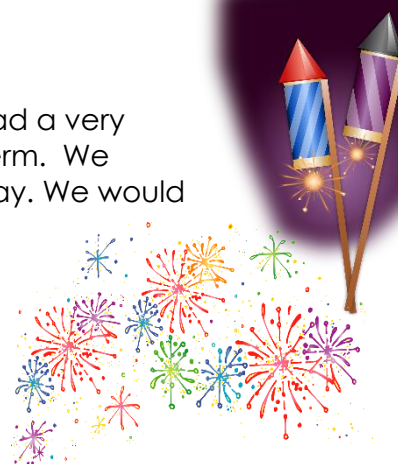


Friday 6th November 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting first week of the second half of the autumn term. We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxation half term holiday. We would like to thank all parents/carers who helped to support their children coming to school yesterday during Storm Ciaran.



Year 1

On Tuesday 31st October, the children in Year 1 enjoyed making fruit kebabs. They were joined by Mr Young, a chef, who shared his culinary experience with them, helping them prepare all the fruit. He also brought in a new fruit called a dragon fruit - it was bright pink with black spots and they got to taste it. They spent time washing, peeling and carefully chopping all the different fruit. After washing and chopping the fruit, the children then created their fruit kebabs with their chosen fruits. They were able to choose from, apple, pear, kiwi, strawberry, orange, banana, pineapple and dragon fruit. The kebabs were really colourful and tasty. We would like to thank Mr Young for helping Year 1 create their fruit kebabs and all the parents and carers for the fabulous amount of fruit donations they received to allow them to have a variety of fruit.



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Year 5 – Minack Theatre



On Wednesday, Year 5 travelled to the Minack Theatre to take part in a workshop linked to their learning in English and History. The weather was incredibly kind to the group and they enjoyed a back stage tour, followed by some warm up theatre games, before composing their own mini performances based on the Titanic. They were all very excited to perform on the world famous Minack Theatre stage. We would like to thank all the staff at the Minack Theatre who made it such a memorable visit.



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Year 6 – Gymnastics

Year 6 have begun their gymnastics unit of PE this week, practising to match their partners actions and develop control over their bodies. As the weeks commence, they will develop their work into sequences with clear beginnings and endings.



Staffing Update

This is to inform you that Mrs Crease has been signed off work for a few weeks. We are sure that you will join with us in wishing Mrs Crease a speedy recovery and we look forward to having Mrs Crease back at Connor very soon. In the meantime, to provide continuity and consistency for the Year 4 children, Mr Foulds has very kindly offered to cover Year 4 full time from Monday 6th November. We have sourced a supply teacher, Mr Atkinson, who will cover Year 1 on Wednesdays, Year 3 on Thursday and Year 5 on Friday mornings starting next week.



Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 12th November, our School Council will lay a wreath on behalf of Connor Downs Academy at Hayle War Memorial as part of the annual service of remembrance. Mrs Eddy and Mrs Kitching will be attending and invite all of our families to join in us at the War Memorial from 10:40am.

Parent/Carer Survey

At Connor Downs Academy, we truly value our parents'/carers' feedback, support and suggestions. Please find below a link to a short survey, that we would kindly ask all parents'/carers' to complete. The survey is open until 3:00pm on Wednesday 8th November 2023. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

[Parent/Carer Survey - November 2023](#)

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Reminders

As the weather has now turned more autumnal, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes 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 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. Thank you.

Attendance

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| <u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97% | | |
| 1 st Place | Year 3 | 98.4 % |
| 2 nd Place | Year 2 | 97.7 % |

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 3rd November 2023

*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 10th November 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 – Victoria

For being creative and imaginative with colours and shapes, when making firework pictures. Well done, Victoria!

Year 1 – Nathan

For his effort and enthusiasm making fruit kebabs and for taking a risk and trying lots of different fruits. Well done, Nathan!

Year 2 – Piran

For excellent number bonds skills when adding and subtracting. Well done, Piran!

Year 3 – Reuben

For showing super enthusiasm for Science when learning about skeletons. Well done, Reuben!

Year 4 – Bella V

For always working hard, contributing to lessons and showing great behaviour for learning!

Year 5 – Jacob

For his effort with his presentation and supporting his friends. Well done, Jacob!

Year 6 – Alice

For taking a lot of care over her English and writing a beautiful diary about Anne Frank. Well done, Alice!

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Writer – Adam (Year R)

For working hard with his letter formation, both in phonics and when using his new English book. Well done, Adam!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Kingsley (Year 2)

For reading with passion and retaining facts and information to use in his writing. Well done, Kingsley!

KS2 Reader – Zoey (Year 5)

For smashing her reading target every night. Well done, Zoey!

Mathematician – Toby (Year 3)

For great work on learning to use One Digit One Square (ODOS) when writing his column additions. Well done, Toby!

Numbots/Rock Star – James (Year 1)

For correctly answering over 4000 questions. Well done, James!

Performer – Max

For confidently reciting numbers from 1 to 30 in French in front of the class. Well done, Max!

Character – Isaac (Year 4)

For sharing thoughtful ways to negotiate and compromise with friends and making links to being respectful. Well done, Isaac!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023

Monday 6th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 1
Monday 13th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 2
Monday 20th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 3
Monday 20th November – Friends of Connor Downs Academy Meeting – All welcome – 3:30pm
Monday 27th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 4
Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December – **FINAL WEEK OF AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**
Thursday 30th November – FOCDA Disco
Monday 4th December – Year 5 Swimming – Week 5
Tuesday 5th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 - 2:00pm start (more details to follow)
Wednesday 6th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church - 5:00pm start (more details to follow)
Thursday 7th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 - 5:00pm start (more details to follow)
Friday 8th December – FOCDA Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas jumper/favourite jumper for a £1 donation (more details to follow)
Friday 8th December – FOCDA Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm start (more details to follow)
Monday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church - 5:00pm start (more details to follow)
Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner
Friday 15th December – Christmas Parties
Friday 15th December – Final Day of Autumn Term – **2:00pm Finish**
Monday 18th December – **Inset Day (School Closed)**
Tuesday 19th December – **Inset Day (School Closed)**

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Thursday 4th January 2024 - First day of Spring term

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