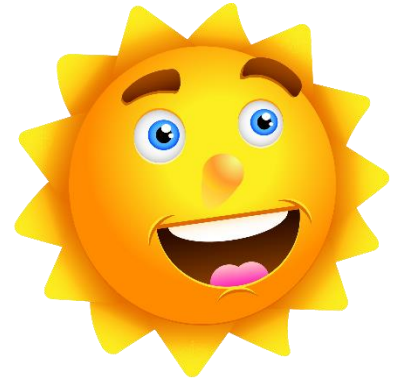


Friday 30th June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

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



## Year 6 – Towans Art Workshop

Last week Year 6 took part in a workshop organised by Cornwall Wildlife Trust to help them develop their appreciation and enjoyment of the natural environment around us. The children spent the morning at Upton Towans, watching wildlife and learning about this unique habitat with an expert conservationist, Pip Cook.

In the afternoon, with the help of local artist Pete Ward, the children used earth pigments, which Pete had prepared using a variety of materials from Cornwall, including a black made with the charcoal from a mine's chimney, a white made from St Austell China clay and various



browns and reds from clays and rocks. The children were tasked with painting images linked to their walk in the morning. I am sure you will agree, the images

they created are both eye-catching and meaningful with their link to Cornwall.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to both Pip and Pete for their time and knowledge.



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## EYFS/KS1 Fun Night and Year 2 Sleepover

Last Friday, the children in EYFS and Year's 1 and 2 experienced a fun night where they enjoyed pizza, hot dogs and ice lollies on the field. They took part in some fun sports games, had a mini disco, watched a movie and did some art with Mrs Kitching. After the children from EYFS and Year 1 were collected, the Year 2 children toasted marshmallows with Mr Costello and had hot chocolate before settling down for bed in the KS1 building.

## KS2 Camping

This week each of our KS2 classes have spent one night camping on the school field. The children in Year 6 assisted with putting up the tents on Monday morning and showed great teamwork to erect the seven tents.



Year 3 experienced a fantastic camp night, beginning with a walk on the beautiful beach to Gwithian. On their arrival at Gwithian beach the children were thrilled as they went rock pooling in teams.

*'I found a green crab', remarked Joseph*

*'Look! we found a blenny and goby fish', exclaimed Theo and his team.*



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The picnic on the beach was very welcome before Year 3 went back to camp for toasting marshmallows.

*'It's quite tricky getting the marshmallow toasted', declared Jacob H.*

*'Mmm, they tasted yummy', said Lois.*



The night continued with an entertaining talent show with stargazing before they settled down in their tents to sleep. In the early morning, the children were delighted to see pipistrelle bats flying over the tents before breakfast.



Each Year group followed a similar pattern with a lovely beach walk finishing at Gwithian with a picnic tea, games and other activities. They returned to school to play more games, followed by toasting marshmallows over a campfire and hot chocolate before bedtime.



We would like to thank all the parents/carers who volunteered, some with supporting the beach walk and games and others who also stayed and camped overnight – all the staff and children are very grateful for all your support. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Lewis, who supported on 3 out of the 4 nights.



The camping was a huge success and all the children and staff had a fantastic experience.

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy



Thank you to Mrs James and Churchtown Farm Campsite for allowing us to park our minibuses on their site for the beach walks – we are very appreciative of your continued support.



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## Mayors Cup

'On Friday last week, some Year 5 and Year 6 children were selected to represent Connor Downs Academy at Hayle AFC. The first game went well 0-0 and after that we were ready for the next match. Sadly, that game didn't go as well as the first and Penpol School scored two goals, but that wasn't going to dampen our spirits! Our next match was against Gwinear with Mason scoring two goals. The penultimate match saw Mason and Rhys scoring a goal each and finally, the last and most important match came. This match would determine who would reach the finals. Unfortunately, the opposition scored two goals meaning Connor Downs ended up in third place. Everyone played excellently and we all returned to school with smiles on our faces.' Thank you to Berran for his report above.



We are so proud of every player who showed great teamwork and kept going. The children all showed a great pride in representing their school.

## Girls Football

Also last Friday, 15 girls from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the girls' football school partnerships football festival held at the Draceana Centre in Bodmin. This was arranged via the Aspire Academy Trust to raise the profile of girls football. The girls were supported by Miss Raven and Mr Costello.



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## Year 4 Cricket

On Tuesday, seven of our Year 4 pupils took part in the Year 4 County Cricket Finals, held at Grampound Road. Tino, Finley, Lowen, George, Seth, Maddie and Eden-Lily all showed great enthusiasm and skill, playing in 5 games in total. They won three matches and lost two, but finished top of their group. This fantastic effort from all the children secured them the title of Second in the County. We are incredibly proud of each and everyone of them and their pride in representing our academy. Well done all of you! Thank you to Tino for his report!



## Year 2 – Godolphin House visit

In preparation for their visit to Godolphin House and grounds this week, Year 2 shared their new class book, 'Little Evie in the Wild Wood'.

They all took part in a sensory trail and woodland walk to support their English writing. The children are reading and writing descriptive stories based on their class book 'Little Evie in the Wild Wood'. Their visit will help them to paint a picture of a woodland with words.

Thank you to our parent/carer helpers who supported our visit.



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## Careers Day – continued from last week



On Monday morning Year 3 continued their learning about different careers with a visit by Nurse, Mrs Green. Mrs Green talked to the children about her role as a nurse and the different places where a nurse could work from a



hospital, doctors' surgery and even a prison.

The children were very excited to handle the bandages and stethoscope and learn how to take your temperature and measure how much oxygen is in your blood. Thank you from Year 3 to Mrs Green for



taking the time in her busy schedule to speak to the children.

Year 1 welcomed Mr Ellis to talk to the children about his role in the armed forces. The children were fascinated to hear about his role.

Year R had a visit from Mr Smith who showed them around the cab of a large haulage lorry.

Year 6 welcomed Mr Smitheram and Mr Moustrides from Scania to talk about the variety of roles within the haulage sector.



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Year 5 were treated to a visit from Mr Young, a chef, who talked to the class about the workings of a professional kitchen and the different roles within. He demonstrated how to make fresh pasta and then the children each had a go at making their own.

They were also joined by Mr Bartaby, a teacher at Camborne Science and International Academy who talked to Year 5 about the career opportunities available if they chose to study computer science in secondary school and further education.



Thank you once again to all our parents/carers who have given up their precious time to come in to speak to our classes and share information about their chosen jobs.

## Year 4 – Big Sing

'On Monday, half of the Year 4 class went to the BIG SING at the Hall for Cornwall. At the BIG SING, Year 4 learnt how to sing in harmony all together and loads of new songs like Rockstar, Firework, Happy and way more. After lunch and singing loads of exciting songs, Mrs Crease and more teachers went up on stage and got our certificate for getting Gold Award in Cornish Singing Schools and then sang some songs all together. We would like to thank Mrs Smith for coming with us on our trip'.



Thank you to Senara and Seth for their report.

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## Year 4 – Tehidy Woods

Following their overnight camping on the school field, Year 4 visited Tehidy Woods for a three-mile nature walk. Mrs Crease led the class on a walk along the waterfalls and past Otter Bridge where they followed a wooden walkway over the river and up the hill, through the trees. They looped around back down to the waterfalls and followed these back to the car park.



## Year 6 – Dunes Visit

On Tuesday a group of Year 6 children explored Gwithian Towans where they discovered many plant and animal species which inhabit this important area. They teamed up with the Friends of the Towans and continued our scrub management work, cutting back vegetation, digging out large trenches and caring for the landscape. Finally, the children moved the large branches and logs and created

reptile hibernaculum (shelters for the winter). We are extremely proud of all the Year 6 children who have helped care for the Towans this past academic year. They have shown a great attitude to learning, enthusiasm to work hard and determination to succeed.



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## Summer Fayre

Next Friday, **7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer **from 3:30pm**.

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. Thank you to the following business' who have kindly donated raffle prizes to date:

- HD Framing & Foundry Gallery
- Blewetts
- Cookie Mob
- Lucy Kemp Jewellery
- Nourish – Pantry to Plate
- Birdies Bistro
- Newquay Zoo
- Mr B's
- Lucy Bakes
- Feed
- Penwith Pitch & Putt
- Brett & Lenny Handcraft Jewellery
- Tesco's x 2 vouchers
- Lily Rose x 2 vouchers
- £15 M & S Voucher (AD Finance)
- 2 x Handmade cushions from Mrs Rogers
- MabelnMe



We have a variety of games, a circus performer, tractors, ice creams and drinks, hot food and much more. There will be a brass music performance from some of our students supported by Mrs Burden and Martin who leads our school disco's will be our Master of Ceremonies.

## Tennis Reminder – Years 2 and 5

Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them for their final session on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, thank you.

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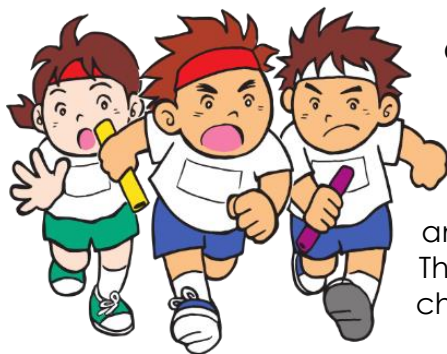
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## Sports Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023



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'.

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

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 1	99.2 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 2	98.8 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 3	98.4 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 30<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 2023/2024 academic year, on

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 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 – Riley W**

For his positive and hardworking attitude to all areas of learning. Well done, Riley!

### **Year 1 – Emily**

For being a true role model and representing Connor Downs Academy so well at the girls' football, this was recognised by other members of staff from different schools. Well done, Emily!

### **Year 2 – Lissi**

For excellent listening and recalling phrases from our class book and adapting these to use in her own writing. Well done, Lissi!

### **Year 3 – Linkcon**

For taking a risk to join the Year 3 camp. Linkcon is a really good friend offering to help everyone. Well done, Linkcon!

### **Year 4 – Zoey**

For an amazingly resilient attitude towards our two mile walk along the beach and then our three mile walk in Tehidy Woods the following day. Well done, Zoey!

### **Year 5 – Ella But**

For being an amazing walker and camper. Well done, Ella!

**Year 6** – Not listed as will be attending London Residential

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**Writer – Miriam (Year 2)**

For careful listening when we read our class book and using new vocabulary and phrases to paint a beautiful picture of a woodland in words. Well done, Miriam!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Nathan (Year R)**

For his enthusiasm and concentration when reading phase 2 and 3 words. Well done, Nathan!

**KS2 Reader – Lenny (Year 5)**

For performing so brilliantly in our end of year reading assessment. Well done, Lenny!

**Mathematician – Leo (Year 3)**

For super work using his knowledge of an analogue clock to answer questions on angles and turns in maths. Well done, Leo!

**Rock Star – Jake (Year 5)**

For recording a fantastic 7,986 correct answers in a month. Well done, Jake!

**Performer – Evelyn (Year 1)**

For her outstanding effort at girls' football and for being praised by other members of staff from different schools. Well done, Evelyn!

**Character – George (Year 4)**

For increased self-awareness and the ability to share his feelings with others. George is always making staff smile. Well done, George!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School