



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear parents/carers,

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

Service of Remembrance

On Sunday, representatives from our School Council attended the annual service of remembrance at Hayle War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the Connor Downs Academy Community. The service was attended by Mrs Eddy, Mrs Bartaby and Mr and Mrs Gallagher, along with families and children from across the school. We are so proud of the respect that all our children showed and particularly in those laying the wreath. A big thank you to all those parents/carers who gave up their time to attend along with their children and to Mark and his team at The Big Pink Tree for once again providing us with a beautiful wreath.



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Year 5 – Minack Theatre

Last Friday, Year 5 travelled to the Minack Theatre to take part in a workshop linked to their learning in English and History. The weather was incredibly kind to the group and they enjoyed a back stage tour, followed by some warm up theatre games, before composing their own mini performances based on the Titanic. They were all very excited to perform on the world famous Minack Theatre stage. We would like to thank all the staff at the Minack Theatre who made it such a memorable visit and the parents/carers who supported the visit.



Year 1 – Fruit Kebabs

The children in Year 1 this week have been really busy making fruit kebabs in DT and following instructions for making chocolate crispy cakes.



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Children in Need

Today the children have had lots of fun in school for Children in Need. We would like to thank all the parents/carers who have supported this event. We are delighted to share that at the time of writing we have raised a fantastic £190. Donations can still be made using the link below until 5th December, so if you haven't already donated, please give whatever, you can. Please note we are unable to accept cash donations. Thank you for your support.



[Children In Need 2024 - Donations](#)

Open Afternoon and Online Safety Session



On **Wednesday 27th November**, we are inviting parents/carers, to an open event from **2:00pm** where you can come join your child's class to look at their books and view the classroom. At **2:30pm** parents/carers will move to the hall for an Online Safety session delivered by Giles Hill, Digital Strategy and Computing Lead for the Aspire Academy Trust.

This session will provide parents/carers with useful information and considerations for keeping growing families safe and healthy while accessing materials and services online. The presentation will explain Aspire's new collective action initiative for 2024-25, alongside simple, easy ways to set up devices to achieve a manageable and useful balance.

The session will include:

- Current context of developments
- Aspire's collective action initiative for 2024-25
- Tech preventions and controls
- Questions and Discussion

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy - Upcoming Fundraising Events

Disco

Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place **next Thursday, 21st November 2024**.

Reception and Years 1 and 2 from 5:00pm until 6:00pm and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from 6:15pm until 7:15pm.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. **Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected.**
Thank you.

Christmas Wreath Making

On **Thursday 12th December**, Louise from Lou-Lou Belles will be running a wreath making workshop from **6:30pm for adults only**. There are a maximum of 25 spaces available and the cost will be £37.50 per person, to include all the materials for you to make a wreath to take home and refreshments.

If you would like to secure a place, please speak to Mrs Gallagher in the school office to complete a booking form. Payments should be made via bank transfer within 48 hours of the booking. Thank you!



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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

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.



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 will close on 30th November 2024.

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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.



Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year R	98.2 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	97.7 %
3 rd 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 15th November 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 autumn term, on **Friday 22nd November 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 – Noah

For showing excellent understanding in maths with 1 more and 1 less. Well done, Noah!

Year 1 – Ben

For always giving 100% effort with amazing presentation in every lesson. Well done, Ben!

Year 2 – Sienna S

For excellent adding and subtracting in maths. Sienna is showing great progress in maths. Well done, Sienna!

Year 3 – Penelope

For showing super confidence in answering questions in Spiral maths and great effort to improve her number formation. Well done, Penelope!

Year 4 – Daniel

For showing perseverance and determination to complete tasks with his excellent sentence writing. Well done, Daniel!

Year 5 – Peyton

For the time, care and patience he demonstrates with his peers. Peyton always takes care of his friends. Well done, Peyton!

Year 6 – Archie K

For super reading with Mrs Smitheram. Archie's confidence and skills are building brilliantly. Well done, Archie!

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Writer – Harry (Year 6)

For showing excellent concentration during their writing lessons. Harry's work is always a joy to read, with great use of punctuation. Well done, Harry!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Noah V (Year 2)

For his commitment to reading and excellent presentation on stage during our nativity rehearsals. Well done, Noah!

KS2 Reader – Ella (Year 5)

For demonstrating great understanding during our VIPERs reading lessons. Well done, Ella!

Mathematician – Joseph (Year 3)

For great work calculating word problems using column addition and subtraction. Well done, Joseph!

Numbots/Rock Star – Carter (Year 5)

For playing TTRS for 5 minutes every day and earning 1,567 coins. Well done, Carter!

Performer – Nola (Year 1)

For showing great confidence when rehearsing for the nativity. Well done, Nola!

Character – Mackenzie (Year 4)

For always setting a good example of being a proactive learner with a 'can do' attitude and determination to complete tasks to the best of her ability.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School