



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well. We have had another exciting time in school this week.

## Cross Country

On Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, a group of our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils went to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in the first cross country event of the year. Unfortunately, due to the really wet weather, the course was very boggy. Year 6 ran the course 3 times, Year 5, 2 laps and Year 4 1 lap. There were some really impressive finishes, from Jack, Barney, Tino, Archie and Jacob. A special mention to Seth in Year 6 who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and to Oscar from Year 6 who completed the full 3 laps with a smile on his face to huge cheers from all his teammates! Well done to everyone who took part and gave it their all. We are so proud of you!



## Girls Football

The girls have all made a super start to their training since the beginning of term and are looking forward to playing in their 1<sup>st</sup> tournament after half term. Mr Foulds and Mr Stephens are so proud of the progress they are all making. Good luck in November girls!



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## Harvest Assembly – Thank you!

This week in school we held our Harvest Assembly. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the families who donated food items towards our collection that has been given to the Connor Downs Food Cupboard. We are delighted that our 'Connor Downs family' has come together to support each other and the wider community and to give thanks to our farmers for bringing in the harvest.



## Parent Consultations - Reminder

A reminder, the booking portal for Parent Consultations, via the Arbor App, will be **closing at 09:00am, on Monday, 14th October**. If you do not have access to the Arbor App, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) for a new link to be sent to you.

### Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 only

Parent Consultations are being held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**. Appointments will run in 10-minute intervals with the first appointments at **15:30** and the final appointments at **17:50**. All appointments will take place in your **child's classroom**, with their books being available for you to review either while you wait, during the appointment or afterwards.

### Year R only

For Year R, appointments with Mrs Bartaby will be held on **Wednesday 15th October only**. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at **15:10** and the final appointment at **17:50**. All Year R appointments will be held in the **main school office**.

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## School Nursing Team

Also on **Wednesday**, a member from the school nursing team will be available to support our EYFS parents/carers with help and information on encouraging successful toileting. Please do go along to the school hall for information and support.

## Year 1 only

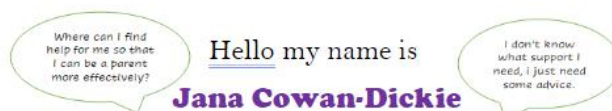
For Year 1, appointments with Miss Pedlar will be held on **Tuesday 16th October only** to allow Miss Pedlar to access her chemotherapy treatment. They will run in 10-minute intervals, with the first appointment being at **13:00** and the final appointment at **17:50**. All Year 1 appointments will be held in the **main school office**.

Please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) if you encounter any difficulties. Thank you.

## Family Support Link Worker

At the start of both parent/carer evenings, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Jana Cowan-Dickie, Family Worker for Cornwall Council, will be available in the school hall to meet with parents/carers to introduce herself as the Family Support Link Worker for Connor Downs Academy. If you would like to book an appointment to speak with Jana, please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk)

### Early Help - Family Support Worker



I am the Family Support Link Worker  
for your school

- ◇ If you need some advice or support for your family, please talk to the school to find out when the next Early Help drop in/coffee morning will be.
- ◇ If you are really struggling and cannot wait, please ask the school to pass on your details and I will be happy to contact you.

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## ASPIRE TT ROCKSTARS: 35 SCHOOLS COMPETITION



**ASPIRE: AUTUMN 2024**

**17 OCTOBER - 24 OCTOBER 2024**

\* ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE \*  
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE \* THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE  
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL \*  
ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES \*



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## Tempest Photos

Tempest will be coming into school on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October to take individual and sibling photos. If you would like a sibling photo with siblings not attending Connor Downs Academy, **please arrive at the school office at 8:20am** to sign in. The photographer will be ready to take photos from 08:30am. You will be given a number and photos will be taken first to enable parents/carers to get younger/older siblings to nursery/school. Children with siblings within Connor Downs Academy will have their photos taken during the morning. Please can we ask that all children come to school on the day looking extra smart in their full school uniforms and black school shoes. Thank you.



## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Fundraising

We are delighted to announce that the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have successfully applied to be put forward on the customer vote in Tesco Stores. Their bid is for Active bodies, happy minds, with the aim to purchase more equipment to encourage the children of Connor Downs Academy to play outside; from trikes and bikes through to musical playground equipment.

If you shop in Tesco Camborne, TR14 8DT, please do make use of the blue tokens and cast your votes and let's try and secure this amazing funding.

The project with the highest number of votes during the voting period will receive £1,500, the second placed project, £1,000 and the third placed project, £500.

**Voting is now open and will remain open until mid-January 2025.**

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### Asda Rewards - Cashpot for Schools

Asda have their Cashpot for Schools scheme up and running and Connor Downs Academy has been signed up. If you shop at Asda all you need to do is:

1. Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards App
2. Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select Connor Downs Academy
3. Shop in store across Asda and George or online at Asda.com
4. Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to Connor Downs Academy each time you shop and scan.
5. The money raised will be donated back to Connor Downs Academy.

Please note, signing up to this Cashpot will not affect your own Cashpot earn.

**The Cashpot is now open and will remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

### 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.



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**Transfer to Secondary School – Deadline for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**



**CORNWALL COUNCIL** Together for Families

**Transfer to secondary school**  
September 2025

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

The deadline for applications is **31 October 2024**

**Information and guidance**  
Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

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**Applying for a secondary school place for September 2025**

**Special Educational Needs**  
If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242 Email: [statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk)

**1 Decide on your preferred schools**

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how your child will get to school.** Go to [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport) for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

**2 Submit your application by 31 October 2024**

**Apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)**

**3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated**

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 3 March 2025. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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**Attendance**

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	98.8 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 2	97.1 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 1	97.0 %

**Shine Celebrations**

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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 autumn term, on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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 – Reiley**

For her sensible and hard working attitude to all aspects of learning. Reiley is enthusiastic when working and playing with her friends. Well done, Reiley!

### **Year 1 – Freya**

For trying really hard in English to use her sounding out skills and remembering capital letters and full stops when writing sentences about building a house. Well done, Freya!

### **Year 2 – Zander**

For his hard work and enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum. Zander always gives 100% in everything he does. Well done, Zander!

### **Year 3 – Dylan S**

For being a great role model, showing super focus and effort to complete all of his work in Maths and English. Well done, Dylan!

### **Year 4 – Elsie B**

For her fantastic maths reasoning and using inverse operation to solve problems. Well done, Elsie!

### **Year 5 – Bella V**

For her immaculate books that have been shared with our visitors as an example of amazing work. Well done, Bella!

### **Year 6 – Hunter**

For his fantastic language choices in his evacuee letter. Well done, Hunter!

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## **Writer – Eryss (Year 6)**

For her incredible original ideas in her piece of writing about a bombing raid. Well done, Eryss!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Leo (Year R)**

For his fantastic progress in Phonics. Leo is reading and writing initial sounds independently. Well done, Leo!

## **KS2 Reader – Evelyn (Year 5)**

For rising to the challenge and reaching her reading target by the end of the week. Well done, Evelyn!

## **Mathematician – Sully (Year 3)**

For being able to explain the answer and show his calculation when adding 100's to a 3-digit number. Well done, Sully!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Finley (Year 6)**

For having the highest all time effort score on TT Rockstars. Well done, Finley!

## **Performer – Lily-Rose (Year 1)**

For producing a wonderful piece of Artwork using repeating patterns and explaining what she had done to her group. Well done, Lily-Rose!

## **Character – Rilie (Year 2)**

For being a kind, thoughtful and caring member of Year 2 and Connor Downs Academy. Well done, Rilie!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School