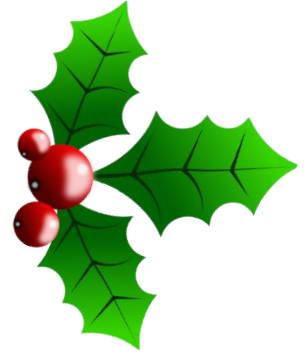


Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. This week in school has been very busy with lots of excitement with rehearsals for the Christmas events taking place over the next two weeks as well as some fantastic sporting success from our Year 5/6 girls football team.



### Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival

On Wednesday this week the Year 5/6 girls football team travelled to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a football festival enabling them to practise their teamwork and football skills.

The team, made up of Lola, Malyka, Bella, Isla, Maddie, Dari and Senara

from Year 6 and Noelle from Year 5 played six, eight minute, matches against other schools in our local area.

The team showed great skill and teamwork throughout the matches and came away with 5 wins and 1 draw. Congratulations!



We would like to thank Mr Easterbrook for generously giving up his time to support the team, alongside Mr Foulds.



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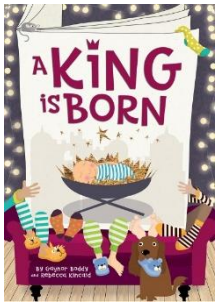
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## Parent/Carer Open Afternoon and Internet Safety Information Session

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our open afternoon this week. We hope that you all enjoyed joining your children's classes for some fun activities. Following this, Giles Hill, Aspires Digital Strategy and Computing Lead, gave a very informative session on Internet Safety. For those who were not able to join us, please use the link below to access the presentation. [https://www.dlccornwall.org/wp-content/uploads/ComputingSOW/Online\\_Safety/Online\\_Safety\\_Aspire\\_2025.pdf](https://www.dlccornwall.org/wp-content/uploads/ComputingSOW/Online_Safety/Online_Safety_Aspire_2025.pdf)

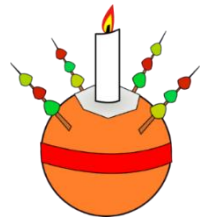


## EYFS/KS1 Nativity – A King is Born!

Next week our children from EYFS/KS1 will give two performances of their Nativity, A King is Born! Thank you to all the parents/carers who have requested tickets. All tickets have now been allocated and will be sent home with children on Monday. We do still have a **limited amount** of additional tickets available. These are available on a first come, first served basis from Mrs Gallagher from Monday morning.

## EYFS /KS1 Christingle

The children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in their Christingle, being held at Phillack Church. This will take place on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 5:00pm. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform and to have long hair tied back, thank you.



## KS2 Christmas Carol Concert



Children from KS2 will be taking part in their carol concert on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December**. This year we are offering two performances, one starting at **2:00pm** at school. A single ticket will be sent home with each KS2 child on Friday next week, 6<sup>th</sup> December. No additional tickets will be available. The second will take place at Phillack Church on the same day, at

**5:00pm**. Please can we ask that children and parents/carers **arrive no later than 4:45pm**. All children to please wear full school uniform, thank you. We are requesting all KS2 children to attend the service at Phillack Church as this is a wonderful event that makes very special memories for all the children and their parents/carers/grandparents.

**There will be a retiring collection at both events with all proceeds going to the Church. Please do donate as generously as you can, Thank you!**

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## After School Clubs

Reminder that the final week for school led afterschool clubs of the autumn term is the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the EYFS/KS1 Christingle, Around the World Club will not be running on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and ELDA Dance will not be running on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, due to the KS2 Carol Concert. Sports4Tots final session will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December due to the Christmas Fayre taking place the following week, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Details of Spring clubs will be shared at the beginning of next term, thank you.

## Sewing Club



Congratulations to our sewing club on completing their first make – some Christmas bunting. They have made fantastic progress in a short few weeks and they are now excited to be looking forward to their next challenge. Thank you to Mrs Shaw for her great support. Well done girls, you are so talented!

## Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

### Name The Elf!



In conjunction with our Christmas Fayre taking place from 3:15pm on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have an Elf to name!

For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the Elf names on the board next to the elf. The winner will be chosen at the Fayre on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and they will be able to take the Elf home with them!

The Elf is on display in the front office with a board full of names to choose from, so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on the board under the names you choose!

Good luck to everyone – you could be the lucky of winner of the Elf!

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## Christmas Fayre

### **FRIENDS OF CONNOR DOWNS ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**3:15PM – 4:45PM**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE  
FESTIVE FUN!**

- ❖ **CLASS CHRISTMAS STALLS**
- ❖ **VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS GAMES**
- ❖ **SANTA'S GROTTO TO INCLUDE A GIFT  
FROM SANTA (£3.50 per child)**
- ❖ **BRASS PERFORMANCE FROM YEAR 4**
- ❖ **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE (TO BE DRAWN AT  
4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**
- ❖ **CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE**
- ❖ **HOMEMADE CAKE SALE**
- ❖ **HOT FOOD**
- ❖ **NAME THE ELF (WINNER TO BE  
ANNOUNCED AT 4:30PM AT THE FAYRE)**



## Card Payments

**PLEASE NOTE, WE CAN TAKE CARD PAYMENTS AT THE FAYRE. YOU WILL BE GIVEN  
TOKENS TO SPEND AT THE VARIOUS STALLS TO THE MONETRAY VALUE OF YOUR CARD  
PAYMENT. THANK YOU!**

A member of the Friends committee will be available in the main school entrance at 3pm on the day of the fayre to take your card payments and issue you with tokens. This facility will also be available in the school hall next to the Raffle and Name the Elf! Tokens are valued at 50p each and every stall will take these tokens.

## Requests for donations for the Christmas Fayre

We are looking for any donations to help with this year's Christmas Fayre.

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- ❖ **Cake Sale:** Are you a home baker who would be willing to provide us with some homemade cakes/buns/traybakes/cookies to sell at the Fayre? To be allergy aware, **an ingredients sheet must be completed** to go alongside your baking. Please note, **NO NUTS**.
- ❖ **Teddy Tombola:** Do you have any good quality teddies that your children no longer want and are happy to donate?
- ❖ **General Tombola:** Any items suitable for a general tombola.
- ❖ **Chocolate Tombola:** Anything suitable for a chocolate tombola, including chocolate suitable for Dairy Free/Gluten Free/Vegan/Vegetarian.

Please can any donations be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher, anytime between now and the morning of the Christmas Fayre.

For any cake donations, please can these be brought to the school office and given to Mrs Gallagher on the morning of the Christmas Fayre ONLY.

Thank you in advance to our parent/carer community for all their generosity and support.

## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.



If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

**Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.**

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## FINAL DAY FOR CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS



### Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do is:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to this already. If you haven't and would like to, there is still time!

**The Cashpot closes tomorrow, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

### Christmas Post Box

We are delighted to announce that the Christmas post box will be appearing in the main corridor in the KS2 building from next **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. This will be available until the end of term for the children to post their Christmas cards to their friends. **Last Day for posting will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please can we ask that parents/carers ensure that both the **recipient's name and their year group** is marked clearly on the envelope to aid our Year 6 prefects when sorting into year groups for delivery. Thank you.



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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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.

### Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	97.3 %

Please see attendance leaflet and penalty notice emailed with this newsletter. Holidays are not authorised during term time. Please note that 5 days holiday is subject to a penalty notice. For families who are taking their children out for 4.5 days to avoid a penalty notice, please note that if your child is absent for a further half day in the following 10-week period for an unauthorised absence, the parents can be issued with a penalty notice from the local authority.

### Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024** 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 – Charlotte**

For her growing confidence in all areas of learning and for being very brave to perform on stage in our Nativity. Well done, Charlotte!

### **Year 1 – Florence**

For the amazing growth this term in Florence's self-confidence in all aspects of the curriculum, especially in whole class learning. Florence is now eager to share her answers with everyone. Well done, Florence!

### **Year 2 – Brodie**

For learning and recalling his times tables with accuracy and speed. Well done, Brodie!

### **Year 3 – Hudson**

For answering questions confidently in maths and explaining how to solve word problems. Well done, Hudson!

### **Year 4 – Tommy**

For his excellent efforts in gymnastics this week, demonstrating superb balance skills. Well done, Tommy!

### **Year 5 – Leo**

For his excellent explanations during our fraction problem solving. Well done, Leo!

### **Year 6 – Maddie**

For showing excellent skills and great teamwork at the girl's Football Tournament this week. Well done, Maddie!

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### **Writer – Archie (Year 6)**

For displaying such creativity in his writing. Archie's writing is always a joy to read!  
Well done, Archie!

### **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Henry (Year R)**

For showing fantastic progress when reading and writing Phase 2 letters and now words. Well done, Henry!

### **KS2 Reader – Perran (Year 5)**

For going above and beyond with his reading every night. Well done, Perran!

### **Mathematician – Freddie Ow. (Year 2)**

For amazing work on shapes, in particular your understanding and skill using symmetry. Well done, Freddie!

### **Numbots/Rock Star – Maisie (Year 2)**

For an excellent score of correct answers on Numbots. Well done, Maisie!

### **Performer – Coco (Year 3)**

For her super performance of the words and actions when rehearsing for the Christmas Carol Service. Well done, Coco!

### **Character – Robyn (Year 1)**

For being an amazing role model in Year 1. Robyn is kind, caring and helpful. She is also very encouraging and supportive of her friends. Well done, Robyn!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School