

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had a very busy and exciting week in school.



## Year 6 – Global Boarders Surf Day

On Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed a visit to 'Global Borders' surf school, where they were able to develop the skills they learnt from their sessions at Porthtowan in Year 5. We were blessed with stunning weather and the group were praised for their excellent behaviour and listening skills from the leader, Archie.

Well done Year 6! There are also many more exciting activities to come before the end of July!



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## Year R and Year 6 – Cornish Studies

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 taught their Reception Class buddies to answer the register in Cornish by saying 'Dydh da' (Div Dah) which means 'Hello'. We have just begun to use a range of resources in school from an organisation called. 'Go Cornish' which will help children develop an understanding of this important part of Cornish heritage.



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## Year R – Gardening

This week, the children in Reception class have been having lots of fun learning new skills to plant flowers to enhance their outdoor area.



## Art Competition

Recently, members of last term's art club entered an art competition on the theme of Cornwall's heritage as part of Rt Hon George Eustice MP's office celebration around St Piran's Day and Trevithick Day. Schools from around the local area were invited to take part with many amazing and creative pictures being produced.

We are delighted to share that one of our pupils picture was one of those highly commended and therefore a winner of a prize. The judges thought her picture really captured a 3-dimensional scene of a Cornish daffodil field with exceptional use of colour, especially of the sky which captured the stormy weather we can sometimes see in early spring.

We would like to congratulate all our pupils who entered this competition, we are very proud of you all!



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## Parent/carer reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that at this time of year the weather can be quite changeable. The sun is at it strongest at present, but we can also suffer some quite heavy showers.

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child/children come to school every day with sun cream, already applied before coming to school and extra in their bag, a sun hat and a waterproof coat.



Please can we also remind you to ensure that your child/children bring a refillable drinks bottle with them to keep hydrated. Thank you all for your continued support.



## Tempest School Photographs – Class Photos

Tempest will be coming into school after half term on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform (this also includes navy and white gingham summer dresses with a navy cardigan with the Connor Downs Academy logo), including black school shoes only. Thank you.



# HELP

## Request for Equipment Donations!

We would like to give the children some more activities outside where they can use their building skills and teamwork to make activity trails, dens etc. If anyone has any old Tarpaulins, large building blocks or anything suitable for use outside and are willing to donate them to school, we would be very grateful. Please email [hello@conordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@conordowns.org.uk) if you, or someone you know, can help! Thank you!

## Mental Health Awareness Week

To recognise Mental Health Awareness Week, all children across the school identified 5 emotionally available adults who they can turn to should they need additional support. The children recorded the names of their 5 emotionally available adults using their hand as a template.



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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy

### Discos

The next Friends of Connor Downs Academy discos are being held next **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

**Reception, Years 1 and 2** from **5:00pm until 6:00pm**

**Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** from **6:15pm until 7:15pm**.

The **entrance fee is £1.50** per child payable on the door and sweets are available to purchase from the canteen. Please note, no drinks will be available to purchase so please could your child bring a named drinks bottle with them. Please **no fizzy drinks**, thank you.

**Please could we request, where possible, children bring small change with them as we only have a limited amount of change. Thank you.**

Children should be dropped off at the back door to the school and signed in by a member of staff or Friends committee. Please note that all children, regardless of walk home permissions for KS2 children will not be permitted to leave the school premises without an adult. Please ensure you arrange for your child/children to be collected. Thank you.



### Pre-loved School Uniform Sale

# SALE

The FOCDA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale **next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May**. 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.



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## Ice Creams

At the same time, the FOCDA will be selling ice creams for **£1 each**. All funds raised will go towards resources and equipment for the children's learning right across the school.



## Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023 from 3:30pm**. Further details to follow.

As part of the Fayre, we will be holding a raffle. With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office. All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



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**TUESDAY, 3:15 - 4:15**

**Tutor: Vicky**

**Age range: Open to all**

**Cost: £5.50**

**Free access to 250+ online games in**

**Spanish & French**

**Kidslingo Central & West Cornwall**

**07492 445552**



## New After School Club – Coming After Half Term

We are delighted to be able to share with parents/carers an amazing opportunity to attend a Spanish after school club. This club is run by Vicky, who also runs our French club on a Thursday.

Spanish will be held in school on a **Tuesday** from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. It is open to children from Years R – 6 inclusive and is bookable and payable direct through the Kidslingo website.

Places are limited and are

available on a first come first served basis.

**This club will begin after half term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**



## Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	98.1%

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 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 26th May 2023** 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 – Brodie**

For growing in confidence both socially and academically. Brodie has worked hard this week to read and write a sentence about a bee. Well done, Brodie!

### **Year 1 – Arthur**

For the amazing progress he has made during Year 1, both academically and socially. Well done, Arthur!

### **Year 2 – Toby**

For the hard work and effort he puts into all his work and the way he is reading with enthusiasm. Well done, Toby!

### **Year 3 – Isabella**

For great answers and teamwork during a Science investigation learning about light. Well done, Bella!

### **Year 4 – Mabel**

For working hard in lessons and growing in confidence and resilience this year. Well done, Mabel!

### **Year 5 – Mia**

For the beautiful drawings and notes she takes during RE. Well done, Mia!

### **Year 6 – Berran**

For his enthusiasm and success during the Year 6 surfing day with Global Borders. Well done, Berran!

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**Writer – Coco (Year 1)**

For the enthusiasm and effort she has shown this week when writing animal descriptions. Well done, Coco!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Levan (Year R)**

For confidently reading reception key words and using them in his sentences. Well done, Levan!

**KS2 Reader – Freya (Year 5)**

For reading regularly at home and sharing her thoughts about the text. Well done, Freya!

**Mathematician – Beth (Year 6)**

For neat accurate maths when working with ratio and proportion. Well done, Beth!

**Rock Star – Bella (Year 4)**

For making the most improvement in Year 4 over the last 7 days. Well done, Bella!

**Performer – Lois (Year 3)**

For fantastic teamwork and collaboration during our PE lesson this week. Lois also showed amazing gymnastic skills. Well done, Lois!

**Character – Harriet (Year 2)**

For the joy she brings to everyone in Year 2. Harriet is an inspiration and we are very proud of her! Well done, Harriet!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

**A reminder that next Friday is the last day of this half term. School will finish at the usual time of 3:15pm.**

**School reopens to children and staff after the half term holidays on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

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