



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.



## Year 1 – Pendennis Castle

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Pendennis Castle this week despite the rain. At the start of the day, they were able to have some photos taken running on the grass with the castle behind by a professional photographer. They then went into the castle and learnt about King Henry VIII and why both



Pendennis Castle and St. Mawes Castle were built. The children pretended to be gunners scaring the King of France and Spain when they decided to bring their boats to try and invade both castles. During the morning, they put their exploration skills to good use to discover and learn about the different wooden chests and their contents. Inside them were different means of light, different crockery and goblets for eating and drinking, feather quills and wax seals for letter writing and wooden splints and medicine bottles for making remedies to make people feel better. They were then able to look at different costumes and dress up as a gunner,



potboy, blacksmith and governor. After lunch the children were able to explore the different levels of the castle, looking at all the canons and looking through the windows at the views and how the castle would have been protected. Great fun was had by all and Year 1 would like to say a massive thank you to our adult helpers who supported on this



visit, as without them, the trip would not have been possible.

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## Year 5 – Cornhill Farm

On Thursday this week, our Year 5 pupils visited Cornhill Farm. Pete, the Farmer, showed them the different kinds of wheat and barley that they grow and how they look after the land to ensure a successful crop. They then visited the chickens and saw how the eggs are sorted into different sizes and what to look for when buying eggs to ensure they are free range. We would like to thank the parents/carers who supported this visit and also Pete for inviting us to look around his farm.



## Rugby

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the Hayle Lions Under 9 rugby team for completing a very successful season. The season culminated in a tournament with 18 other local clubs and 27 teams playing against each other at St Austell RFC. All the parents/carers and the Connor Downs community are very proud of the strong, supportive team they have become.



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## Year 6 – Art

Year 6 had enormous fun creating these wire models in art lessons to help them understand expression and body language.



## Gymnastic success

One of our Year 6 pupils went to the annual MAG Southwest Festival last Sunday, representing his club and county. He had a difficult start, with a couple of falls towards the beginning of his rotation. However, after a chat with his coach, he picked himself up, refocused and with great resilience and determination came back to win the southwest bronze medal for his floor routine, in which he performed a front-twist somersault for the first time, also contributing to Cornwall's team gold medal. That bronze medal is worth so much more than any gold he has won before, and we are so proud of the life skills that this sport is teaching him.



Thank you to his mum for sharing the report above. We are so proud of the resilience and determination he has shown. Well done!

## Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our **Year 6 pupils**, that your child will sit their **SATs assessments** between **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

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## Bank Holiday

Next Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday and closed to all pupils and staff. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you for your continued support.

## Year 2 and Year 6 Maths Tuition

The **final session** for **Year 6** will be next **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**. **Year 2's final session**, also next **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May**, will focus on **reading** in preparation for the reading papers that they will do next week. We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support during these sessions – they have proved so worthwhile.

## 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.

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 3	100 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 5	97.5 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 1	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 10<sup>th</sup> May** 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 – Ben**

For his excellent understanding of minibeast habitats. Ben certainly knows where to find a minibeast. Well done, Ben!

### **Year 1 – Zander**

For excellent listening skills and improved confidence. Zander is now confident to share his answers in all lessons. Well done, Zander!

### **Year 2 – Connie**

For your bravery and determination in swimming with excellent achievements. Well done, Connie!

### **Year 3 – Amelia**

For great work solving maths challenges on fractions and writing her own challenges in a money problem. Well done, Amelia!

### **Year 4 – Leo**

For showing great resilience and determination to stand in front of the rest of KS2 and introduce our class poetry performance. Well done, Leo!

### **Year 5 – Lola**

For her amazing contributions in French lessons. Well done, Lola!

### **Year 6 – Ben**

For his excellent understanding of co-ordinates and translation in maths. Well done, Ben!

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## **Writer – Violet (Year 6)**

For writing really thoughtful answers in her reading comprehension lessons. Well done, Violet!

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

For reading every night at home. This is really making an impact on the progress he is making. Well done, Jackson!

## **KS2 Reader – Lowen (Year 5)**

For using his Mrs Wordsmith words in his reading comprehension answers. Well done, Lowen!

## **Mathematician – Arthur (Year 2)**

For demonstrating his excellent mathematical understanding during our KS1 tests. Well done, Arthur!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Bella-Grace Lally (Year 4)**

For consistently achieving a high score on Times Tables Rock Stars. This is showing in the progress being made. Well done, Bella-Grace!

## **Performer – Archie (Year 1)**

For his excellent acting skills playing Henry VIII on our school trip to Pendennis Castle. Well done, Archie!

## **Character – Colby (Year 3)**

For showing patience and thoughtfulness when working with his partner in a science investigation exploring magnets. Well done, Colby!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School



**Connor Downs**  
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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

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**Hayle Tennis Club**  
**Open Day**

Come along and try tennis for free!

**Saturday**  
**18th May**  
**9am - 4pm**

**Free Taster Coaching Sessions:**  
9am 5-8 year olds  
10AM 9-12 YEAR OLDS  
11am 13+ year olds  
12pm Adults  
1-4pm Social Play

- **Cake Sale**
- **Raffle**
- **Social Play**
- **and more!**

For more information:  
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