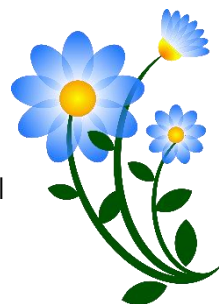




Friday 14th June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had an incredibly full and exciting week in school this week.



Outdoor Learning



On a beautiful Tuesday morning this week, the nurture group from Connor Downs Academy visited The King George V Memorial Walk and nature reserve. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting close to nature during the trail, passing by streams, bridges, fishponds and secret gardens. They observed the birds using binoculars, learned about the history of the area and enjoyed a hot chocolate during the two hour trail. Thank you to Mrs Rees for supporting the visit.



Year 5 - Carnyorth Residential

This week, Year 5 have been on their residential to the Carnyorth Education Centre in St Just. They spent 2 nights at the centre with a visit to Geevor Mine on Wednesday, and activities including raft building, archery, walking and lots of other exciting games.



We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who gave up their time to support the camp both during the day and overnight – without their amazing assistance the residential would not have been possible!



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Year 2 - DT



Year 2 had an exciting morning examining, describing and categorising a variety of bread-based products.

The children are collecting information in order to design and bake a healthy pizza.



Flowertime Art Competition

Congratulations to Sophie in Year 3 who won the National Florists Day art competition hosted by Flowertime at The Big Pink Tree Florists in Hayle.

Sophie was successful with a beautiful collage she created at home. Well done also to Elowen, Zak, Phoebe, Toby, Daniel and Mackenzie in Year 3 who also entered the art work that they created in school.

Congratulations must also go to Amelia in Year R who also won the youngest age group.

All the artwork is on display in Flowertime, Hayle.

Menu Change – Thursday 20th June

On Thursday next week, the kitchen will be offering a special BBQ Season themed menu.

Please book your child's options via ParentPay. Please note that the options shown on ParentPay are from the main menu and not the amended. Please book either the meat or vegetarian option in the usual way. The Jacket Potato and Hot Pasta Options will also be available as usual. Thank you.



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The ESCA U11 Hardball Cricket Tournament

West Region Finals



Our fantastic Connor Downs Cricket Team will be representing Cornwall, as County Champions, on Monday at Kings College, Taunton, where they will face the County Champions from Devon, Dorset and Somerset for a place in the National Finals being held later this term.

I am sure you will share with myself and the whole of the Connor Downs Academy Community in wishing the eight players the best of luck. We are so proud of all their achievements.

We are aware that a number of families are making the journey to support the team, along with Mr Pascoe and Mr Costello and we would like to say a huge thank you to them for all their continued support in giving up their precious time. Go Team Connor!!

Sports Day – Thursday 20th June 2024



On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.

Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a **prompt 1:30pm start**.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.

Please can we ask all children to have their PE kits in school every day in case of Sports Day practices, thank you.

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EYFS / KS1 Fun Night

*****Change to Advertised Date*****

A fun night has been organized for Years R, 1 and 2 to take place on **Friday 21st June** (previously advertised as Friday 28th June).

All EYFS and KS1 children are invited to attend an evening of fun activities, both inside and out, including tea and treats to end the evening. Year 2 children then have the option to stay for a sleepover in the KS1 building.

Letters/Consent forms for these activities have been sent home with all EYFS/KS1 children today. In order to help cover the cost of this amazing educational experience, we are kindly requesting parents/carers make a payment of **£3 per child for Year R and Year 1 and £6 per child for Year 2 if they plan to attend the sleepover as well**. Payment should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you all for your continued support.



School Field Camping – Years 3 - 6



A reminder that later this term, the children in KS2 are invited to spend the night camping on the school field as detailed on the schedule below:

Year Group	Date for Camping
3	Monday 24 th June
4	Tuesday 25 th June
5	Wednesday 26 th June
6	Thursday 27 th June

In order to help cover the cost of this amazing educational experience, we are kindly requesting parents/carers make a payment of **£10 per child**. Payment should be made via ParentPay as soon as possible. Thank you to all those who have already made payment and for your continued support.

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Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for **Tuesday 25th 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 Tuesday 25th 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.

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.

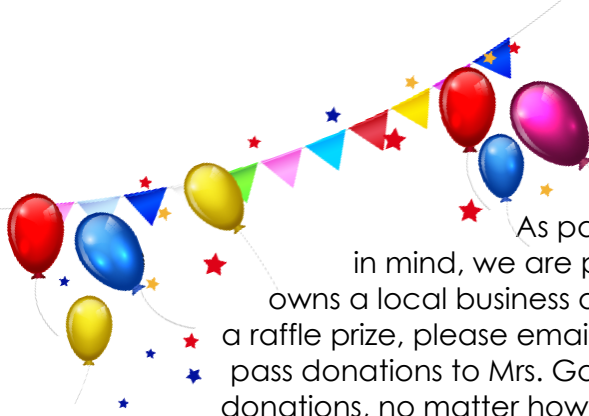
With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email hello@connordowns.org.uk with your requirements.

Thank you.



Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 12th July 2024 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.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	98.9 %
3 rd Place	Year R	98.5 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 14th June 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 summer term, on **Friday 21st June** 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 – Bowen

For settling so well in school and becoming such a hardworking and enthusiastic member of our class. Well done, Bowen!

Year 1 – Eden

For her excellent attitude towards her learning. Eden always gives 100% effort in everything. It has been amazing to see Eden's confidence grow. Well done, Eden!

Year 2 – Autumn

For being a lovely friend to others in her class, working well and enjoying activities in Year 2. Well done, Autumn!

Year 3 – Jack

For great work in Geography interpreting data about the temperature and rainfall in deserts. Well done, Jack!

Year 4 – Isaac

For his excellent behaviour for learning, working method and determination to fully understand concepts taught in mathematics. Well done, Isaac!

Year 5 – Cayden

For the amazing progress he is making with his writing. Well done, Cayden!

Year 6 – Jake

For showing such enthusiasm when learning about the afterlife in RE. Well Done, Jake!

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Writer – Phoenix (Year R)

For showing great effort and confidence when writing key words this week. Well done, Phoenix!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Harrison (Year 2)

For reading every day and talking about your books with passion. Well done, Harrison!

KS2 Reader – Idy (Year 4)

For fantastic reading aloud to a group in our guided reading comprehension. Well done, Idy!

Mathematician – Isla (Year 6)

For having the highest number of answers on TT Rockstars across the year - 50,000! Wow! Well done, Isla!

Numbots/Rock Star – Ethan (Year 2)

For excellent scores on Numbots and commitment to challenging yourself in all maths activities. Well done, Ethan!

Performer – Jacob (Year 5)

For his continuing effort and determination on the sports field. Well done, Jacob!

Character – William (Year 1)

For being a helpful, kind and caring member of our class. William has also been a great role model and friend with new members of our class.

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School