



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are 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 relaxing half term holiday.

## **Reception Class**

The children in Reception Class have enjoyed celebrating the Autumn festival of 'Bonfire Night' this week. They made a pretend fire

using sticks from outside and colourful paper. They then made firework pictures using pastels and paints. The children have also explored the sounds and colours of different fireworks.



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## Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 10th 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, Mrs Bartaby and Mrs Gallagher will be attending and invite all of our families to join us at the War Memorial from 10:30am. Please can all children attending wear full school uniform and a poppy if they have one. Thank you for your

support.

## Bikeability – Final Session Reminder

A reminder to those Year 5 and Year 6 children that their final Bikeability session will take place on Tuesday next week. Please ensure your bike is in school on Tuesday morning.



## Open Afternoon and Online Safety Session

### Online Safety for Parents & Carers

A session to help understand this ever-important area, plus discover Aspire's new collective action initiative for schools and families

Giles Hill  
Digital Strategy  
& Computing Lead



On **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**November**, we are inviting parents/carers, to an open event from **2:00pm** where you can come join your child's class to look at their books and view the classroom. At **2:30pm** parents/carers will move to the hall for an Online Safety session delivered by Giles Hill, Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for the Aspire Academy Trust.

This session will provide parents/carers with useful information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy while accessing materials and services online. The presentation will explain Aspire's new collective action initiative for 2024-25, alongside simple, easy ways to set up devices to achieve a manageable and useful balance.

The session will include:

- Current context of developments
- Aspire's collective action initiative for 2024-25
- Tech preventions and controls
- Questions and Discussion

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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

# Disco

### 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, 21<sup>st</sup> November 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.

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.**

### Christmas Wreath Making

On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Louise from Lou-Lou Belles will be running a wreath making workshop from **6:30pm for adults only**. There are a maximum of 25 spaces available and the cost will be £37.50 per person to include all the materials for you to make a wreath to take home and refreshments.

If you would like to secure a place, please speak to Mrs Gallagher in the school office to complete a booking form. Payments should be made via bank transfer within 48 hours of the booking.



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## Children in Need

Next Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is Children in Need day. We are inviting children to come to school on this day wearing their own clothes/Pudsey items for a donation of their choice which should be paid via ParentPay using the link below. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.



[Children In Need 2024 - Donations](#)

## Scholastic Book Fair

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**



FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the **BOOK FAIR**

A pop-up book-store with hundreds of books from just £2.99

DOG MAN Save £3 £12.99 £9.99

Jonty Gentoo Save £5 £12.99 £7.99

WHEN JELLY HAD A Wobble JUST £2.99

MY BIG FAT POO DIARY £8.99

MICHAEL MORPURGO COBWEB £7.99

TOM GATES FIVE STAR STORIES £7.99

A work of staggering importance.

Date: 11th November to 15th November 2024

Scan the QR code to pay online!

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school every day next week, from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Please do come along and have a look at the fantastic offers available.

All the children will be given the opportunity with their classes, to look around the book fair during the day.

Please note, all payments will be online via the QR code on the poster below.

To access the fair, please use the granite steps at the bottom of the school once Year 4 have been dismissed. This will be signposted.

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## 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.**



## 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.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to this already. If you haven't and would like to, there is still time!

**The Cashpot will close on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

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## 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. Thank you.



## Reminders

### Jumpers/Warm Waterproof Coats

As the weather has now turned more autumnal, please can we remind parents/carers to ensure their child comes to school with a school jumper and 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.

### Illness

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 detailing the full reason for absence on the absence line. Thank you.

### Medication

Medicines should only be administered at school when it would be detrimental to child's health or school attendance not to do so.

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**Prescription medicines** can only be administered if prescribed for a child by a doctor or a dentist. The medicine must be:

- In date
- Labelled with the child's name
- Provided in its original container as dispensed by a pharmacist
- Include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.

The medicine must be accompanied by a completed 'Parental Agreement for setting to Administer Medicine' form. This form can be obtained from the school office.

**All medicines must be passed to/collected from an adult in the school office. Medicine must never be sent to school with a child in their bag.**

## Attendance

Attending school regularly and on time is **so important**, both academically and socially. Children who are absent from school:

- Miss vital learning
- Miss their friends
- Can find it difficult to catch up when they come back

Please see attached to this newsletter, the Aspire School Attendance Booklet, detailing what we will be doing as a school to monitor attendance.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office by emailing [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) . We thank you for your support and understanding.

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	100.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	99.3 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 2	99.2 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 – Greyson**

For his detailed drawing of 'The Gruffalo'. Greyson can remember and retell parts of the story with lots of enthusiasm. Well done, Greyson!

### **Year 1 – Ava H**

For the great confidence Ava is showing the progress she is making in all aspects of her learning this half term, particularly in phonics. Well done, Ava!

### **Year 2 – Charlie**

For accuracy and skill when adding and subtracting in our maths lessons. Well done, Charlie!

### **Year 3 – Finlay**

For his superb adverb ideas when writing an extract of Hansel and Gretel. Well done, Finlay!

### **Year 4 – Oscar**

For his excellent effort and achievement to improve in all areas of the curriculum, particularly with writing. Well done, Oscar!

### **Year 5 – Lois**

For the care and attention in all of her work from her well-crafted sentences to her beautiful illustrations. Well done, Lois!

### **Year 6 – Lowen**

For showing such great confidence when giving really clear explanations in class. Well done, Lowen!

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**Writer – Jacob H (Year 5)**

For his amazing newspaper report about Titanic. Well done, Jacob!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Zennor (Year R)**

For showing great progress and confidence when reading and writing initial sounds. Well done, Zennor!

**KS2 Reader – Spencer (Year 3)**

For consistently reading above his reading target every night. Well done, Spencer!

**Mathematician - Jackson (Year 1)**

For showing a good understanding of fact families in maths this week and sharing his answers with the whole class. Well done, Jackson!

**Numbots/Rock Star – Amelia (Year 4)**

For achieving an amazing average of 10 minutes and 6 seconds on TTRS every day. Well done, Amelia!

**Performer – Dylan S (Year 2)**

For excellent hot seating in English and inspiring others. Well done, Dylan!

**Character – Eden-Lily (Year 6)**

For helping the newest member of the class to feel very welcome. Well done, Eden-Lily!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School