

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and that you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. On behalf of myself and all the staff at Connor Downs Academy, I would like to welcome all our children back for what is planned to be a very busy and exciting summer term.



## Year 4 – Group 2 Dunes Visit

The 2<sup>nd</sup> group from Year 4 had an amazing afternoon of exploration and discovery at Gwithian Towans. Although it was a gloriously sunny day, it was very windy! The children 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 with their explorations observing rabbit warrens, badger setts and learning more about the creatures that live there. 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 Skylarks and other birds. Finally, they used lenses and magnifiers to observe nature.



T: 01736 753135

E: [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

W: [www.connordowns.org.uk](http://www.connordowns.org.uk)

Connor Downs Academy, Mutton Hill, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5DH

A Company Limited by Guarantee. An Exempt Charity

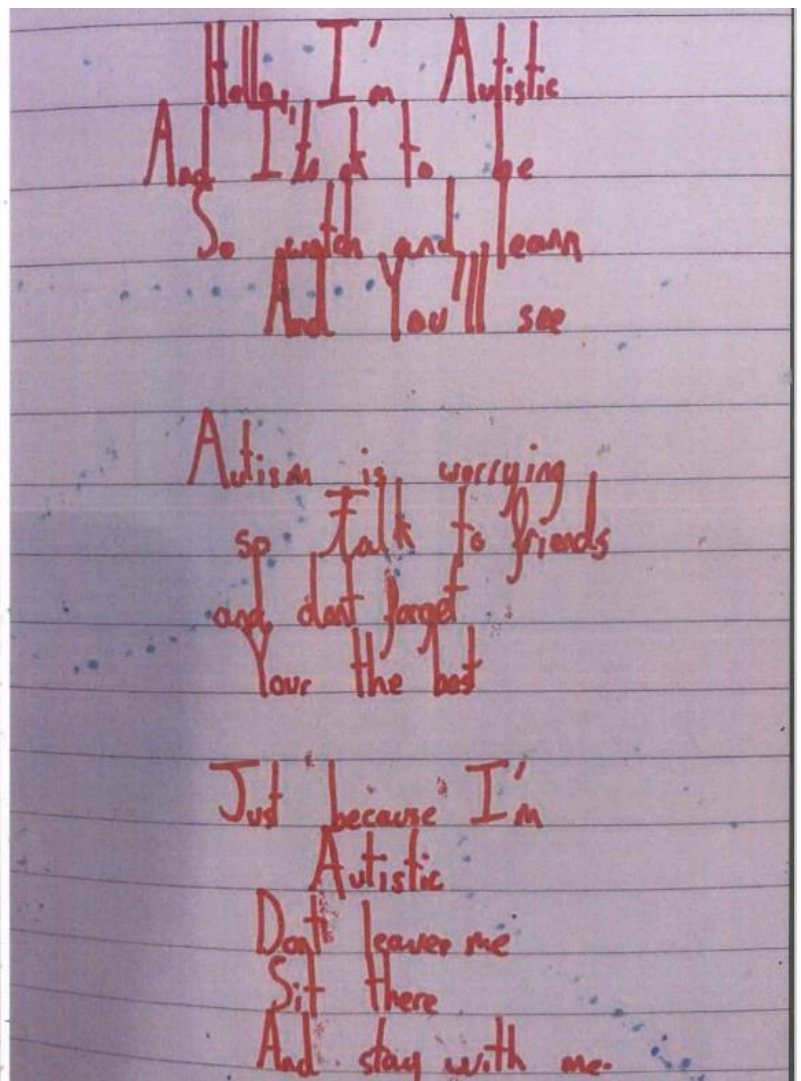
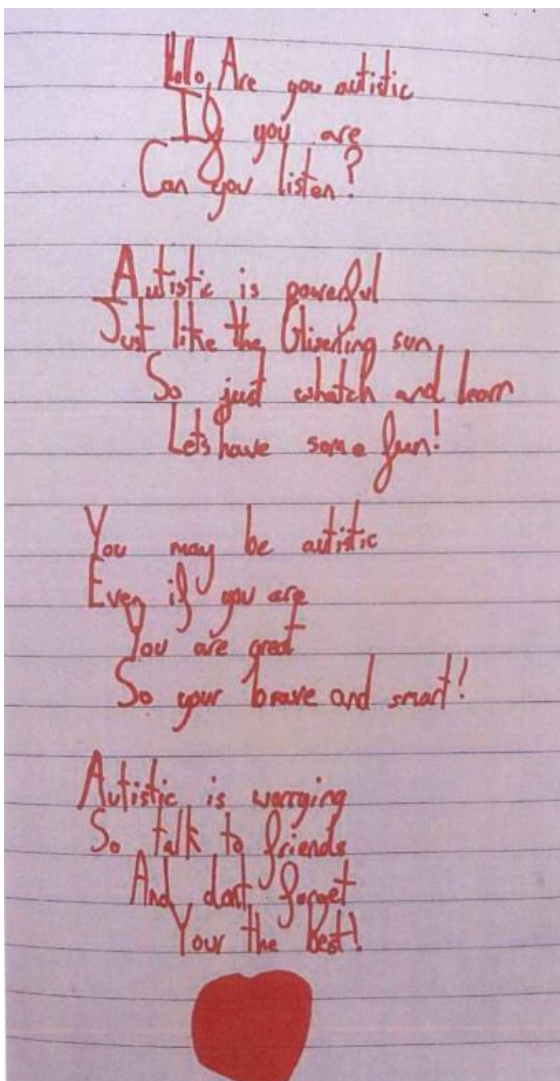
Registered in England & Wales - Company No. 07387540

Registered Office: Aspire Academy Trust, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4FD



## Autism – A child's view

Thank you to one of our lovely KS2 pupils for their moving piece of writing about being autistic – we are so proud of you!



## Uniform Reminder

A reminder that all pupils should come to school wearing the correct uniform each and every day. This includes, a navy school jumper with the Connor Downs logo, white shirt (polo shirt for Reception class), navy and gold stripe tie, dark grey skirt (navy/white gingham summer dress for the summer term is allowed) or trousers and black shoes. Thank you for your understanding and support.



## Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.



## London Marathon – Parent Participants

One of our parent/carer community is running the London marathon on Sunday 23rd April in aid of Children With Cancer UK.

They have set up a just giving page to raise funds for this amazing charity. Please find the link/QR code below should you wish to contribute.

[Tom Viner - Just Giving Link - Children With Cancer UK](#)

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 2	98.8 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 4	98.1 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	97.7 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

T: 01736 753135

E: [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

W: [www.connordowns.org.uk](http://www.connordowns.org.uk)

Connor Downs Academy, Mutton Hill, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5DH

A Company Limited by Guarantee. An Exempt Charity

Registered in England & Wales - Company No. 07387540

Registered Office: Aspire Academy Trust, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4FD



## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

*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 28<sup>th</sup> April** 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 – Nell**

For producing imaginative and colourful artwork when drawing flowers. Well done, Nell!

### **Year 1 – Kingsley**

For his mature attitude to all his work and happiness to take on a challenge. Well done, Kingsley!

### **Year 2 – Imogen**

For excellent focus and skills shown during our swimming sessions. Well done, Imogen!

### **Year 3 – Daniel**

For his super effort in maths, learning about mass and capacity. Well done, Daniel!

### **Year 4 – Archie K**

For always being such a cheerful member of the class and always showing great behaviour for learning in all lessons. Well done, Archie!

### **Year 5 – Unique**

For an incredible score in her reading assessment. Well done, Unique!

### **Year 6 – Orla**

For always doing the right thing and producing excellent quality work everyday. Well done, Orla!

T: 01736 753135

E: [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

W: [www.connordowns.org.uk](http://www.connordowns.org.uk)

Connor Downs Academy, Mutton Hill, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5DH

A Company Limited by Guarantee. An Exempt Charity

Registered in England & Wales - Company No. 07387540

Registered Office: Aspire Academy Trust, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4FD

**Writer – Isla (Year 4)**

For writing such an interesting and descriptive account of her Easter holiday. Well done, Isla!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Destiny (Year R)**

For reading phase 2 and 3 sounds with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, Destiny!

**KS2 Reader – Zac (Year 6)**

For carefully reading a text and comprehensively answering questions about poetry. Well done, Zac!

**Mathematician – Spencer (Year 1)**

For his brilliant counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and for always completing his homework. Well done, Spencer!

**Rock Star – Carter (Year 3)**

For his amazing effort and progress with his TT Rock stars score. Carter is a great role model in Year 3. Well done, Carter!

**Performer – Ella-Fay (Year 5)**

For her wonderful and dramatic performance in the "Scottish play". Well done, Ella-Fay!

**Moki Fitness Tracker – William (Year 4)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. William's total was an amazing 56,230 steps. Well done, William!

**Character – Sonnie (Year 2)**

For the resilience and effort he puts into everything he attempts. Sonnie is a true role model for others. Well done, Sonnie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

## Term Dates - 2023/2024 Academic Year

### Autumn Term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Inset Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 **(School closed to pupils)**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – **Years 1 – 6 first day of Autumn term**

**Half Term – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Inset Day – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 **(School closed to pupils)**

Inset Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 **(School closed to pupils)**

**Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – 2pm Finish**

**Christmas Holidays – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

### Spring Term

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Inset Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February **(School closed to pupils)**

**Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Last Day of Spring Term – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 2pm Finish**

**Easter Holidays – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### Summer Term

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

First day of Summer Term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Inset Day – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024 **(School closed to pupils)**

**Last Day of Summer Term – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – 2pm Finish**

T: 01736 753135

E: [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

W: [www.connordowns.org.uk](http://www.connordowns.org.uk)

Connor Downs Academy, Mutton Hill, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 5DH

A Company Limited by Guarantee. An Exempt Charity

Registered in England & Wales - Company No. 07387540

Registered Office: Aspire Academy Trust, Unit 20, St Austell Business Park, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 4FD