 2	97.3 %

## Shine Celebrations

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

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 – Nola**

For her enthusiasm and understanding with finding 1 more and 1 less. Well done, Nola!

### **Year 1 – Isaac**

For his amazing knowledge and fact sharing about Neil Armstrong. Well done, Isaac!

### **Year 2 – Emilia**

For all her hard work and careful listening. Emilia is making great progress with her reading and writing. Well done, Emilia!

### **Year 3 – Oscar**

For super work retrieving answers from a Native American creation story. Well done, Oscar!

### **Year 4 – Joseph**

For having super behaviour for learning, particularly during maths. Joseph is always proactive in beginning tasks immediately and persevering to complete his work. Well done, Joseph!

### **Year 5 – George**

For his systematic and diligent approach to multiplying fractions by an integer. Well done, George!

### **Year 6 – Amelia B**

For excellent behaviour and engagement on our visit to Falmouth University and for always working hard in class. Well done, Amelia!

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## **Writer – Robyn (Year R)**

For using her phonics skills to write a fantastic sentence, using a capital letter and full stop. Well done, Robyn!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Nathan (Year 1)**

For the amazing progress he is making in his reading. Nathan is using his blending skills in phonics to help him read our story books. Well done, Nathan!

## **KS2 Reader – Lenny (Year 6)**

For showing such a positive attitude towards his reading. Lenny has almost completed every book in the Harry Potter collection - What a fantastic achievement. Well done, Lenny!

## **Mathematician – Alfie (Year 2)**

For showing confidence when counting in twos and learning the 2 times table. Well done, Alfie!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Ruan (Year 4)**

For obtaining a 100% result in his Times Tables assessment. Ruan is a great role model to his classmates showing how consistently accessing TTRS is supporting his learning. Well done, Ruan!

## **Performer – Zoey (Year 5)**

For her beautifully intricate and detailed sketches in our art topic, Chinese Art! Well done, Zoey!

## **Character – Lola (Year 3)**

For always being so kind and thoughtful, looking after the EYFS children at break times and setting such a positive example to her peers. Well done, Lola!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School