

Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

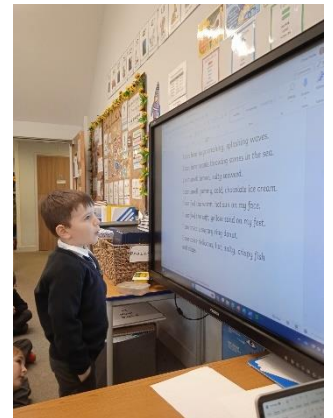
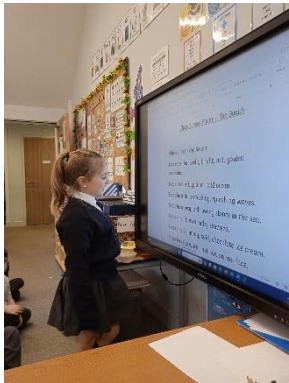


Year 1 Senses Poem – The Beach

Year 1 - Poetry

When I go to the beach
 I can see the lovely, bright, hot, golden
 sunshine.
 I can see the big, blue, cold ocean.
 I can hear huge crashing, splashing waves.
 I can hear people throwing stones in the sea.
 I can smell brown, salty seaweed.
 I can smell yummy, cold, chocolate ice cream.
 I can feel the warm, hot sun on my face.
 I can feel the soft, yellow sand on my feet.
 I can taste a sugary ring donut.
 I can taste delicious, hot, salty, crispy fish
 and chips.

In Year 1 this week, the children have been using their senses to create a class poem about the beach. They worked in small groups to come up with ideas using adjectives and then each child read a line of the poem.



Year 6 – Geography and Music

This week in geography, Year 6 have made 3D pyramids and decorated them with facts about the Andes, as part of their unit about South America.



They have also enjoyed playing the Carol King song 'You got a Friend' with the xylophones in Music.



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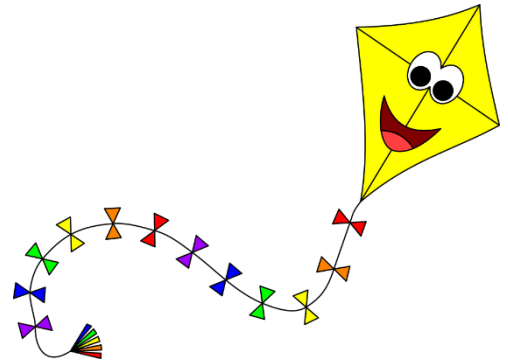
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Year 5 – DT

Year 5 this week have been developing a kite prototype.



Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel 2024

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge, inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine, helping them arrive at school more relaxed and alert; it's great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge runs from 11th March to 22nd March 2024, so we are encouraging all families, where it is safe and feasible to do so, to walk, cycle or scooter to school each day during this period.

Well done to everyone who has taken up the challenge this week. There is still one more week to take part. Thank you for your support.

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Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge

The **Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge** is a trust-wide, team-focussed feat of endurance taking place from **6th to 15th March 2024** to raise money for two fantastic causes, in equal part - Red Nose Day* and Youth Sport Trust**.



Circumnavigating the whole of Cornwall, 36 Aspire academies, two outdoor education centres (Carlyon Bay and Carnyorth) and two central core service buildings (Truro and St Austell) will be connected via a non-competitive relay route with adult participants using only physical activity as the mode of travel. Whether it's walking, running, cycling, rowing, horse riding or swimming, physical exertion is key and anything involving an engine is strictly off limits!

Special thanks to Mr Pascoe and Miss Bromley who yesterday represented Connor Downs Academy. Mr Pascoe connected with the staff from St Uny C of E Academy and ran with the baton from Carbis Bay to Connor Downs Academy. Some of the children assembled in the playground to welcome



Mr Pascoe and to witness the handover of the baton to Miss Bromley. Miss Bromley then cycled with a member of staff from Crowan Primary School to hand the baton over for the next leg. We are very proud and grateful to both Mr Pascoe and Miss Bromley for their contributions to the relay challenge!

This is not just a fundraising event for the grown-ups. Pupils here at Connor Downs Academy have been actively involved, raising money for the two nominated charities through our school-led event - The Connor Downs Comic Relief and Youth Sports Trust Fitness Challenge - on Friday 15th March. Children took part in a a comic relief dance session.



If you would like to make a charity donation, please use the following link:

[Aspire Connect 40 Relay Challenge - GiveWheel](#)



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Easter Events



On **Wednesday 27th March**, the Friends of Connor Downs will be holding a Tabletop Sale starting at 3pm. Each child will be making an Easter themed item to sell for **£1** at the sale and there will also be pre-loved uniform and books available for a donation. Please do come along and support this fundraising event.

On **Thursday 28th March**, the Friends of Connor Downs will be holding an Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds. Each pupil will win a small Easter Egg for finding the hidden eggs.



The Friends also have '**Name the Bunny**'. For **£1 a go**, you can put your name against one of the bunny names on the board next to the bunny. The winner will be chosen by Mrs Eddy/Mr Pascoe on the final day of term, 28th March.

The bunny will be on display in the front office next week with a board full of names to choose from, so do come along and have a go, or two! Please pay Mrs Gallagher in cash, at reception for the number of goes you would like and then write your name on board under the names you choose!



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.



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Diary Dates

Monday 18th March – Swimming – Year 3 - Week 4
 Monday 18th March – Year 5/6 Pirates Rugby Session – Week 5
 Monday 25th March – Swimming – Year 3 – Final session
 Monday 25th March – Year 5/6 Pirates Rugby Session – Final session
 Wednesday 27th March – Tabletop Sale, Pre-loved Uniform and Book Sale – 3pm
 Thursday 28th March – Easter Egg Hunt in school
 Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term – **2pm FINISH**

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April – First Day of Summer term
 Monday 22nd April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 1
 Monday 29th April – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 2
 Thursday 9th May – Friday 10th May – Year 4 – Camp Kernow residential
 Monday 13th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 3
 Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – KS2 SATs
 Monday 20th May – Swimming – Year 2 – Week 4
 Tuesday 21st May – Science morning for parents/carers – more information to follow
 Thursday 23rd May – FOCCA Discos – more information to follow
 Friday 24th May – Last Day of first half of summer term – **3:15pm FINISH**

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 4	98.3 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	97.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.0 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see next page for our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 15th March 2024

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 22nd March 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 – Alexis

For showing creative dance moves during PE this week. Well done, Alexis!

Year 1 – Rilie H

For her patience and resilience creating a detailed Mehndi design when learning about a Muslim wedding. Well done, Rilie!

Year 2 – Hudson

For the care and effort he is putting into tasks set. This is showing in all his work. Well done, Hudson!

Year 3 – Sophie

For showing resilience and courage when leading and working with different friends in a science investigation about shadows. Well done, Sophie!

Year 4 – Annabelle

For showing fantastic behaviour for learning this week in all subjects. Well done, Annabelle!

Year 5 – Archie K

For his excellent diagrams when working out equivalent percentages and decimals. Well done, Archie!

Year 6 – Chester

For his positive attitude towards his maths tests and for writing great answers in PSHE. Well done, Chester!

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Writer – Alfie (Year 2)

For amazing writing progress and increasing independence. Well done, Alfie!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Robyn (Year 1)

For her amazing progress in phonics. Robyn reads with confidence and fluency. Well done, Robyn!

KS2 Reader – Mackenzie (Year 3)

For excellent answers when finding the inference in reading comprehension about Jack and Jill. Well done, Mackenzie!

Mathematician – Zac (Year R)

For showing fantastic understanding of number bonds to 10. Well done, Zac!

Numbots/Rock Star – Liam (Year 5)

For 1,399 correct answers on TTRS. Well done, Liam!

Performer – McKenzie (Year 6)

For reading to Mrs Smitheram and making excellent progress with his phonics. Well done, McKenzie!

Character – William and Alfie (Year 5)

For the warm welcome and support given to Kostia in his first two weeks at school. Well done, William and Alfie!

Kind regards,

Mrs Eddy
Head of School



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