

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. We have had another full and exciting week across our academy.

### **Year 5 and Year 6 Football**

This week, our Year 5/6 football team played a friendly match against St Uny C of E Academy. Oscar in Year 6 has written the following report:

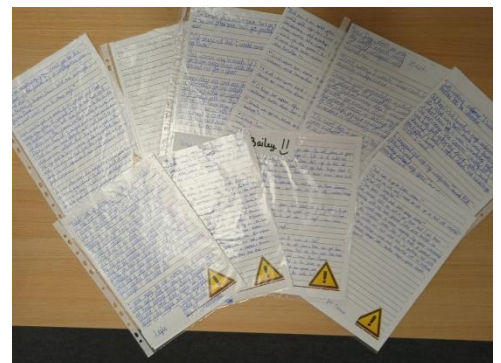
'On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed a friendly football game against St Uny. The first kick off was at around 3:30pm. Connor Downs team A started off playing St Uny team A who scored a whopper in the first minute! Connor kept chasing but the final whistle blew when it was still 1:0. The second teams for each school started playing and one of our players scored a top corner goal! Sadly, for St Uny, the whistle blew when it was 1:0 to us! Next St Uny B played Connor and one of our players made an amazing couple of saves but sadly let 2 in. The final whistle blew and it was 2:0 to them. The final match was played by St Uny A and Connor B, which ended one goal to them and nil to us. It was a great evening enjoyed by all the children and many supporters'.

We would like to thank all the parents/carers from both schools who came along to give the children lots of support – it made for a really great atmosphere and the children all showed great teamwork.



### **Year 6**

This week Year 6 have been working really hard during their maths lessons mastering multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, the children have caught the writing bug by publishing their 'danger stories'. Everyone has made a superb effort to include all the elements they have been revising since September – using a range of words to start sentences, using interesting punctuation choices to make meanings clear and writing to keep the reader interested.



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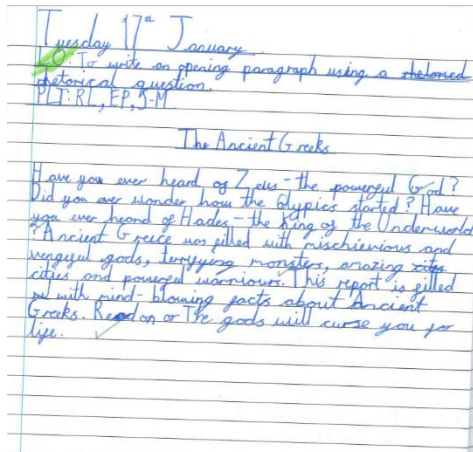
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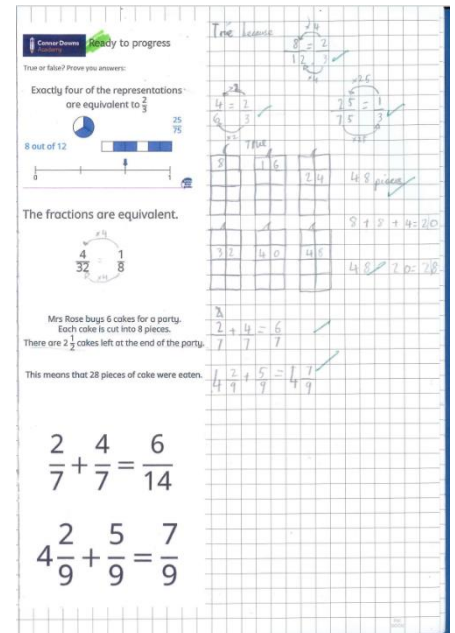
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## Year 5



In Maths this week, Year 5 have been continuing their work on fractions. The children have also been finding the vocabulary to solve word problems using fractions.

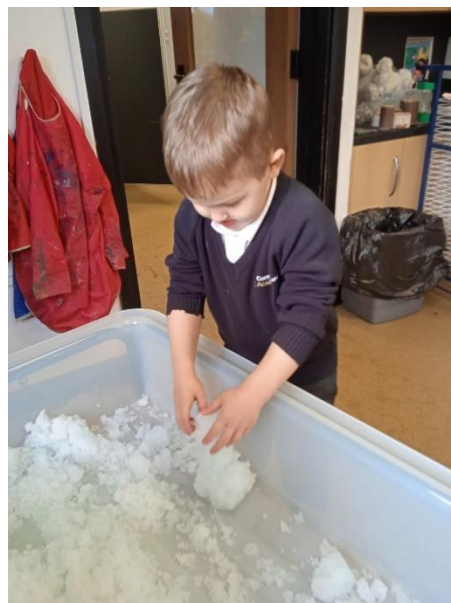
In English, they have been researching about the Greeks and learning how to write an opening paragraph for their Greek fact files.



## Reception Class



In Reception class this week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring snow and ice as part of their Polar Region theme.



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## Year 4

In science this week, Year 4 tested out different materials to discover which would muffle sound the most.



In Art, the children used what they had learned about Sonia Delaunay to design their own fabric.

They used primary, secondary, complimentary and harmonious colours as well as shapes to create a design in the style of Orphism.



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## Planned Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (a Teaching Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on 1st February, 2nd March, 15th March & 16th March 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues at our school.

I am pleased to share with you, that this action will not impact the daily operation of Connor Downs Academy and we will remain fully open on all planned strike days.

## Menu Change – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

To celebrate Chinese New Year, there will be a change to the menu next Monday. The options that are shown on ParentPay are as per the usual menu, but please book either the meat or vegetarian option that your child/children would like on this day and they will be given the special menu options.

Please note Pasta and Jacket Potatoes will be available as well. Thank you.



## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 5	97.1 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our first Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January** 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 – Archie**

For growing in confidence every day. Archie is making great progress and is now becoming more independent in different tasks. Well done Archie!

### **Year 1 – Bruce**

For his intrigue and excellent questions during history learning about different explorers. Well done Bruce!

### **Year 2 – Elsie B**

For excellent mental maths skills and applying her number bond skills to solve calculations. Well done Elsie!

### **Year 3 – Evelyn**

For her great ideas in our assembly about Martin Luther King. Evelyn is a great role model. She is always enthusiastic about learning in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Evelyn!

### **Year 4 – Archie V**

For settling in so well to Year 4. Archie is very popular with his new friends and shows great behaviour for learning in class. Well done Archie!

### **Year 5 – Solomon**

For his continued effort and improvement in the quality of all of his work, especially his writing. Well done Solomon!

### **Year 6 – Isla**

For her lively and exciting story about ignoring a warning. Well done Isla!

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**Writer – Sonnie (Year 2)**

For writing a very descriptive diary entry about The Great Fire of London. Well done Sonnie!

**EYFS/KS1 Reader – Emily (Year 1)**

For reading at home every night. Emily is making great progress with her fluency which is a result of the consistent reading she does. Well done Emily!

**KS2 Reader – Isla (Year 5)**

For demonstrating her knowledge and understanding of "Golden Dreams" - a Y6 SATs reading paper. Well done Isla!

**Mathematician – Idy (Year 3)**

For super effort in learning the multiplication and division facts for the 4 times table. Well done Idy!

**Performer – Jacob (Year 4)**

For persevering and showing great behaviour for learning in his star quiz and super determination to understand his maths. Well done Jacob!

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

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Jenson's total was an incredible 57,460 steps. Well done Jenson!

**Citizen – Robyn (Year R)**

For being a kind and thoughtful friend in Reception class and across the school. Well done Robyn!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School