

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another very busy and exciting week in school.

## Year 2 – Tennis

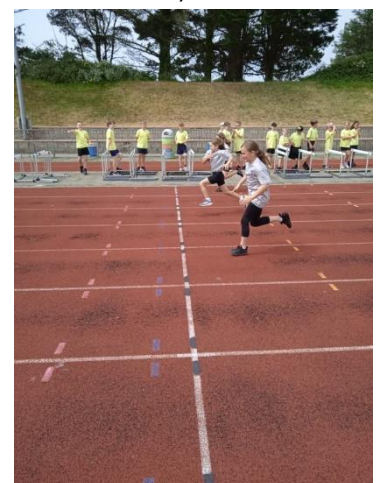


The children in Years 2 and 5 enjoyed the 2<sup>nd</sup> session with members of Hayle Tennis Club. In the beautiful sunshine, the children built on some of the skills they learnt last week during their introductory session. They are looking forward to the next session!



## Year 5 - Aspire Games

On Tuesday our Year 5 class took part in the Aspire Games at Carn Brea Athletics track. They were split into 'Countries' and competed with children from other Aspire schools against one another in a variety of events. Every child was given a T-shirt to keep that represented their 'Country'.



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Thank you to Chester for his report on the games. We are so proud of everyone who took part and showed great resilience. Thank you to Mrs Kessell and Mrs Richmond who supported the event.



At Carn Brea leisure centre I competed for 1st place representing Jamaica in the aspire games but I didn't win a medal but I at least won something because I won an aspire games T-shirt. Vernon Samuels has achieved 13th in the world olympics competition in 1988. My country represented Jamaica and we came 5th out of the 8 groups. Vernon Samuels date of birth is 5th of October 1964. before lunch we first did a long jump the purple group went first then dark yellow went each person had 2 goes each after the long jump we did the sprint for 400m across the track i came 3rd last in the race and before we had lunch the purple and dark yellow groups did the throwing my furthest throw was 10m forward. we had lunch on the grass in the shining sun. before the end of the day I did a 75m race between 3 people once everyone finished what they were doing then once they took out the medals 3rd place with a bronze medals was the people in the white shirts in 2nd place that won the silver medals is the light green shirted people and 1st was people with a dark green shirt and they got the gold medals.

Vernon Samuels speech:

We are all winners after all. Some people like doing this and some people don't like to run, throw or even jump but some people's dream is to be an athlete. And I am a retired British athlete as a men's triple jumper.

Vortex throw: my furthest was 10 metres in the throwing.

Long jump: I did 1.06m for the long jump.

75 metre: sprint in about 25 seconds.

400m: I did the 400m in 2 minutes and 30 seconds.

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## Years 5 and 6 Countdown Cricket Festival

On Wednesday, children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Penwith Schools Cricket tournament, held at St Just Cricket Ground.

They competed against other schools. We are so proud of the children who played brilliantly. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Crease and Mr Rogers who supported the event.

## KS2 School Games

On Thursday this week, a number of children from Years 3 – 6 took part in the Penwith Primary Education Cluster Athletics held at Carn Brea Athletics Track.

It was a very warm day, but every child showed true grit and determination in every event that they took part in and represented Connor Downs Academy in a fantastic way. For the character they all showed, regardless of the result in their events, we are so proud of them all. Well done Team Connor Downs! Thank you to Mr Viner and Mrs Holmes for their support.



## Art

Organised by Art lead Ms Speight, children from EYFS to Year 6 developed their skill in drawing a face.

It was lovely to see the children observing carefully when using a mirror to draw the eyes, nose and mouth with great results. All the classes showed great enthusiasm when learning how to draw a self-portrait.



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## Staffing for September – 2023/2024 Academic Year

We are delighted to share the following staffing structure for the new academic year. Following several months on supply with Year 3, Miss Ockwell has been appointed to the position of TA in Year 4. Mr Foulds will be increasing his time with Connor Downs and will continue to work alongside Ms Speight in Year 3. Ms Speight will be working all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Mr Foulds will be working all day Thursday in Year 3.

In addition to this, Mr Foulds will continue to teach in Year 5 on a Friday morning.

Mr Foulds will also be the substantive teacher in Year 1 on a Wednesday. As parents may be aware, Miss Pedlar in Year 1 receives ongoing treatment for cancer. This treatment takes place on a Wednesday.

Miss Pedlar has been clinically assessed as being fit for work and as a dedicated and passionate teacher, I can assure you that despite her own health issues, Miss Pedlar remains committed to providing quality provision for your children, overseen by myself and the senior leadership team.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am sure you will join with myself and the rest of the staff at Connor Downs Academy in formally welcoming Miss Ockwell to the Connor Downs Academy family.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>1:1</u>
<b>R</b>	Mrs Bartaby	Mrs Walker	Miss Pedley	N/A
<b>1</b>	Miss Pedlar / Mr Foulds (Wednesdays only)	Mrs Hackett	N/A	Mrs Smith
<b>2</b>	Mrs Kitching	Miss Raven	N/A	N/A
<b>3</b>	Ms.Speight / Mr Foulds (Thursdays only)	Mrs Ridge	N/A	N/A

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<b>4</b>	Mrs Crease	Miss Ockwell	N/A	N/A
<b>5</b>	Mr Pascoe / Mr Foulds (Fridays only)	Miss Reed	N/A	Miss Abel
<b>6</b>	Miss Norton	Mrs Smitheram	N/A	N/A



## **Bags2School**

**BAG2SCHOOL BAGS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN THIS WEEK BUT YOU MAY USE ANY DISPOSABLE BAGS YOU CHOOSE**

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged another Bags2School collection for next **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept bags prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> June due to lack of storage. Thank you for your support.**

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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



## Sports Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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'.

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## Attendance

<b><u>Attendance</u></b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	97.2 %
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.0 %
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 2	97.0 %

## **Shine Celebrations**

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – Dylan**

For his effort and enthusiasm towards books and his love of reading. Dylan reads consistently every night and this is showing in every area of his learning. Well done, Dylan!

### **Year 1 – Whole Class**

For working so hard on their phonics screening checks this week. We are so proud of you all. Well done, Year 1!

### **Year 2 – Phoebe**

For the pride and care she takes with all activities across the curriculum. Well done, Phoebe!

### **Year 3 – Sydney**

For amazing work on how to use possessive apostrophes in spelling and grammar. Well done, Sydney!

### **Year 4 – William**

For showing great behaviour for learning during our outdoor sessions. William listened carefully and designed a fantastic poster. Well done, William!

### **Year 5 – Cooper**

For his determination and grit to complete the 400m at the Aspire Games. Well done, Cooper!

### **Year 6 – Navarre**

For showing such a mature attitude towards your learning and doing some outstanding writing this term. Well done, Navarre!

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**Writer – Isla (Year 6)**

For writing so convincingly about the man and the bear from the video. Well done, Isla!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Toby (Year 2)**

For the dedication and hard work you are applying to your phonics and reading with wonderful results. Well done, Toby!

**KS2 Reader – Amara (Year 4)**

For always reading texts carefully and writing detailed full sentence answers in her comprehension work. Well done, Amara!

**Mathematician – Charlie (Year 3)**

For showing great perseverance when solving maths challenges about time. Well done, Charlie!

**Rock Star – Ruan (Year 3)**

For recording an amazing 919 points and being top of Year 3 this week. Well done, Ruan!

**Performer – Kingsley (Year 1)**

For trying really hard in our swimming lessons and showing amazing progress with independent changing. Well done, Kingsley!

**Moki Fitness Tracker – Perran (Year 3)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Perran's total was an amazing 31,192 steps. Well done, Perran!

**Character – Oriana (Year 5)**

For her beautiful manners and positive attitude when competing at the Aspire Games. Oriana is a true role model. Well done, Oriana!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School