

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. As we approach the last few weeks of this academic year, we have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in school! Please find below a selection of pictures from last week's sports day!



Year 5 – Geevor Mine

Year 5 recently visited Geevor Mine. Here is Lois' report:

'We have been learning about tin mining in Cornwall and to enhance our knowledge and understanding, we embarked on an educational visit to Geevor Tin Mine.'



First, we entered the cinema room to watch some videos of the miners. Next, we saw the sheave wheels of Geevor and we went in the "dry". In the pictures, you can see the sign board and explosives schedule and the old locker room where the ex-miners kits still remain.



On our tour, we tried drilling granite using a hand tool, crushing rock like a bal maiden and carrying the hand cart- a job that would have been my job in the past.

After that, we had a look at the lifts the miners travelled in to get to the mine. Here's a photo of some of us in the lift.



Then, it was time to go to the mine! It was dark and long. Luckily, we had hard hats on because we all kept hitting our heads!

And then, we did sieving. They (Geevor Tin Mine staff) put crystals in the sand and we used the sieves to get the crystals out. All the crystals we got we put in a bag to keep'.



We would like to thank all the parents/carers who supported on the visit and the team from Geevor Mine for the opportunity to enhance the children's learning outside of the classroom.

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Sports Day

Last week, we were delighted to be able to hold our sports afternoon along with our parents/carers, grandparents and friends. The children all took part in a variety of races and it was very special to see the proud looks on the faces of parents/carers as they watched their child/children take part. We would like to thank the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for providing the refreshments, Miss Heiber, Mrs Penrose and Mrs Auden as our line judges and Mrs Allen, and all the volunteers who ably supported in a variety of roles. Thank you to all our parent/carer community for coming and supporting the children. It was lovely to see so many families cheering all the children on!



Girls Football Festival



Friday last week saw our Year 5/6 Girls football team take part in the Disney Shooting Stars Girls Football Festival at Bodmin Dragon Leisure Centre.

The team had great fun playing some friendly football against a number of teams from within the Aspire Academy Trust and promoting girls football along the way!

Well done girls, we are so proud of you!

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Year 4 Cricket

Last week, our Year 4 softball cricket team took part in a tournament held at St Just Cricket Club. Playing matches against teams from Sennen, St Hilary and St Ives, the Connor Downs team ended up eventual winners securing a place in the finals. We are so proud of the way the team played and showed great teamwork. Thank you to the parent/carers who came along to support. Good Luck in the finals Year 4!



EYFS/KS1 Fun Night

Last Friday, the Reception and Key Stage 1 Fun Night was a fantastic event that the children thoroughly enjoyed from start to finish. The children took part in lively sports games on the field where they ran, played, and cheered each other on. Indoors, they had the chance to get creative with a variety of fun crafts and show off their best moves during a lively dance session. The night was rounded off perfectly with delicious food and a film, creating a wonderful, relaxed atmosphere. For the Year 2 children, the excitement continued as they stayed overnight at school, sharing stories, giggles, and making lasting memories with their friends. It truly was an unforgettable experience for all!



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KS2 Camping

This week each of our KS2 classes have spent one night camping on the school field in the following order; Monday Year 3, Tuesday Year 4, Wednesday Year 5 and Thursday Year 6. Thank you to Mr Walker for erecting the eight tents and taking them down again!



Year 3 began Camp Week with a fun evening on Gwithian beach playing cricket, making sand sculptures, rock pooling and not forgetting the traditional "sand in your sandwiches" picnic!



Once back at camp, the children organised their beds in the tents. The evening's entertainment was the amazing "Year 3's Got Talent Show", with many dances, and beat the goalie demonstrations. The children enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows before settling down to sleep in their tents for the night.



We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents/carers who volunteered their time, some with supporting the beach walk and games and others who also stayed and camped overnight – all the staff and children are so appreciative of all your support!



Thank you also to Mrs James and Churchtown Farm Campsite for allowing us to park our minibuses on their site for the beach walks – we are very grateful for your continued support.



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Nexus Maths Olympiad

On Wednesday 25th June, four children from Year 5 attended the Cornwall Schools Maths Olympiad at Nexus. In the morning, they visited three different classrooms and learned about how to calculate powers, solve logic problems and learn about how eight-digit passwords are so secure.



In the afternoon, the first part of the competition involved each child, individually, answering 20 questions. The second part of the competition saw them working together as a team. The children worked hard, enjoyed themselves and were a credit to our school.



Healthy Schools Cornwall Workshop – Year 6

On Thursday, Year 6 were visited by Sadie and Kate from Healthy Cornwall who shared a very useful and informative workshop about Healthy Eating and Vaping, Smoking and energy drinks.

It was amazing to see how much sugar some energy drinks have and it was super for the children to have the opportunity to try different foods including beetroot, dried apricots and humous. Thank you, Sadie and Kate!



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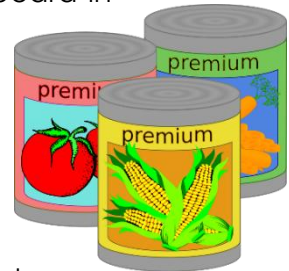
Donations for Connor Downs Food Cupboard

To help support our local community, we are politely asking for families from the Connor Downs Academy community to donate tinned goods for the food cupboard in the village. These donations will help many families during not only the school

holidays, but every day.

Please can we ask for any donations to be brought to Mrs Gallagher in the school office by Friday 18th July 2025.

Thank you for all your commitment in supporting not only our children at Connor Downs Academy, but also the Connor Downs Community as a whole.



Summer Fayre

This year The Friends of Connor Downs Academy will be holding their Summer Fayre on **Friday, 4th July 2024 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 or pass donations to Mrs. Gallagher in the school office.

All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

We will also politely requesting donations of any of the following:

- Homemade Cakes for our cake stall. All cakes must be **nut free** and be accompanied by a list of ingredients to cover all allergens. Cakes should be delivered to the school office on the morning of the Summer Fayre please.
- Any items for the tombola
- Any items for the Teddy Tombola



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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. Thank you.



Do you have a little spare time that you could give to the children of our school?

The Friends are looking to recruit some new members to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy, to help in arranging and facilitating future fundraising events to be able to support the children in our school with resources and opportunities. With ever decreasing budgets in all schools, it is becoming even more important for charities like the Friends, to be able to help schools to support a variety of ways to extend the opportunities available to all children.

The Friends are also now looking for a new Treasurer. Some finance experience is desirable, but not essential and a full hand over period will be in place with lots of support from current committee members.

If you are interested in either becoming a committee member or in becoming the new secretary, please contact the Friends via Mrs Gallagher in the school office or by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk. Thank you.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 5	98.7 %
2 nd Place	Year 3	97.9 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	97.4 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 27th June 2025

*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 spring term, on **Thursday 3rd July 2025** 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 – Zennor

For his enthusiasm and creativity whilst learning about pirates and playing in the pirate ship. Well done, Zennor!

Year 1 – Robyn

For demonstrating the key attributes as a Year 1 pupil. Robyn's maths has been exceptional this week. Well done, Robyn!

Year 2 – Noah V

For following his design brilliantly to make a pizza. Well done, Noah!

Year 3 – Penelope

For her super effort to support her friends and for keeping smiling in a busy camp week. Well done, Penelope!

Year 4 – Toby

For working hard to achieve his multiplication targets with Mrs Talbott. Well done, Toby!

Year 5 – Ruan

For his resilience and determination to try his best despite his broken arm. Well done, Ruan!

Year 6 – Senara

For your kindness and enthusiasm when reading with reception class and for always following instructions and doing your best. Well done, Senara!

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Writer – Imogen (Year 4)

For showing great consistency throughout the year with her writing. Well done, Imogen!

EYFS/KS1 Reader -Sienna S (Year 2)

For the super effort and determination Sienna shows when reading leading to great improvement. Well done, Sienna!

KS2 Reader – Seth (Year 6)

For such fantastic effort with reading throughout the year and being so enthusiastic about books. Seth is a great role model. Well done, Seth!

Mathematician – George (Year R)

For using his mathematical skills to measure footprints and solve the mystery of who stole the treasure! Well done, George!

Numbots/Rock Star – Hudson (Year 3)

For his super effort to improve his heat map and speed of answering questions over the year. Well done, Hudson!

Performer – Ailla (Year 1)

The confidence Ailla has shown in swimming is sensational. Ailla was super brave and dived in the water and confronted her fears! Well done, Ailla!

Character – Emilie-Rose (Year 5)

For having a super camp attitude and supporting her friends to make memories. Well done, Emilie-Rose!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School

Churchill Cleaning Vacancies at Connor Downs Academy

Churchill Cleaning currently have vacancies for two cleaners at Connor Downs Academy. If you are interested, please see the advert below and contact Simon Hunnam for more details.



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