



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 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 5 – Nexus Fish & Chips



This week, Year 5 attended the Nexus campus of Camborne Science and International Academy to take part in a science workshop on Rock Salt. Rock salt is a rock made up of sediment (sand, small rock and salt crystals (sodium chloride)). The children had to remove the dirt and rocks from the salt by grinding the rock salt to very fine pieces with a pestle and mortar, then adding this to 20ml of water and stirring to make all the salt dissolve in the water. This left them with salt water. The next step was to separate the salt from the muddy water. They did this using a funnel made from filtering paper. The filtering paper is a paper that has lots of very small holes in it that only lets water through.

After this filtering, the water had turned from a muddy puddle to crystal clear water. From this salt water they had to use a Bunsen Burner to dissolve the water which left the salt. After around 6 – 8 minutes, the clear water turned to salt, which amazed all the children. They were all fascinated to learn that a mixture is when two or more particles are mixed together but not chemically bonded to each other. **Thank you to Senara for her brilliant recount of the workshop.**

We would like to also thank Nexus for the opportunity to take part in another of their

fantastic workshops and Mrs Allen, Mrs Kevern and Mrs Sleeman for supporting the visit.



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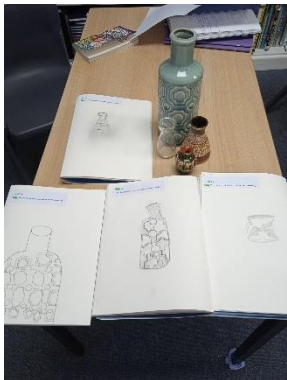
## Year 4 Science

This week in science Year 4 were investigating where does sound come from? They used a variety of objects and found that sounds are made when objects and materials vibrate.



## Year 6 – Art

This week in Art, Year 6 created images of vases using a continuous line. They have also been exploring making shapes and patterns in dough, in preparation for making their own vases in clay next week!



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## 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.

## Internet Safety for Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Internet Safety session on Wednesday. We hope that you found the session informative. Thank you also to Giles Hill, the Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for Aspire Academy Trust.

If you were unable to attend the session, a link to the presentation has been shared in the body of the email sending this newsletter. We would strongly encourage all parents/carers to access this highly important information.

You will also find some leaflets in the main school reception area with different tips and information to support parents/carers when dealing with their children accessing the internet. Please come and help yourself.



## 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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**Bags2School - REMINDER**

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bags2School collection for **next Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

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.



**PLEASE NOTE, THEY WILL NOT TAKE PILLOWS OR DUVETS, THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE BRING BAGS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF COLLECTION AND LEAVE IN THE PLAYGROUND BY THE MINIBUSES WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS. THANK YOU!**

**Attendance**

<b><u>Attendance</u></b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 3	97.7 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	97.6 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.1 %

**Shine Celebrations**

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 19th January 2024

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 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 – Jackson**

For showing fantastic listening skills during phonics. Jackson is now independently reading and writing phase 2 sounds. Well done, Jackson!

### **Year 1 – Destiny**

For working so hard in her Maths, English and Phonics. Destiny is keen to try her best at all times. Well done, Destiny!

### **Year 2 – Ollie**

For the care and attention to detail that he puts into all his work. Ollie always takes a real pride in everything he does. Well done, Ollie!

### **Year 3 – Tommy**

For demonstrating how to use his times tables knowledge to divide a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number with remainders. Well done, Tommy!

### **Year 4 – Ella GW**

For using onomatopoeia and rhyming couplets in her own version of the poem, 'The Sound Collector'. Well done, Ella!

### **Year 5 – Archie V**

For his considered word choices in his version of "The Piano". Archie is really thinking about his work and choosing appropriate vocabulary in his writing. Well done, Archie!

### **Year 6 – Oriana**

For listening carefully, taking her teachers advice and applying it in her work. Ori is making super progress. Well done, Ori!

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### **Writer – Miriam (Year 3)**

For showing great effort and perseverance to improve her spelling knowledge in independent writing. Well done, Miriam!

### **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Remy (Year 2)**

For outstanding effort and reading progress. Remy is regularly reading and this is helping him to access his AR quizzes with increasing confidence. Remy is also applying his learnt vocabulary during his writing. Well Done, Remy!

### **KS2 Reader – Peyton (Year 4)**

For consistently reading above his target. Peyton is showing great progress in all aspects of reading and writing. Well done, Peyton!

### **Mathematician – Charley (Year 6)**

For taking such care in all his work, but particularly in his Maths. Charley has produced a beautifully neat and accurate piece of work this week. Well done, Charley!

### **Numbots/Rock Star – William (Year 1)**

For scoring an amazing 5200 correct answers on Numbots this week. Well done, William!

### **Performer – Jobie (Year R)**

For making and sharing an incredible ice igloo in class as part of our topic. Well done, Jobie!

### **Character – Senara (Year 5)**

For sharing her infectious love of learning. Senara is a great friend and role model to all her peers. Well done, Senara!

Kind regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School