

Friday 4th November 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to all our children and their families. I hope that you all had a wonderful half term holiday and were able to spend time with friends and family and are all keeping well. We have had a busy start to the second half of the autumn term!



Year 6 Diary Entries

As part of their studies on World War 11, Year 6 have been looking at the diary entries made by Anne Frank. The children imagined what it would have felt like to be Anne, having to hide away in the annex. This gave the children a purpose to their writing and they wrote their own diary entries which were packed full of emotion.

This activity not only taught the children about war time experiences but also supported them to reflect on human actions using empathy.

Monday 31st October

LO: To draft a diary entry. English (PLT: CT, IE, RL)



Dear Kitty,

July 15th 1943

Somedays I feel like I couldn't care less whether I make it out of this mess or I don't. On other days, I long for freedom. I have only want to smell the fresh air and run around in the fields. This would make me smile, smile because I love nature. Sadly, the windows have to be blacked out. At night, I stare unconsciously out of the skylight, amazed at the stars twinkling at me. If I could touch the stars, if I could visit the planets, if I could see outer-space, then I would push myself to reach that dream. This is all I will write today.

From Anne.

P.S. I will write again.

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Dear Kitty,

Over the past few days, it has been really bad. My heart has stopped pounding since this morning. Where should I begin? This morning, we had a terrible scare. Someone was knocking on our door. I didn't hear it since I was gazing out of the window looking at the sun. Mum and dad were in bed sleeping, so they didn't hear either. A little while later I found myself lying in bed thinking that I can't take this anymore. I can't do this Kitty, I can't go on, this is not what life should be.

What a day!

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Dearest Kitty

Dec 1941

Today has been truly hectic and terrifying. My stomach has been filled with butterflies the whole day. This morning the Van Dins cat, Morge, broke the lamp in Margot's room. It made a huge clattering sound. We all held our breath. Nobody dared to move. I looked at the time. My eyes widened. It was 8:35 in the morning. The danger time...

A short while later, there was a knock on the door. My face turned white with fear. Was it the Nazis? Was it the helper I crept to the top of the stairs and saw the door was ajar.

"Stello I'm here!" This was the sound of Tolphay, one of our helpers. Relief washed over me as I heard this news. Then he produced to bags. One with food and one with lots of food. Even though it's been tough, we have been playing board games every night to cheer us up.

Hopefully things are going to be better soon,

Anne

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Service of Remembrance

On Sunday 13th 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 5:00pm on Wednesday 9th November 2022. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

[Parent/Carer Survey 2022](#)

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.



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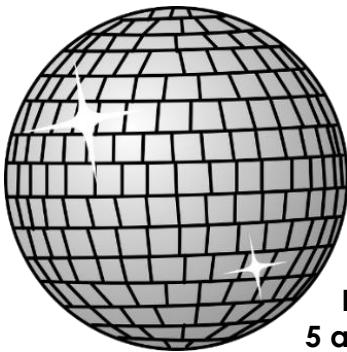
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Dark nights ahead

A reminder that now that the clocks have gone back, the evenings are getting darker. Please find a link below to help remind children about road safety and keeping safe in the dark.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents

<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>



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, 24th November 2022.

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.

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

The Box, Drawing Competition

All you need to do to enter is submit your favourite drawing. There are three categories, primary school, secondary school and 18-25 years. The theme is simply **'For the Joy of Drawing'**

Winners will receive a great prize and have their work displayed at The Box.

To enter, simply scan or take a high quality photograph of your drawing (min 300dpi) and email to theboxlearning@plymouth.gov.uk

Label the file with your initials, the date and category entered, for example - Joe Bloggs, entered on 30th Nov, in the Primary category would be labelled JB301122P (use S for secondary and YP for 18-25). **Closing date for all entries is 5pm on 11th December 2022.**

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Do you like to DRAW?

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Children in Need

Friday the 18th November 2022 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. A link to the donations page will be shared as soon as it has been provided by ParentPay. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.

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Camborne Science and International Academy – Super Saturdays for Year 5



CSIA are delighted to share with you their Super Saturday programme of workshops for the current year 5's. They invite them to join them on a series of engaging seasonal mysteries. They feel the workshops will be a wonderful introduction to the sessions that will then be ongoing for the whole year. As you know, the Super Saturdays have been extremely popular and successful with our current Year 6 students, who have thoroughly enjoyed them.

November 5 - Guy Fawkes Mystery.

Can you use the clues from around the school to solve the Guy Fawkes Mystery?

November 26 - History Mystery.

Solve a chilling historical crime and uncover the secrets of the Black Death.

December 3 - Christmassy Escape Room.

Help Mrs Clause escape from the Elves' engineering room in time for Christmas.

Super Saturday sessions run from 9.30 – 12.00 at CSIA, and offer Year 5 students the opportunity to explore, create and be challenged in their learning. CSIA are excited that students are able to visit the school and meet some of their future teachers and fellow peers.

If your child is interested in the workshops on offer, please book in using the link below. This will include the consent form. Once they are booked in, further details will follow.

<https://www.cambornescience.co.uk/super-saturdays/>

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Dates for Diary – Autumn Term

Thursday 10th November – Year R Vision Screening Tests

Friday 18th November – 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy' meeting – 3:30pm - all welcome

Thursday 24th November- 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy' autumn term discos

- Years R, 1 and 2 – 5:00pm to 6:00pm
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 6:15pm – 7:15pm
- £1.50 entry fee payable on the door
- Refreshments available to buy

Tuesday 6th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 – 1:30pm

Thursday 8th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 – 5:00pm

Friday 9th December – Christmas Fayre from 3:30pm

Monday 12th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church – 5:00pm

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church – 6:00pm

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 16th December – Last Day of autumn Term – **FINISH at 2:00pm**

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – First day of spring term

Attendance this week

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 1	98.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	98.1 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the autumn term, on **Friday 11th November** 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 – Eden

For having such a happy and enthusiastic week in school. Eden has been full of smiles and has brightened up Reception class this week. Well done Eden!

Year 1 – Daisy

For her amazing work during Art and DT. Daisy has shown very careful drawing and painting skills. Well done Daisy!

Year 2 – Sophie

For her hard work and effort in maths and English. Sophie is always excited to share her learning with others. Well done Sophie!

Year 3 – Theo

For super skills in explaining instructions to his class and showing great enthusiasm and resilience at Savvy Dance. Well done Leo!

Year 4 – Liam

For being such a great help to others in the class - Liam carefully explains tasks and helps them work out the answer rather than just telling them the answer. Great work Liam!

Year 5 – Kian

For his positive attitude to all of his school work and making good progress this year. Well done Kian!

Year 6 – Willow

For sharing your thoughts about Anne Frank so elegantly. Well done Willow!

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Writer – George (Year 1)

For his amazing attitude towards his writing, George's stamina is improving and he is willing to give everything a go and there has been a huge improvement in his handwriting, you should be very proud. Well done George!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Rubin (Year R)

For showing fantastic progress when reading different words during phonics. Well done Rubin!

KS2 Reader – Jack (Year 5)

For taking on the challenge of 'Stormbreaker' during the holidays and enjoying the text. Well done Jack!

Mathematician – Henry (Year 3)

For super answers in learning to add 100s to a 3 digit number in maths. Well done Henry!

Performer – Malyka (Year 4)

For being so keen to show how to perform a bridge in our PE lessons. Well done Malyka!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Bella V (Year 3)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Bella's total was an incredible 32,735 steps. Well done Bella!

Citizen – Mackenzie (Year 2)

For always being so welcoming and caring towards all members of the class. Mackenzie is always ready with a hug and a smile for any of her peers when they need it. Well done Mackenzie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School