

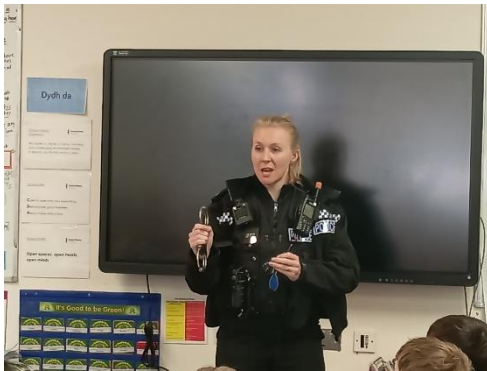
Friday 28th February 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. I hope you and your families all had a lovely half term break and are safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting week in school.



Police/Fire Engine visit



Before half term, we were delighted to host a visit from the representatives from the Hayle Neighbourhood Policing Team, PC Ellie Sherburn, PC Joseph Magurean and Adrian Hart, Tri-Service Safety Officer, along with Ben and Ben from the Fire Service. The children were all very excited to look around the fire engine, police car and tri-service vehicle. PC Sherburn explained to the children the dangers associated with communicating online. She also talked more generally about what her job entails and how



varied it can be. Ellie explained how her radio, handcuffs and camera worked as well as the 'stinger' to puncture car's tyres.



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Children's Author visit – Alex Fowler

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome local children's book author, Alex Fowler into school to work with each of the classes.



Year 3 had a fantastic morning where Alex spoke to the children about her career as an author and illustrator. The children asked some really great questions before getting involved in acting out the story of the Mermaid of Zennor. The children were then treated to Alex reading one of her stories to them in their reading corner.

We would like to say a big thank you to Alex for coming into

school to work with all our children, as a lead up to World Book Day next week.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for funding this amazing experience to enrich and inspire all our children to continue with their love of reading!



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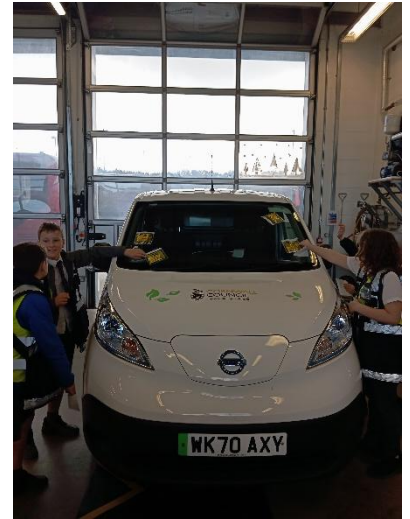
Year 5 – Junior Life Skills

On Thursday, Year 5 were invited to take part in a Junior Life Skills workshops, held at Tolvoddon Fire Station, as part of the PSHE curriculum. The children learned about:

- Internet Safety
- Basic CPR
- Electrical Safety and Fire Alarms
- Dangers around water
- Road safety
- GWR – safe behaviours in and around train stations

At the end of the session, the children were tasked by the fire service, with testing their fire alarms at home this week and every month thereafter.

We would like to thank Miss Lello, Mrs Mungles, Mrs Petrucsikne Cseh and Mrs Rees for supporting the visit.



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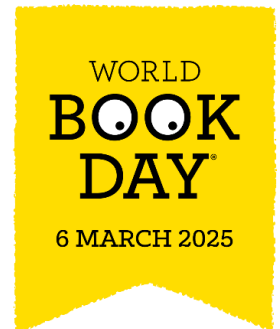


World Book Day

World Book day this year is on Thursday 6th March 2025. To mark this day and to raise funds to go towards more Accelerated Reader books for our school library, we are inviting children, for a donation of £1 (via ParentPay), to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their book to school with them to share with their classes. We encourage all children to take part in this fun day by wearing either a purchased dress-up costume, a home made costume, or alternatively, children can wear their own clothes. There is no expectation for any

family to pay out for expensive costumes unless they want to.

Every child will also be given a £1 book token supplied by the National Literacy Trust that they can use towards purchasing a book of their choice from any retailer. More information can be found by using the link below:



[Families - World Book Day](#)

PLEASE NOTE, DUE TO YEAR 1 BEING ON A SCHOOL TRIP ON WORLD BOOK DAY, THEY ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR COSTUMES ON WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH INSTEAD. THANK YOU.

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 11th March and Wednesday 12th March**. We strongly encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment to meet with their child's/children's teacher/teachers to discuss their progress this academic year.

The appointments are 10-minutes in duration, with appointments available between **3:30pm and 5:50pm** on both evenings for **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**.

For **Year R**, Mrs Bartaby will have appointments between **3:20pm and 6:10pm** on **Tuesday 11th March only**.

For **Year 1**, Miss Pedlar will have appointments between **1:00pm and 6:10pm** on **Tuesday 11th March only**.

Bookings should be made via the Arbor App and will open at 6:00pm tonight, Friday 28th February and close at 9:00am on Monday 10th March.

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Lego League



Our Connor Coders, Lego League team are eagerly awaiting the competition which takes place at RNAS Culdrose airbase on Thursday 13th March. The event will take place over two days and there are more than 300 teams competing over two days. The team of 10 have been tasked with building robots out of Lego.



The team t-shirts arrived this week and everyone is really excited to wear them and represent Connor Downs at the event. Attendance at such an event would not have been possible without the support and sponsorship of two amazing companies. Both Green Fern and Newell's have sponsored the registration fee and the team t-shirts.

We would like to say a huge thank you to both Green Fern Mortgage & Financial Services and Newell's Travel, Hayle, for sponsoring the 'Connor Coders' team in the Lego League competition.



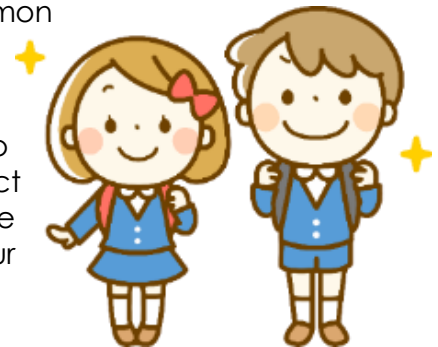
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Pre-Loved Uniform

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. Thank you.



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Menu changes next week

Due to St Piran's Day and World Book Day next week, we have amended the menu on ParentPay to show the correct options:

Tuesday 4th March – Roast Chicken or Carrot and Stuffing Plait

Wednesday 5th March – St Piran's Day – Steak Pasty and Chips or Cheese and Onion Pasty and Chips

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – Burger and Chips or Veggie Burger and Chips

Jacket Potatoes and Hot Tomato Pasta are also available.

Panto News!

Over half term, one of our Year 3 pupils, along with their mum, performed in Zennor Pantomime, Mother Goose. He took on many different speaking roles from a villager, a postman, a troll and a snowman! We are so proud of his dedication and resilience to performing in 5 shows in a row during the week. Congratulations!



Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.4 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.3 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 28th February 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 spring term, on **Friday 7th March 2025** 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 – Remi

For her enthusiasm and fantastic understanding when learning about planets. Remi always asks such interesting questions. Well done, Remi!

Year 1 – Nola

For always giving 100% effort in all her subjects. Nola's confidence has grown and she is now writing independently and sharing her answers with enthusiasm during whole class learning. Well done, Nola!

Year 2 – Zoey

For her hard work and effort in all subjects resulting in excellent outcomes in written and mathematical activities. Well done, Zoey!

Year 3 – Joseph

For using super adverbs in his writing and his effort to improve his handwriting style. Well done, Joseph!

Year 4 – Barney

For being such a trustworthy and dependable member of the class. Barney is always willing to help and support everyone in Year 4. Well done, Barney!

Year 5 – Henry

For his skilled persuasive writing to sell a variety of products. Well done, Henry!

Year 6 – Dari

For a fantastic piece of art inspired by our visit from the author for World Book Day. Well done, Dari!

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Writer – Zennor (Year R)

For his amazing effort when writing independently during phonics sessions. Zennor is now forming letters correctly. Well done, Zennor!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Florence (Year 1)

For her amazing progress in our phonics lessons. Florence is confidently reading in class and using her phonics skills to decode tricky words. Well done, Florence!

KS2 Reader – Bella V (Year 5)

For consistently reading well above her targets and always looking to challenge herself. Well done, Bella!

Mathematician – Amara (Year 6)

For superb focus and skills in maths club finding percentages, fractions of amounts and measuring angles. Well done, Amara!

Numbots/Rock Star – Charlie (Year 5)

For earning a fantastic 11,180 coins over the last 7 days. Well done, Charlie!

Performer – Dylan (Year 2)

For making an excellent model at home and presenting to both his class and art club. Well done, Dylan!

Character – Rupert (Year 3)

For being a reliable and kind friend to everyone in class. Rupert is a great role model, always looking for ways to help in Year 3. Well done, Rupert!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



Dates for Diary

Monday 3rd March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 1 of 5

Thursday 6th March 2025 – World Book Day

Monday 10th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 2 of 5

Tuesday 11th March – Parent Consultations – Evening 1 of 2 – Further details in the newsletter

Wednesday 12th March – Parent Consultations - Evening 2 of 2 – Further details in the newsletter

Monday 17th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 3 of 5

Monday 17th March – Friends Meeting – All welcome – 3:30pm in main school office

Monday 24th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 4 of 5

Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March – **Last week of afterschool clubs for Spring Term**

Monday 31st March – Swimming – Year 3 – Week 5 of 5

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Spring Term – **2:00pm FINISH**

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April – Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April - First Day of Summer Term – children and staff back to school

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