



Connor Downs Academy

28th June 2019

Virtue of the week— Kindness

Academy News

HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE



On Monday we began another incredibly busy week in school, with our year 6 rugby team playing in an Aspire rugby tournament, held at St Austell Rugby Club. All the players displayed a great attitude, fought hard and worked well as a team to reach the penultimate round. In the semi-finals, the team lost to Bude and finished in third place. Congratulations to the whole team who represented Connor Downs so well.



On Tuesday we held a careers day across the school where parents volunteered their time to come and talk to classes about their jobs and the children were invited to ask questions. We had a police officer, florist, postal depot manager, catering assistant, a band, an artist, a member of the RAF, a veterinary nurse, a representative from the Environment Agency, an engineer, and an IT account manager. We were also joined by the RNLI who spent some time with years 4 and 5.



Year 5 were joined by Mark from Flowertime@The Big Pink Tree (Hayle). They learned about how to train as a florist and the skills needed to run a business. Mark was able to share examples of his work and explained that his flowers are from all over the world. The children were interested by the Dutch flower auctions where the bidding starts high and slowly falls. As part of the activity Mark crafted a bouquet for a customer before teaching the children how to make a button hole. Finally we saw Mark's Chelsea gold medal. We had a great morning and wish to thank him for giving up his time.



Year 6 welcomed two special visitors to join them in their classroom. Corporal Williams came in to talk to the children about his career as an engineer in the RAF. The children were in awe of how far he has travelled for his work and asked lots of interesting questions. Mr Law, a local artist, came in to do an art workshop with the children. After showing them a collection of his own art work, and talking about his artistic journey, he worked with them to help them to create texture within their own paintings.



On Wednesday, year 5 participated in the Aspire Games, held at Carn Brea Leisure Centre. The children were divided into 'Countries' along with pupils from other Aspire Academies and took part in a variety of events to earn points for their Country. Congratulations to the Netherlands, who won overall with the most number of points, and a huge congratulations to everyone who made the day such a success!



Mrs Eddy

Good News



On Thursday this week we welcomed a consultant from TIS UK who visited our academy to view all the excellent practice in place to consider if Connor Downs should be awarded the Trauma Informed Schools Award/Mentally Healthy School Award. These awards identify a school as being able to support children with emotional and mental health needs, as well as being able to support all adults working within school to be emotionally healthy. We are delighted to share that following this visit Connor Downs Academy has been awarded the accreditation.

Also on Thursday, our EYFS team, led by Mr Masters and supported by Mrs Bartaby as EYFS lead, were awarded the Aspire Gold EYFS Chartermark. This is an award greatly deserved and acknowledges all the hard work Mr Masters and his team have put in this year. Congratulations!

Reminders

Monday 1st July—English morning for parents/carers - Year R (9.15am—9.45am), Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 (9.15am—10.30am) (Year 5 are on an educational visit)

Wednesday 3rd July—Sports morning

Monday 8th—KS2 1st performance—6pm

Tuesday 9th—Reserve Sports morning

Tuesday 9th—KS2 2nd performance—6pm

Thursday 11th—Parents afternoon

Friday 12th—EYFS & KS1 Fun night & Year 2 sleepover

Wednesday 24th July— Final Day of Summer Term— **2pm finish**

Thank You!



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fayre last Friday. The sun shone and made the whole event lots of fun. A special thank you must go to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy and all those that helped on the day for all the planning and organisation that made the day so successful. We are happy to announce that the event raised in excess of £1,000 which will go towards resources for the children.

Menu Changes

There will be a couple of changes to the menu next week



Wednesday 3rd July (Sports Morning)

The only option will be pasties.



Thursday 4th July

The only options will be Bangers and Mash or Fish and Chips



If your child will not require either of the above, please provide them with a packed lunch.

Sports Morning

On Wednesday, 3rd July, we will be holding our annual sports morning. This will take the usual format of all the children taking part in a variety of events to begin with, followed by the traditional running races.

We are aiming to start the events by 9.15am and would like to invite parents and carers to join us in supporting all the children.

Parents/carers are also invited to bring along a picnic lunch that they can enjoy with their children after the sports morning—children will then return to classes for the afternoon session.

During the lunch break, the Friends of Connor Downs will be selling a limited number of ice creams and drinks on the field.

Request to Year 6 Parents

In preparation for the leavers assembly, please could we ask parents to email the following pictures of their child to: secretary@connordowns.org.uk

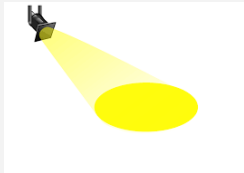
1 baby picture and 1 toddler picture and 1 picture taken on the first day of school (or as close to it as possible)

ATTENDANCE

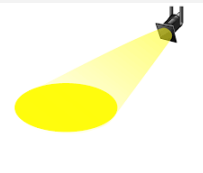
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 1	98.9 %
2nd Place	Year 2	97.8 %
3rd Place	Year 4	97.5 %

SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 5th July**, at 2.40pm. Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.



Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Zoey	For her consistent enthusiasm and positive behaviour for learning, particularly during maths sessions.
Year 1	William	For his enthusiasm, interest and high standard of work during our topic of animals around the world.
Year 2	Oscar	For excellent enthusiasm, and behaviour for learning every day.
Year 3	Ewan	For great work on learning spellings and super maths time digital.
Year 4	Noah B	For leading the class in a song during Careers Day, showing confidence and stepping out of his comfort zone.
Year 5	Jake M	For speaking to our special visitor, Mrs Franklin, with such enthusiasm and confidence.
Year 6	Noah	For his excellent behaviour and commitment towards learning—Noah sets a great example for others.
Writer of the week	Myah Year 6	For creating a fantastic, interesting and detailed fact file about her favourite athlete.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Freya Year 1	For showing fantastic progress with her reading. Freya reads with expressions, enthusiasm and understanding.
KS2 Reader of the week	Olivia Year 4	For excellent answers in her comprehension text about Ed Sheeran.
Mathematician of the week	Liam Year 5	For his accuracy when measuring with a protractor.
Performer of the week	Cayden Year R	For his fantastic work with Miss Adler during year R's swimming sessions. Cayden has shown confidence, enthusiasm and resilience whilst in the pool.
Citizen of the week	Phoebe Year 3	For her great efficiency in the support she gives to Ms Speight every day with the dinner register.