

Friday 26th May 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a very full and exciting week in school, with various visits, sporting activities and the termly discos. On behalf of myself and the staff at Connor Downs Academy, we wish you all a very happy half term and hope that the sun continues to shine! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th June at 08:30am.



Year 3/Year 4 – Athletics at Mounts Bay Academy

On Wednesday 24th May, Lois, Theo and Noah in Year 3 and Dari, Jacob Lowen and Senara from Year 4 went to a special Sports Event at Mounts Bay School. We did 5 events: sprint long jump, long distance, relay race and vortex throwing. We competed against six schools! It was hard, but we came second. All of us were really pleased and we each got a silver medal!



Report by Evelyn Year 3



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Art Club

Art club had a great session this week, learning how to create a crackle batik picture.

It was a bit scary scrunching up our wax crayon pictures, but when the pictures were unfolded, we painted them with vibrant colours. The children were excited to see their wax resist pictures glowing in the sunlight.



RE Cultural Workshop

Year 6, 5, 3 and 1 enjoyed an RE and cultural workshop with Daya. The children learned about the 5 pillars of Islam, the importance of the mosque and the Qur'an. They also looked at similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity. Favourite parts of the day included dressing up in traditional clothes, role playing what happens in the Mosque and learning some traditional dancing.



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TT Rock Stars – Out of Date Versions App

It's important to use the latest versions of the TTRS app and website to ensure your child receives the most secure, feature-rich and enjoyable experience of Times Tables Rock Stars. Some of the versions are so far behind that they're missing out on key updates.

Solution - if you're playing at home

If using the website at home, please can parents visit play.ttrockstars.com/reset to load the latest version in their device's browser. Otherwise, please can parents update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

Thank you for your support.

Menu Change – Monday 5th June



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Year 6 – Rough Tor Visit

On Tuesday, Year 6 walked up Rough Tor on Bodmin Moor. They scrambled on the rocks and had lunch at the top of the second highest peak in Cornwall. They also saw the wild horses and thoroughly enjoyed the view. What an adventure! Thanks to Mr Rogers, Mr Gallagher and Mr Lewis for accompanying the class.



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True Foxes

Today we were joined by 'True Foxes', a local Cornish duo who sang and performed beautifully to the whole school. The children joined 'True Foxes' in singing 'Cornwall My Home', reminding our children of our important Cornish heritage and the joy of music and song. Our special thanks go to Miss Payne and Miss Parsons from 'True Foxes' for performing today.

Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for Friday 23rd June.

Please find on the flyer a list of the items that they will accept.

Please could all bags be brought to school by 9:00am on Friday 23rd June and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations.

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.



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Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 7th July 2023** from **3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email

hello@connordowns.org.uk or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 6th June** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only. Thank you.



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SPANISH CLUB

NEW



TUESDAY, 3:15 - 4:15

Tutor: Vicky

Age range: Open to all

Cost: £5.50

**Free access to 250+ online games in
Spanish & French**

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New After School Club – Coming After Half Term

We are delighted to be able to share with parents/carers an amazing opportunity to attend a Spanish after school club. This club is run by Vicky, who also runs our French club on a Thursday.

Spanish will be held in school on a **Tuesday** from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It is open to children from Years R – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website.

Places are limited and are

available on a first come first served basis.

This club will begin after half term on Tuesday 6th June.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	97.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 26th May 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our final Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 9th June 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 – Rubin

For his growing confidence and enthusiasm when adding numbers to 10 and beyond. Well done, Rubin!

Year 1 – Penelope

For her amazing attitude towards her learning and always accepting a challenge. Well done, Penelope!

Year 2 – Mia

For her confidence when approaching new learning and sharing her understanding with others. Well done, Mia!

Year 3 – Henry

For showing super design technology skills to plan and construct robot models and story box with puppets. Well done, Henry!

Year 4 – Maddie

For working hard to make great progress this academic year. Maddie shows great behaviour for learning and always tries her best. Well done, Maddie!

Year 5 – Lenny

For his critical thinking and sensible questions across a range of topics. Well done, Lenny!

Year 6 – Zac

For his resilience and determination when walking up Rough Tor. Well done, Zac!

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Writer – Oliver (Year 1)

For writing an excellent animal fact file about a flamingo in English. Well done, Oliver!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Rilie (Year R)

For reading and writing key words with increased confidence and enjoyment. Well done, Rilie!

KS2 Reader – Cooper (Year 5)

For his extra reading in order to finish his book and take his quiz. Cooper showed great determination! Well done, Cooper!

Mathematician – James (Year 2)

For his logical and skilful approach to maths, in particular his accuracy during our unit on fractions.

Rock Star – Charlie D (Year 6)

For the effort and determination to get to number one in the Year 6 class table. Well done, Charlie!

Performer – Noah (Year 3)

For a great performance and being a super role model representing Year 3 at MBA Athletics. Well done, Noah!

Character – Eryss (Year 4)

For always doing her best and being willing to help support others. Eryss has also been an amazing addition to the wellbeing champions this year. Well done, Eryss!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School