

Friday 30th March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to thank you all for your support over the past term. We hope that you will all have a very Happy Easter holiday and make the most of spending time with family and friends and hopefully enjoying some lovely warm spring days!



As you are aware, at the end of each term, we produce a termly newsletter encompassing all the exciting and engaging work that has taken place in classes during this term. Each class has produced their own 'newsletter' which can be accessed using the following link. Please do take the time to have a look at all the amazing work happening across the academy:

[Spring Term 2023 Newsletter](#)

Year 4 Gym

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have had the opportunity to attend Penzance Gymnastics Club for five gymnastics sessions. The children learnt different stretches during their warm-ups and used a wide variety of equipment at the gym. Every child developed their skills during the session and enjoyed challenging themselves.

We would like to thank all those parents who were able to join us during our sessions at Penzance Gymnastics Club.



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Choir and Songfest

On Tuesday 28th March, ten members of Connor Downs Academy choir attended Songfest 2023 at St. John's Hall, Penzance. After a final rehearsal and a packed tea, the children all donned their colourful t-shirts ready to perform the songs they have been learning since January. The first act was children from Hayle Academy and Humphrey Davy School. One of the children said, 'We get to listen to this for free!' They all really enjoyed listening to the songs performed and joined in clapping and singing. When it was time for them to perform, the children all confidently took to the stage and performed alongside other local schools. The children all did an amazing job and the parents, Mrs Smith and Mrs Crease are so proud of them. Great job choir, you were an absolute credit to yourselves and Connor Downs Academy!



Name The Easter Bunny!

We are delighted to announce that the name of the Easter Bunny drawn today by Mrs Eddy is 'Lily'. 'Lily' has found a new home with Lily-Mae from Year 5. Congratulations Lily-Mae!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Name the Easter Bunny fundraising event.

We raised a superb £35 which will go towards providing resources for all the children.

Thank you to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for arranging this and for their donations of chocolate eggs for all the pupils.



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Year 4 – Group 1 Dunes Visit



Year 4 group 1 had an amazing afternoon of exploration and discovery at Gwithian Towans. They used binoculars, a compass and a map to get a sense of direction before heading into a sand dune 'blow out' to learn about the formation of sand dunes. They continued on their journey observing rabbit warrens, badger setts and learning more about the creatures that live here. From a high point they also measured the wind speed using an anemometer. The children had silent time while relaxing in the marram grass, listening for Sky Larks and other birds. Finally, they used lenses and magnifiers to observe nature.



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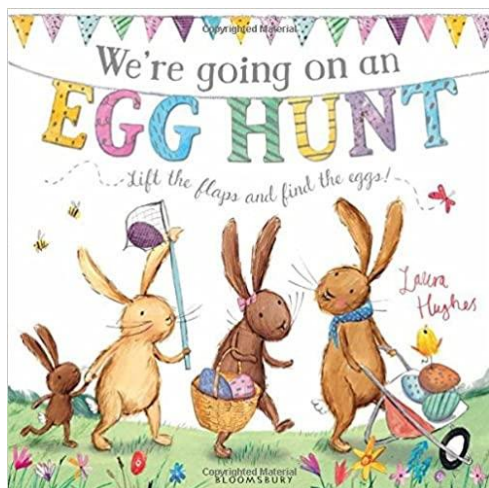
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Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between Tuesday 9th May and Friday 12th 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 and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.



Connor Downs Residents Association – Easter Egg Hunt!

Connor Downs Residents' Association are holding their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, 8th April, 2023 from 1:00 p.m, in the Turnpike Inn Garden.

Tokens can only be bought on the day, and there is a prize every time. All welcome.

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| <u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 97% | | |
| 1 st Place | Year 6 | 98.4 % |
| 2 nd Place | Year 2 | 98.3 % |
| 3 rd Place | Year 5 | 98.2 % |

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Monday 17th April** for the start of the summer term.



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Hayle Academy Opportunities



BORN TO ROCK

Year 5 and 6

BANDJAM

If you already play a rock instrument or you are very keen to learn one, sign up to our Bandjam sessions. You will be instructed and led by are fantastic Bandjam student leaders, who will teach you some 'cool' songs as a band.

You never know - you might be a rock star sooner than you think!

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| EVERY MONDAY 3.30PM - 4.30PM (EXCLUDING SCHOOL/ BANK HOLIDAYS) | FROM 24TH APRIL UNTIL 3RD JULY 2023 | PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING HAYLE ACADEMY |
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20 PLACES AVAILABLE - BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW:
<https://forms.gle/aZMXxjpBAHvR9Dtz5>

Contact Mrs Tamsin Hosking for more information: tamsin.hosking@hayleacademy.net



PROUD TO BE A MUSIC MARK SCHOOL 2022 - 2023



Truro and Penwith
Academy Trust



HAYLE ACADEMY
INVITES YEAR4&5 STUDENTS TO ATTEND



Super SATURDAYS

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| SATURDAY 22 APRIL | BUDDING ARTISTS DESIGN AND MAKE YOUR OWN GREETINGS CARD OR POSTER INSPIRED BY AN EXCITING CONTEMPORARY ARTIST! |
| SATURDAY 29 APRIL | MATHS- LEAP FROG INVESTIGATION CAN YOU HELP YOUR FROG TO TRAVEL ACROSS THE POND USING YOUR INVESTIGATIVE MATHS SKILLS? |
| SATURDAY 20 MAY | CATERING - BAKE OFF LEGENDS ARE YOU A KEEN BAKER OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN? COME ALONG AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN BAKING SOME DELICIOUS GOODIES AND TREATS. |

SESSIONS RUN FROM 10AM - 12PM
BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE:
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/VNN6BNVVFUI4NRNL9](https://forms.gle/VNN6BNVVFUI4NRNL9)

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Hayle Heritage Centre

FREE family craft sessions to celebrate Hayle Heritage Centre re-opening.

Hayle Heritage Centre is re-opening to the public on the 11th of April, and to celebrate we are running two FREE family craft sessions through the week.



On Tuesday the 11th come along to a paper craft session "Pondlife – inspired by the animals of the Millpond". There will be two sessions through the afternoon, with session 1 starting at 1.00pm and session 2, starting at 2.30. Places must be booked in advance via the listing on our website's Event Calendar (under "About Us").

On Friday the 14th, children can learn to make lanterns using a perforating method inspired by Hayle's Metal Perforators and Engineers J&F Pool. This is a drop-in session and will be running from 1.00-3.00 pm.

The sessions are suitable for children of all ages. For more information, please see our social media (Facebook: Hayle Heritage Centre / Instagram: @hayleheritagecentre) or visit our website at www.hayleheritagecentre.org.uk. Alternatively, you can also call us on 01736 757683.



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ECB National Cricket Programmes – All Stars and Dynamos!

Cornwall Cricket know that times are particularly tough and are keen to help children have the chance to be involved wherever possible.

Cornwall Cricket have created a [Hardship Fund](#) where parents/carers can apply for **fully subsidised** places to become an All Star or Dynamo!

Here is the full link - <https://cornwallcricket.co.uk/junior-cricket/ecb-national-programmes-all-stars/cornwall-cricket-support-fund-national-programmes.html>

Big Moments of summer fun!

ALL STARS cricket

NEED SUPPORT?
Cornwall Cricket Support Fund

HELP IS HERE!

For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

DYNAMOS CRICKET

NEED SUPPORT?
Cornwall Cricket Support Fund

HELP IS HERE!

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at
dynamicscricket.co.uk

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With the end of the season fast approaching, the club is starting to plan for next season. We're always on the lookout for new players to join our current squads.

If you are in current school year **4, 5 or 6** and would like to join a football club.

We would love to hear from you.

Please email:

Ludgvanlionsjfc@outlook.com for more information.

SCHOOL'S OUT THIS EASTER! NOW WHAT!?

INTENSIVE SWIM LESSONS

Must be 4 and above

3rd, 6th April
11th, 14th April

For more information please
see our website or
app for booking details

AQUA SPASH

Must be 8+ and
be able to
swim 25m.

Junior Fitness Classes

Monday: Group Cycle
17.30-18.00

Wednesday: Circuit
Training 16.45-17.15

Friday: Power Pump
16.30-17.00

FITNESS CLASSES

Yoga HIIT
Pilates Group Cycle
Tai Chi Body Conditioning
Zumba Power Pump
Functional Fitness Aqua
Aerobics
Kettlebells Circuit Training
Over 50's Functional Fitness

Junior Gym

11am-2pm
every day

12 per session

Opening Times

Weekdays
6am-9pm

Weekend & Good
Friday
8am-4pm

SUNDAY
£1 SWIM
9AM-
10AM

Fancy your own private pool party?

Hire one of our pools for
your very own private
party. If Email us to find out
more information about
prices and hiring the
inflatables and course to
complete your pool party
dream!

1 Day Pass: £15
7 Day Pass: £30
30 Day Pass: £99.35

These passes allow you to go
access our pool, gym and
indoor classes



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the feel good place

For any information and enquiries regarding party pool hire, junior gym, or our swim and fitness classes
and further activities during the Easter holidays, please email us at stives@gll.org



Holiday Activities at St Ives Leisure Centre

On the 3rd and 5th of April from 9:30-1:30pm

We are holding multi-sport and swimming sessions
for children 8+.

This 4 hour, fun session includes a hot meal for only £15.

To book, please pop in the centre or email us at stives@gll.org



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