



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. There have been lots of exciting activities taking place, with the Year 1 visit to Trengwainton Gardens and Year 2 visit to Lanhydrock, both at the end of last week. This week has seen, parent consultations, the Year 5/6 swimming gala, and the Lego League event!



## Year 1 – Trengwainton Gardens

Last Thursday, our Year 1 class had an exciting visit to Trengwainton Gardens, exploring nature through their senses!

As part of their "Senses Trail," they used their eyes to spot vibrant flowers, towering trees, and hidden wildlife. Their ears tuned in to birds chirping and leaves rustling, while their noses picked up the fresh scent of flowers.

They felt different textures, from rough tree bark to soft petals, and even tasted some delicious snacks during their break.

The gardens were the perfect place to engage all five senses, helping the children appreciate the world around them in a new way.

The children had a fantastic time making discoveries, sharing their observations and even finding a stick insect! It was a wonderful day of hands-on learning and fun! We can't thank our volunteers and our wonderful staff enough for helping and making the visit possible!



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## Year 2 – Lanhydrock House

On Friday last week, the children in Year 2 visited Lanhydrock House to link with this terms themes of 'Materials', focusing on science and 'Homes from the Past', focusing on English and History. Thank you to Zoey in Year 2 for the following report:



*'The trip to Lanhydrock was great. We went into the house and two minutes later the fire alarm went off! It wasn't a practice alarm, it was a real one! The boys went wild when the firemen came. The fire was in the boiler room. As soon as we evacuated, it started pouring with rain. By the time we were allowed back in, it was lunchtime.*



*After lunch, we explored the house. There were lots of animals heads on the walls. There were also pictures that moved when you changed your angle. The pictures were of the children who lived in the house years ago. They showed the children growing up. The trees around the yard were cut perfectly'.*



We would like to thank all the parent/carers that came along to help on the visit. We could not do this without your incredible support. Thank you!



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LEGO  
LEAGUE**

**CHALLENGE**

## Lego League 2025

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, our Connor Coders team attended the Lego League competition at RNAS Cudrose. Firstly, the team had to present to the judges and did an amazing job of describing their innovation project and how they programmed their robot.



They had three robot games and improved their score from an initial 95 points to an amazing 135 points.

During the day, the children also enjoyed the opportunity to explore the impressive range of stalls and activities.



At the end of the day, there was a closing ceremony and Connor Coders were awarded the Judge's award trophy for

breakthrough team.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors, Newell's Travel and Green Fern, without whom we would have been unable to attend the competition.



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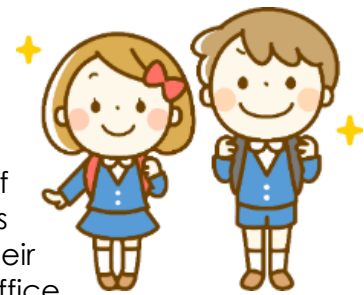
## Parent Consultations

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all those parents/carers who attended this weeks' parent/carer consultations. We were delighted with the number of families who turned out to see their children's work and have the chance to catch up with the class teachers to discuss how their children are progressing.

## 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. Thank you.



## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 – Jesse**

For settling so well into school. Jesse is making fantastic progress with phonics, reading and writing phase 2 words. Well done, Jesse!

### **Year 1 – Zac**

For being an excellent role model, always sharing his answers, taking on challenges and looking after his friends. Well done, Zac!

### **Year 2 – Isaac**

For his brilliant work on character description. Well done, Isaac!

### **Year 3 – Lyla**

For showing such kindness and thoughtfulness to her new friends. Well done Lyla, for settling into school so quickly.

### **Year 4 – Miriam**

For achieving her reading targets every week, quizzing most days and fantastic progress in her fluency. Well done, Miriam!

### **Year 5 – Tegen**

For her amazing environmentally friendly 3D printed machine for the Lego League competition. Well done, Tegen!

### **Year 6 – Bella**

For her brilliant swimming skills at the gala this week. Well done, Bella!.

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## **Writer – Isla (Year 6)**

For such precise use of language when writing your Disastrous Day story. Well done, Isla!

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

For his amazing effort and confidence when reading and writing tricky words during phonics sessions. Well done, Jacob!

## **KS2 Reader – Daisy (Year 3)**

For her super effort with reading every night and progress she is making with quizzes. Well done, Daisy!

## **Mathematician – Colby (Year 4)**

For making such excellent progress in his multiplication recall for his MTC. Well done, Colby!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Zander (Year 2)**

For earning over 16,000 coins and getting over 2000 correct answers. Well done, Zander!

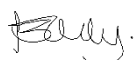
## **Performer – Charlie (Year 5)**

For winning his heat and representing the school at the swimming gala. Well done, Charlie!

## **Character – Conor (Year 1)**

For being a kind, caring, considerate friend to everyone. Conor is an excellent role model as he always follows the school rules. Well done, Conor!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

## Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

The Time2Move Holiday Programme is a programme that is fully funded for those children eligible for benefits related free school meals. Please see the flyer and letter below for further details and to access your child's code.



**TIME MOVE  
Holiday Programme**

**EASTER 2025**

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from April 7th – 18th

Scan here to book!



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

### Time2Move Holiday Programme – Easter 2025

It is with great pleasure that we can inform you that the Time2Move Holiday Programme for Easter 2025 is live.

The programme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a funded meal for every child. All children are welcome to attend, and it is completely **funded** for children that are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals.

As a parent or guardian of a child eligible for benefits related free school meals you will need your child's unique code in order to access the activities for free. You can access your child's code quickly and easily at:

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/time2move)

Once you have this code you can search and book on activities here:

[www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme](http://www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme)

The activities are all delivered by approved providers with the main focus on fun and enjoyment. So please search for activities near you, book your child's place and we look forward to seeing your child over the Easter holidays.

For any questions regarding the Time2Move Holiday Programme please email [Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk) or phone 01872 324287.

Yours faithfully

The Time2Move Holiday Programme Team

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