

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had another incredibly full and eventful week in school.



KS1 – Orienteering

On Friday last week, Years 1 and 2 took part in some exciting workshops with Mr Turnham, Aspire's Outdoor Education Lead. The children developed their orienteering skills outside on the school grounds. The activities involved map reading, orienteering using their maps and compass work. The children were amazing and showed great teamwork. Thanks to Mr Turnham for providing this opportunity.

Multi-skills Athletics written by William in Year 5

On Monday, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children attended Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a multi-sports event along with seven other schools.

The group was split into two groups with the boys taking part in races and the girls in other activities. The racing games involved, hurdles, jumping in and out of hoops, star jumps, jumping jacks, sprints and relays.



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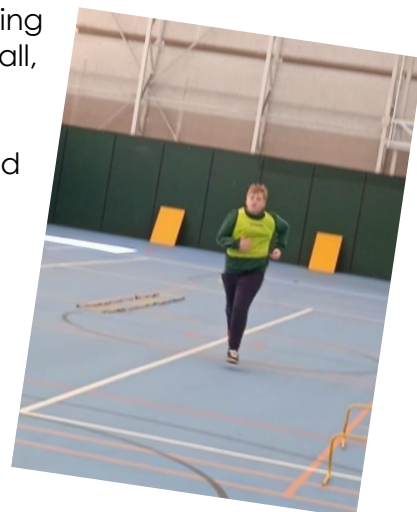
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The activities involved, jumping over cones, throwing a 3kg medicine ball, then a 5kg medicine ball, javelin throwing and long jumps.

All children took part with great enthusiasm and determination and showed great behaviour and we are very proud of each and every one of them.



Thank you to William from Year 5 for an extensive report on all the activities that the children took part in.



Reception Class – Welly Walk

On a very sunny, but cold Tuesday morning, Reception class went to Tehidy Woods to take part in their sponsored welly walk. All the children had lots of fun jumping in puddles and watching all the wildlife. We would like to thank all the adult helpers that supported this trip and a huge thank you to all the parents/carers, families and friends

who have sponsored the children. Please can we ask for all sponsorship money to be paid in via ParentPay by Friday 10th March. All funds raised will go towards resources to enhance the children's learning in Year R.



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Year 5 – DT Paper Making

Year 5's DT topic for this term is "Chinese Inventions". The aim is to discover how Chinese inventions have shaped the world in which we live.

The class discussed the fact that many consider that ancient Chinese people came up with the four greatest inventions: paper, the compass, moveable-type printing and gunpowder.

Using the knowledge they had acquired, the children then set about making their own paper.

Year 1 Trengwainton Gardens

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Trengwainton Gardens on Thursday, completing a senses trail. The children could hear birds tweeting and water running. They could see colourful flowers, feel crunchy leaves under their feet, smell flowers, some of which

smelt like strawberries and tasted their sweet fruit snack.

They also enjoyed spending time drawing the landscape and things that they saw on the trail and finally enjoyed story time with the different adults as part of World Book Day. We would like to thank all the adult helpers that supported this visit.



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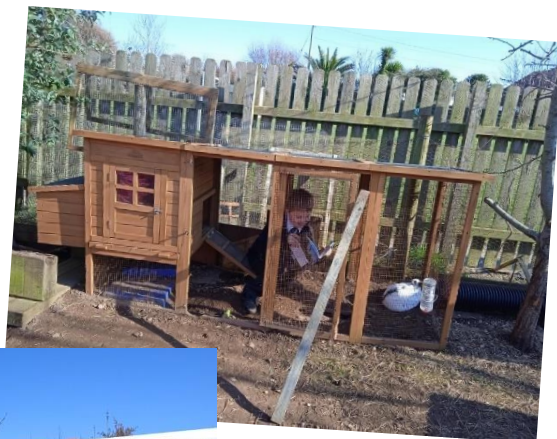
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World Book Day

On Thursday we marked World Book Day with every class creating a 'Reading River' showing all the different reading that we do every day! Whether it be reading signs, on the computer, on packaging or in class - we need our reading skills far more than just to read books.

The children also had photos taken of themselves reading in 'extreme' places and positions - I am sure you agree they are excellent! Year 4 took part in the extreme reading challenge by building a den in the classroom!



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New Class Reading Books

Using some of the funding from the Sponsored Reading event last term, each class now has their very own 'Treasure Box' of books for the teacher to read.

Each year, your child will enjoy a wide variety of stories being

read to them, including picture books, adventure stories and non-fiction books.

Each year they will also read a book by the classic author 'Michael Morpurgo' whose books have many links to Cornwall.



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Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultations are being held next week on Tuesday 7th March and Wednesday 8th March. 10-minute appointments are available between 3:30pm and 6:20pm on both evenings for Years R, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

For Year 1 Miss Pedlar will have appointments between 1:00pm and 6:20pm on Tuesday 7th March **only**.

Miss Norton, for Year 6 will have appointments from 3:30pm until 6:20pm on Tuesday 7th March and between 4:30pm and 6:20pm pm on Wednesday 8th March.

Bookings should be made via the Arbor App and will close at 7:00pm on Sunday 5th March.

Please email hello@connordowns.org.uk if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

Parking

Please can we kindly remind parents/carers to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting their child/children to/from school. Please do not park across resident's driveways, on double yellow lines or across entrances, specifically to the cut through opposite the school linking Connor Hill and Mutton Hill. This lane is used for vehicle access at all times and should be left clear. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Contact Details

Please could we ask all parents/carers to check, using their Arbor login details, that we have the correct, up to date contact details. It is imperative that, should an emergency arise, we are able to contact a primary carer immediately.

If any amendments are required, you can do this via the Arbor App or email hello@connordowns.org.uk. Thank you for your support.



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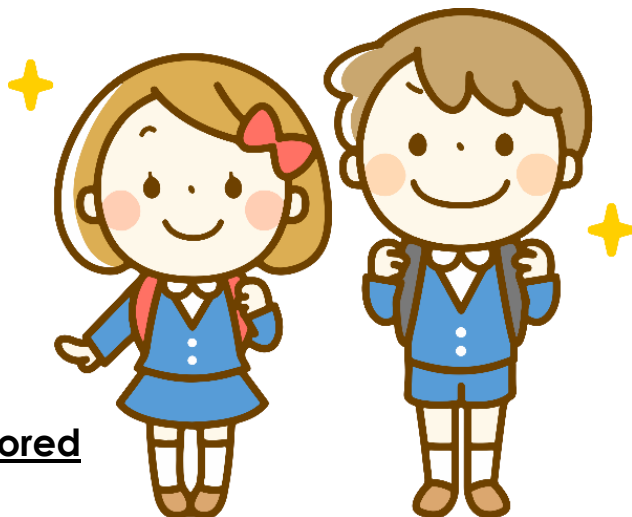
SALE

Pre-loved School Uniform Sale

The FOCDA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on **Thursday 16th March**. This will be held on the playground if the weather is fine or in the school hall if wet.

They have a great selection of shirts, skirts, shorts, trousers, logo jumpers and cardigans all available in different sizes, as well as some PE Kit.

If your child needs any school uniform items, please do come along and see what you can pick up. The friends just kindly ask for a small donation in return.



Free Vegetables – Sponsored by Riviera Produce



At the same time, the FOCDA will be offering free vegetables to those families who may wish to partake. The vegetables are being supplied by Riviera Produce. We would like to say a big thank you to Riviera Produce for their generous offer to support our families. Please just come and help yourself.



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Bags2School

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bags2School collection for Tuesday 21st March.

Every child in Year R – 3 has been sent home with a Bags2School bag. Unfortunately, there were not enough bags provided by Bags2School, for all the children in the other year groups however, they will accept other bags as well.

Please find on the flyer a list of the items that they will accept.

Please could all bags be brought to school by 9:00am on Tuesday 21st March and be left in the playground where a member of the Friends will kindly accept your donations.

Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.



CALLING ALL GIRLS: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BIGGEST EVER GIRLS' FOOTBALL SESSION

On **Wednesday 8 March 2023**, Connor Downs Academy is taking part in the *Biggest Ever Football Session* as girls from across the country try out their football skills throughout the course of the day.

All the girls will enjoy a football session in their year group with our qualified football coach, Miss Raven. The girls will require their PE kit and a drink for the session.

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Coast Activity Day – Sports/Activity Sessions

Coast, are a children's sports and activities holiday club that runs camps over the school holidays in the local area. The holiday camps are fully funded by the Government for those who receive benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) and all children who attend are provided with a healthy hot lunch. This provision is to tackle those inequalities and support children and families during the holidays and are available to **ALL** children. As an Ofsted registered company, they can take childcare tax-free vouchers for those that do not qualify for FSM.



Coast will be coming into school on **Thursday 9th March** to deliver taster sessions to each of our classes. Please can we ask that **every child** has their **PE kit in school** with them on this day regardless of if it is their normal PE day. Thank you.

Timetable for the day

Time Slot	Year Group
9:15am – 9:45am	Year 5
9:45am – 10:25am	Year 4
10:50 am – 11:20am	Year 2
11:30am – 12:00noon	Year 3
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Year 1
2:00pm – 2:30pm	EYFS
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Year 6

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Menu Change – St Piran's Day – Thursday 9th March

To celebrate St Piran's Day, there will be a change to the advertised menu on ParentPay. Next Thursday, 9th March we will be offering either:

- a steak pasty or,
- a cheese and onion pasty or,
- hot tomato pasta or,
- jacket potatoes

Please book as usual via ParentPay. If your child would like the steak pasty, order the meat option and if they prefer the cheese and onion pasty, please select the vegetarian option.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	97.8 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	97.0 %

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 next Shine assembly, on **Friday 10th March** 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 – Freddie Ox

For his enthusiasm during our class trip to Tehidy Woods. Freddie was so keen to take part in all aspects of the visit. Well done, Freddie!

Year 1 – Rupert

For his amazing effort in class and his kind and caring attitude towards all class members including the adults.

Year 2 – James

For excellent English work resulting in a skilfully written postcard based on our class story. Well done, James!

Year 3 – Idy

For great work answering questions about fossils in our reading comprehension. Well done, Idy!

Year 4 – Lola

For improving her behaviour for learning and continuing to work so hard on the presentation in her books. Well done, Lola!

Year 5 – Ella-Fay

For winning her battle with multiplication and division through determination and perseverance. Well done, Ella!

Year 6 – Caleb

For stunning progress in Maths this year. Caleb always gives 100% and this is showing in his day to day work and the practice SATs papers being undertaken. Well done, Caleb!

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Writer – Connie (Year 1)

For her amazing effort and progress with her sentence writing during phonics, remembering sentence rules and neat handwriting. Well done, Connie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Mackenzie (Year 2)

For your love of reading and enthusiasm when talking about the characters and events in your book. Well done, Mackenzie!

KS2 Reader – Billy (Year 3)

For consistently reading above his target every night. Billy is a keen reader and this is showing in the vocabulary he is using in his writing. Well done, Billy!

Mathematician – Drake (Year R)

For his understanding, hard work and determination in learning number bonds to 10. Well done, Drake!

Rock Star – Liam (Year 4)

For his amazing effort and achievement on TTRS during half term. Liam truly rose to the challenge set for you by Mrs Crease. Well done, Liam!

Performer – William (Year 5)

For participating in Sports Hall Athletics with such enthusiasm and representing our school so well. Well done, William!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Isaac (Year 3)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Isaac's total was an incredible 35,700 steps. Well done, Isaac!

Character – Seth (Year 6)

For always being on hand to assist during assembly with ICT. Seth displays great leadership skills which will serve him well in the future. Well done, Seth!

Kind Regards,



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ECB National Cricket Programmes – All Stars and Dynamos



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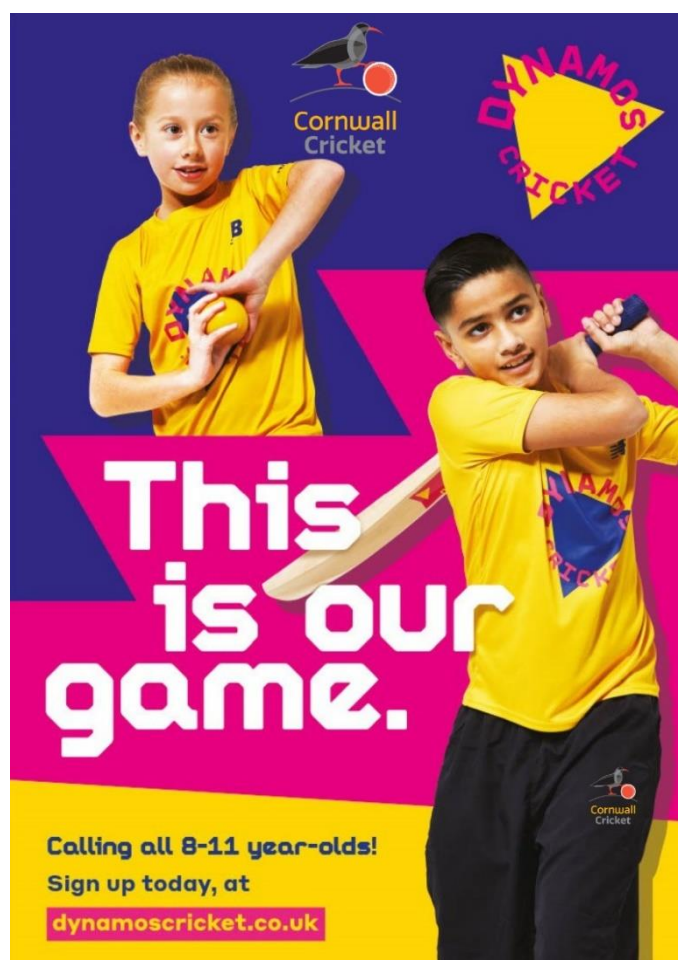
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