

Friday 17th November 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week in school has been another busy and exciting one with lots of activities taking place.

Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, representatives from our School Council attended the annual service of remembrance at Hayle War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the Connor Downs Academy Community. The service was attended by Mrs Eddy and Mrs Bartaby along with other members of staff and children from across the school. We are so proud of the respect that all our children showed and particularly in those laying the wreath. A big thank you to all those parents/carers who gave up their time to attend along with their children and to Mark and his team at The Big Pink Tree for once again providing us with a beautiful wreath.



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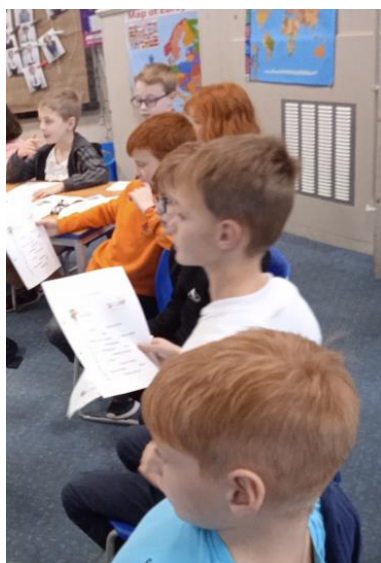


Antibullying Week

As part of anti-bullying week, the children in Year 1 looked at what bullying is and who they can ask for help if needed. They created helping hands.

Year 3 began the week learning about Anti-Bullying week in their reading comprehension.

The children read and discussed what bullying was and how they could deal with it. It was great to see the answers from the children and how they understood the difference between falling out and bullying.



On Wednesday Anti - Bullying was also the theme for the KS2 assembly where Ms Speight

discussed Anti-bullying with the children across KS2. Children from Year 6 to Year 3 learnt about different forms of bullying including physical, verbal and cyber bullying online. The children were able to talk about the strategies to deal with bullying in school.



Early Reading Information Session for Parents/Carers – Thursday 30th November from 09:00am to 09:45am

We would like to welcome parents and carers from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to an Early Reading session being held on Thursday 30th November from 09:00am to 09:45am. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to observe Phonics and Early reading sessions being taught in their child's classroom. Please sign in and out at the school office on the day. Thank you.

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Bikeability



This week the first of two groups of Year 5 pupils took part in Bikeability sessions. This involves the first session on the school playground assessing the children's cycling abilities and teaching them how to check

their bikes to ensure they are safe

before riding. The second two sessions involve cycling on the roads around Connor Downs ably supported by the Bikeability instructors.



Group 2 begin their sessions on **Wednesday 22nd November** in the afternoon. The second session takes place on the morning of **Friday 24th November** and the final session on the afternoon of **Tuesday 28th November**.

Internet Safety for Parents/Carers – Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 14:40

Parents/carers are invited to a short, open event to inform and create discussion around the topic of keeping children safe when using internet connected devices. Presented by Giles Hill, the Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for Aspire Academy Trust.

This session will provide parents and carers with a wealth of information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy with internet usage.

The session will warn against potential harm and issues as children grow older and usage becomes more regular.

The session will include:

- Current context of internet developments
- Achieving a balance in your home
- Tech preventions and controls
- Making it work for you



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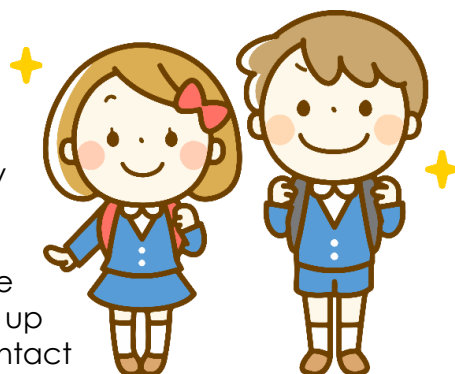
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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 with your requirements.



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, 30th November 2023.**

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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Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2023

Monday 20th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 3
 Monday 20th November – 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy Meeting' – 3:30pm
 Monday 27th November – Year 5 Swimming – Week 4
 Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December – **FINAL WEEK OF AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**
 Thursday 30th 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
 Monday 4th December – Year 5 Swimming – Week 5
 Tuesday 5th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 1 - 2:00pm start
 Wednesday 6th December – KS2 Carol Concert at Phillack Church - 5:00pm start
 Thursday 7th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity – Performance 2 - 5:00pm start
 Friday 8th December – FOCDA Christmas Jumper Day – Wear a Christmas jumper/favourite jumper for a £1 donation (more details to follow)
 Friday 8th December – FOCDA Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm start
 Monday 11th December – EYFS/KS1 Christingle at Phillack Church - 5:00pm start
 Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Dinner
 Friday 15th December – Christmas Parties
 Friday 15th December – Final Day of Autumn Term – **2:00pm Finish**
 Monday 18th December – **Inset Day (School Closed)**
 Tuesday 19th December – **Inset Day (School Closed)**

Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Thursday 4th January 2024 - First day of Spring term

Attendance

Attendance Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	97.2 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 17th November 2023

*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 autumn term, on **Friday 24th November 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 – Caleb

For consistent effort with his reading and writing during phonics sessions. Well done, Caleb!

Year 1 – Maisie

For always giving 100% effort in all her learning and behaviour for learning. Maisie is an excellent role model for all pupils in Year 1. She is polite, courteous, kind, caring and helpful. Well done, Maisie!

Year 2 – Finley

For excellent poetry writing and imagination when writing a magic spell. Well done, Finley!

Year 3 – MacKenzie

For confidently answering questions in maths when learning to subtract using the column method. Well done, Mackenzie!

Year 4 – Eve

For courage in attempting to cross the rope bridge at the Eden Project - something that really challenged her. Well done, Eve!

Year 5 – Hunter

For his dedication and determination to reach his targets. Hunter always gives 100%. Well done, Hunter!

Year 6 – Holly

For always being willing to put others before herself and for helping her classmates in maths. Well done, Holly!

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Writer – Ella (Year 4)

For including all six features learnt this week in English, in her writing. Well done, Ella!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Connie (Year 2)

For reading enthusiastically in school and at home and motivating others with her love of books. Well done, Connie!

KS2 Reader – Jake (Year 6)

For reading 3 books every day for the last week and passing every AR quiz. Well done, Jake!

Mathematician – Freddie Ox. (Year 1)

For engaging with whole class learning, identifying and naming all the different 3d shapes. Well done, Freddie!

Numbots/Rock Star – Miriam (Year 3)

For super effort on TT Rock stars improving her knowledge to earn 1,425 coins in her sessions. Well done, Miriam!

Performer – Lily-Rose (Year R)

For singing with such enthusiasm and enjoyment while practising for the Christmas Nativity. Well done, Lily-Rose

Character – Archie K (Year 5)

For teaching other children how to play our new games and showing such patience and care. Well done, Archie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School