



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week has been full of some fantastic learning across all classes.



## Football

On Tuesday, we sent two teams of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils to a football festival held at Mounts Bay Academy. Both teams acquitted themselves brilliantly, showing super teamwork and support for one another. The results were a mixture of wins and draws for both teams, with the aim of the festival being to give local schools the opportunity to play against each other in a tournament environment. We would like to say a big thank you to those parents/carers that either supported on one of the minibuses or

turned up at the event to support from the sidelines. Well done to everyone for their incredible efforts!

## Cross Country

On Thursday this week, pupils from KS2 attended the re-arranged Cross Country event at St Ives Rugby Club. Year 4 ran 1km, Year 5, 1.5km and Year 6 2km.

In very cold conditions, every pupil who took part, showed great resilience and determination and proudly represented our Academy. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who came along to support all the children. Well done everyone!



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## TTRS competition - Update

Since Wednesday this week, Connor Downs Academy have been taking part in the Aspire Spring TT Rockstars Competition. The competition is intended to be a fun activity that will benefit children's times tables fluency.

Every child in KS2 has the opportunity at varying times during the school day to take part, thereby contributing to not only their class scores but also the whole school scores. Scoring is based on accuracy; children rushing through with inaccurate answers will reduce both class and school scores.

At the time of writing, we are delighted to share that our Year 4 class are toying the leader board of 131 classes, by over 1,000 points, with a score of 3,113. Year 4 also have 10 members of their class in the top 50 players across the trust. This is incredible. The competition ends at 3pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

To help children in this competition, we are politely requesting parents/carers to support their child/children at home by practising their times tables with them, both verbally and by allowing them time to access TTRS and play some games. Let's see if we can keep Connor Downs on top of the leader board this term!



## Arbor App Communications

A reminder that all of our communications are now sent out via the Arbor App. Over recent weeks, we have become aware that a number of parents/carers are not receiving some of the communications that are being sent out. We have 100% of our parents/carers signed up to the App, so all messages should be received.

In the event that you have not been receiving communications, please try the following:

1. Uninstall the app from your phone and request a new link to be sent by emailing [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk). This will be sent to you to enable you to reload the app.
2. Ensure you have push notifications enabled for the app.

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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.



# Disco

## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the spring term disco will take place **next Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**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.**

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## Bag2School

**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!**

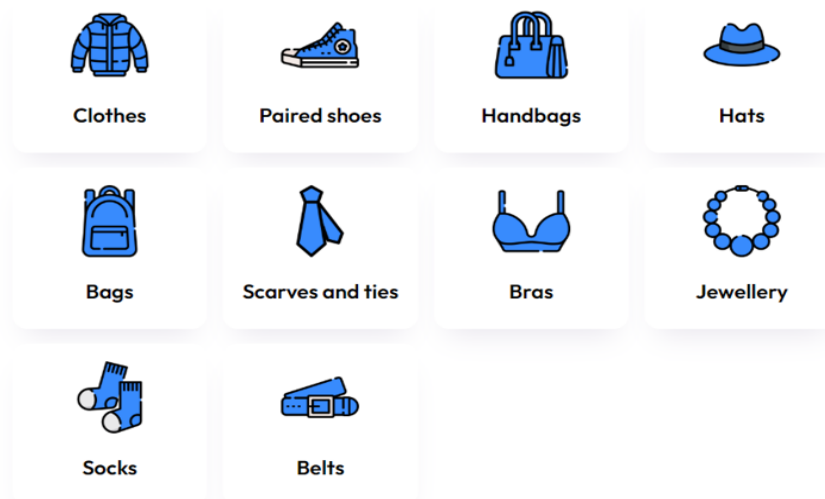
In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bag2School collection after half term, on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025**. As soon as bags are received from the company, we will send them home with children, but you do not have to use these bags. Any bin bags/black bags will be accepted.



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 see lists of items below that are accepted and those that are not.**

Below is a list of everything that **we collect**. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

Please see the full list here - <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

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A list of things that **we don't collect**, sorry! If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.

 Duvets and blankets	 Pillows and cushions	 Carpets, rugs and mats
 Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing	 School uniforms with and without logo	 Corporate clothing and workwear
 Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material	 Furniture and large items	 Batteries



## Inset Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

A reminder that on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, is an INSET Day and school is closed to students.

## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	98.8 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.4 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 4	97.8 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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 spring term, on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025** 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 fantastic knowledge and enthusiasm about Chinese New Year. Well done, Greyson!

### **Year 1 – Missy**

For giving 100% in all of her learning. Missy is making great progress especially in her writing. Missy is also a very kind, caring and helpful member of our class. Well done, Missy!

### **Year 2 – Maisie**

For excellent piece of descriptive writing about The Great Fire of London. Well done, Maisie!

### **Year 3 – Dylan M**

For his super use of verbs and nouns in a kenning poem about volcanoes. Well done, Dylan!

### **Year 4 – Mackenzie**

For her diligent and thorough explanations of her ideas and her excellent presentation of diagrams and written methods in mathematics. Well done, Mackenzie!

### **Year 5 – Annabelle**

For her effort to improve her presentation and to reach her target every lesson.

### **Year 6 – Finley**

For making excellent progress in all his lessons. Finley shows great behaviour for learning and this is really having an impact on everything he attempts. Well done, Finley!

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## **Writer – Isaiah (Year R)**

For his effort and perseverance during handwriting activities. Isaiah is showing great progress and is now enjoying more writing tasks. Well done, Isaiah!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Ben (Year 1)**

For using his phonics skills and becoming a more fluent reader. Ben really enjoys reading and is happy to share his knowledge and skills with his peers. Well done, Ben!

## **KS2 Reader – Toby (Year 4)**

For consistently reaching his reading his target both at home and in school. Well done, Toby!

## **Mathematician – Sienna H (Year 2)**

For showing her excellent multiplication and division skills during our maths lessons this week. Well done, Sienna!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Evelyn (Year 3)**

For her super effort and progress on TT rock stars, earning 11,376 coins. Well done, Evelyn!

## **Performer – Carter (Year 5)**

For his ability to find space and then link play with a pass during Pirates Rugby. Well done, Carter!

## **Character – Zoey (Year 6)**

For being such a great role model, showing such maturity when undertaking her many prefect responsibilities. Well done, Zoey!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



Can you help support one of our parents from our wonderful Connor Downs Academy family?



## Darren's fundraiser for Cornwall Hospice Care

*I am taking on the challenge of running the Falmouth Half Marathon in March and then the London Marathon in April 2025, to raise much needed and vital funds for Cornwall Hospice Care. Please help me to make a difference and keep the amazing nurses giving much needed care to those people living with a terminal illness here in Cornwall. Anything you can do to support me would be very much appreciated. All the best, Darren*



Help us reach our £2,000 target!

Make a donation with **JustGiving**

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