

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another very busy and exciting week in school.



School Games Final and Dodgeball

Congratulations to our KS2 team who took part in the School Games finals and Dodgeball events both held at Camborne Science and International Academy. Every member of the team participated with great enthusiasm and we are delighted to share that Team Connor Downs were awarded a Bronze Medal in the School Games.

Congratulations to every member of the team. A huge thank you goes to Miss Richards and Mrs Thomas for supporting the events.



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Careers Morning

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome a variety of parents/carers into school to talk to our children about their different careers. This was a truly wonderful morning where all the children were introduced to a huge variety of careers. We would like to say a sincere thank you to every parent/carer who gave up their time to come and share their careers with the children.

**THANK
YOU**



Year 3 had a fantastic careers morning with a hands-on experience, learning about the role of a Gas Engineer, a Solicitor and a Chef on a North Sea Oil Rig.



'I was surprised by how you had to go to work on a helicopter to get to the Oil Rig', said Sydney

'I think I would like to be a Gas Engineer because I can use all of the gas and oxygen testers', declared Bella L.

'A Solicitor has to do lots of reading and writing to help the Judge solve people's problems in court', mentioned Noelle.

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At the end of the session, the children were delighted to observe a Science Experiment with Mr Dingle to investigate how water pressure could make a boat move.



Year 4 welcomed a cosmetic demonstration followed by a visit from the RNLI. They also discussed what aspirations the children had for their futures and what they would need to be able to achieve them.



We were delighted to welcome two paramedics who showed the children around a working ambulance along with

Jack who shared a fascinating talk on the use of a tractor within agriculture. We also had two lorry visits, including one from Scania.



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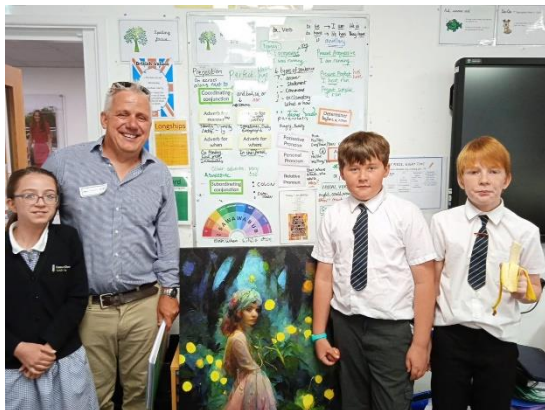
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Thank you to Mr Nash who came to speak to Year 6 on career's day this week. As an Artificial Intelligence Consultant, Mr Nash provided the children with a really clear understanding of what AI is and how it can enrich our lives. He explained how his business had developed and how the universal skills of being an excellent reader, writer and mathematician, as well as a brilliant communicator, were vitally important in every job.



Everyone was very grateful when Mr Nash reassured the class that, whilst AI was becoming extremely effective and powerful, it will still never replace humans completely!

Year 6 also enjoyed a talk given by Tamsin Spargo from the John Harris Society, who spoke enthusiastically about being an actress, writer and university lecturer during her varied career. Her

advice to the children was to follow their hearts when thinking about a future career and to work in an area they are passionate about. She also inspired the children to think of their lives as a journey, and that they may do many different jobs along the way.

KS2 Library Visit

On Wednesday this week, members of Key Stage 2 visited Hayle Library. The children took part in a treasure hunt and enjoyed a story with the librarian Geogina Hygat. Supporting children on their journey to reading for pleasure is something we know takes time and dedication - making use of the local libraries and their facilities is a key way to support this at home. The annual Summer Reading challenge is about to be launched for 2023, which offers children the chance to win prizes in exchange for reading during the holidays. If your child does not currently have a library card, it is very simple to join:



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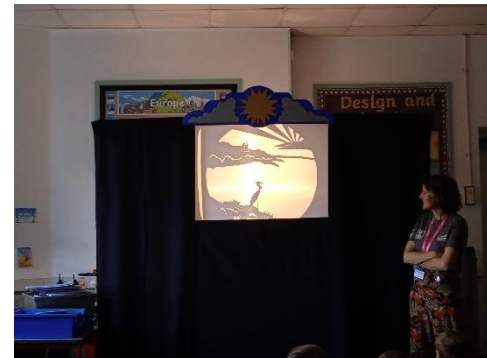
Year 1 – Disney Football

Year 1 were really excited to take part in Disney football. During their session this week they practised their passing and dribbling skills.



Year 4 Puppet Artist

On Thursday, Year 4 had a puppet workshop with the artist Reg Payn. They utilised what they had learned about their chosen birds, which are found on the Towans, and created a puppet show along with a narrated poem. The children all worked hard and enjoyed being able to perform their puppet shows to Year 1 at the end of the day.



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John Harris Society – Official Opening of the 'Story Thrones'



On Wednesday morning our story thrones were officially opened by the John Harris Society.

Dr Tamsyn Spargo and Paul Langford cut the ribbons and gave each thrones their Cornish name, "Arwenva" which means 'Place of Imagination'.

Our Year 6 prefects and school council members attended the opening ceremony.

The Year 6 children then shared their memories of the poems and art-work that had been inspired by the Cornish poet and miner, John Harris.



Bags2School

We would like to thank all the parents/carers, families and friends who donated their unwanted clothes to the Bags2School. This raised an incredible **£110** which will be used to support the children across the school.



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Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 7th July 2023 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

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 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



Tennis Reminder – Years 2 and 5

Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them for their final two tennis sessions on Monday 26th June and Monday 3rd July, thank you.

Year 6 London Residential – Parent/Carer Meeting

A reminder that there is a parent/carers meeting being held next Monday, 26th June at 5:00pm where more information and kit lists will be shared for those going on the Year 6 London Residential next month.

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KS2 School Camp Week

School Camp Week for KS2

The children will come to school on their designated day in their uniform with their kit bags. We advise that all children have a hot school dinner (please book this via ParentPay) at lunch time as the children will all require a packed tea and beverage. At the end of the day they will be transported via school minibus to the Towans for an evening stroll along the beach and enjoy their picnic tea by the sea. The children will then return to school for some games, teambuilding and entertainment before getting ready for bed. In the morning, the children will change back into their uniforms and have breakfast as a class in the school hall (provided by the school).

Kit List:

Please ensure that all kit is clearly labelled.

1. **Medication**
2. Sleeping bag or duvet.
3. Pillow
4. Roll mat to sleep on (we do have PE mats if you don't have a mat).
5. Warm bed clothes e.g. a onesie, pyjamas and socks to wear in the tent.
6. Book a school dinner via ParentPay.
7. **Picnic tea and drink for the evening.**
8. Change of clothes and underwear for the following day (school uniform and underwear).
9. A warm hat and coat.
10. Sun hat and sun cream individually named.
11. An extra refillable bottle of water.
12. Toothbrushes and toiletries.
13. Back pack.
14. Trainers for walking (**not** flip flops)
15. Casual clothes to wear at camp e.g. T-shirt, trousers/shorts and a hoody.
16. Torch.
17. A plastic bag for dirty items.
18. No expensive electrical items e.g. phones.
19. **Order a school dinner for the second day or drop in a packed lunch.**

Year 3 Miss Speight Monday 26th June

Year 4 Mrs Crease Tuesday 27th June

Year 5 Mr Pascoe Wednesday 28th June

Year 6 Miss Norton Thursday 29th June

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Sports Day – Thursday 6th 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

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 2	99.3 %
2 nd Place	Year R	99.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 3	98.5 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*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 spring term, on **Friday 30th June 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 – Robyn

For her amazing sentence formation during our phonics lessons. Well done, Robyn!

Year 1 – Joseph

For the fantastic progress he has made during his time in Year 1. Well done, Joseph!

Year 2 – Lola

For excellent effort to improve her reading and writing. Lola gives 100% to everything she does. Well done, Lola!

Year 3 – Isaac

For super effort to improve his calculation when reasoning maths challenges. Well done, Isaac!

Year 4 – Harry

For working so well as part of a group in our puppet workshop. Well done, Harry!

Year 5 – Isla

For her amazing concentration and absolute pride in her work. Well done, Isla!

Year 6 – Jacob

For asking some superb questions of our visitors during career's day. Well done, Jacob!

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Writer – Ben (Year 5)

For his excellent use of punctuation when writing complex sentences. Well done, Ben!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Dylan M (Year 1)

For the fantastic progress he has made in phonics and his reading ability. Well done, Dylan!

KS2 Reader – Eve (Year 3)

For excellent reading and answering questions in comprehension learning about Marcus Rashford. Well done, Eve!

Mathematician – Jago (Year R)

For his super work with numbers up to 20. Well done, Jago!

Rock Star – Year 4 cohort

For showing great resilience and determination this year on improving their times tables knowledge and speed of recall. You are all times table rock stars! Well done, Year 4!

Performer – James (Year 2)

For asking great questions during our career morning which enhanced everyone's learning. Well done, James!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Jude (Year 6)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Jude's total was an amazing 40,321 steps. Well done, Jude!

Character – Isla (Year 6)

For showing great character and impressing Mrs Smitheram and Miss Norton with her growing confidence. Well done, Isla!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School