

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. We have had another incredibly busy, but exciting week in our academy.



Year 2 SATs

This week, the children in Year 2 took their end of Key Stage 1 SATs assessments. The children worked so hard and showed real determination and resilience throughout the week. Well done to every one of you – we are so proud of you. Thank you too, to the Year 2 parents/carers for your support leading up to and during this week, and to the children in all other year groups who behaved so respectfully in support our Year 2 pupils.



Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Tuesday, our Year 5/6 football teams travelled to Mounts Bay Academy to play in the PPE Cluster Cup. Despite the very poor weather conditions, all the children showed real resilience and determination to give their very best. Much to their disappointment, after one match, the competition was cancelled due to the increasingly worsening weather conditions. We would like to say a big thank you to the parents/carers of all the players for supporting the team. We hope that the rescheduled competition will take place on a sunnier day, later this term.



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Year 5/6 Rugby Tournament

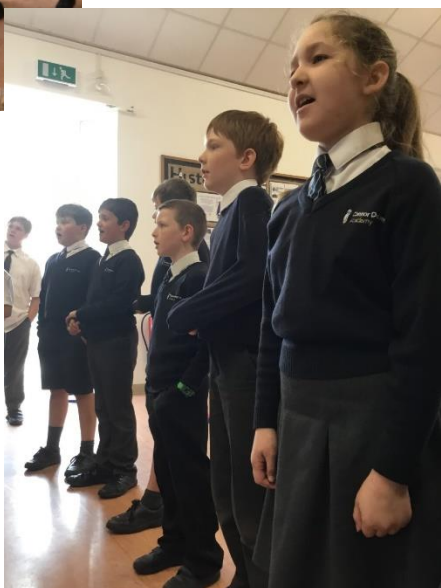
Wednesday saw our rugby teams attend a tournament at Hayle Rugby Club. The children played a number of games against different schools and showed fantastic determination and teamwork in every game. We are so proud of all the children who took part and represented Connor Downs Academy so well.



Year 5 – Music

In July, Year 5 will be attending a Music Fiesta being held at Hayle Academy. In preparation for this Ms Judge from Cornwall Music Service Trust will be coming in to work with them. All the children gave 100% to their singing and really impressed all the staff.

The children have also made a start on their Mayan Masks, as part of their History topic on the Mayans. They are looking forward to sharing their finished masks in a few weeks time!



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Year 6 End of SATs Surfing Trip

On Thursday, Year 6 enjoyed a superb end of SATs day at Gwithian Beach, surfing with Global Boarders. The children were keen to get into the water as soon as possible and develop their skills. They had a

lesson on the beach from the Global Boarders instructors prior to entering the water for a morning session and a short session

after lunch. The children had so much fun and some of the more experienced surfers within the group managed to 'catch a wave!' – what an accomplishment.

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents

who volunteered to support this trip. A really memorable day for everyone to celebrate all their hard work leading up to and during SATs week last week.



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Tempest School Photographs – Rescheduled Date

A reminder that Tempest are now scheduled to come into school **next Tuesday, 24th May** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform, including black school shoes. Thank you.



Swimming Success

Over the weekend two of our pupils attended the National swimming Contest held in Cardiff. Both were representing different local Surf Lifesaving Clubs and both came away with medals.

Swimmers from all over the country took part in a variety of swimming and board races in a 50metre pool.

One of the pupils won a Bronze in the 50m Flipper race and said "I really liked seeing everyone swimming and hearing the crowds going wild!"



The second pupil won a Bronze in the board race and a silver in Board Rescue. He said, "I really enjoyed it on the weekend. I was really pleased with how I did at the Surf Lifesaving National Competition!"



Picnic Party!

Sausage Roll

or

Veggy Sausage in a roll

and

Potato Salad
Crudites

With

Fruit slices
Fruit Jelly Pot
Rocket Lolly

See you all there!

Jubilee Picnic Day Menu – Wednesday 25th May

Next Wednesday we have a special themed menu to celebrate the Jubilee. Please see the menu for the options available. Please book via ParentPay the meat or vegetarian option.

Please note these will be the only options available on census day – there will be no hot tomato pasta or Jacket Potato options.
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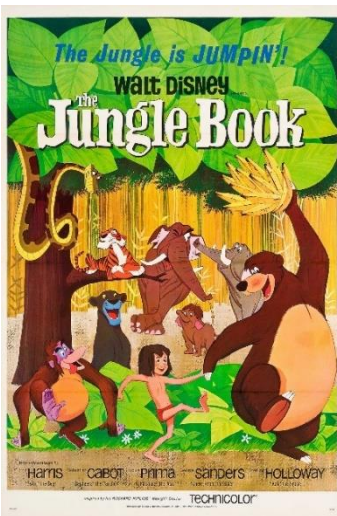
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M & M Theatrical Productions – The Jungle Book

Next Wednesday, 25th May, we are very excited to announce that M & M Theatrical Productions will be coming to school to perform The Jungle Book to all of



our children. After the performance, the children in Year 6 will receive a Stagecraft Workshop, which focuses on all the behind the scenes secrets that make the production happen. This will broaden their knowledge of the Arts combined with STEAM subjects whilst enjoying a practical and unique insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the production that they will just have seen.

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are subsidising this amazing opportunity, but we are kindly asking parents for a minimum £1.00 contribution per child to assist with the cost – if you wish to contribute more than a £1.00, then we would be extremely grateful. A payment item has been set up on ParentPay for each child. We will share lots of photos with you on our final newsletter of this half term.

Thank you so much to those parents/carers who have contributed already. The payment item will remain accessible until the end of this half term.

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party

Next Thursday, 26th May, we will be holding a street party for all the children to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to request donations of 'Street Party' food items from parents/carers to be brought to school on the morning of the street party.



Due to having to accommodate many different dietary requirements, please can we ask that only shop bought items be donated that clearly show on the packaging the ingredients. **Please follow our school policy which is 'No Nuts'.**

We unfortunately will not be able to accept any home baked items.

Thank you in advance for your support with this, we really do appreciate greatly the support given by our parent/carer community.

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Children's Hospice South West Rainbow Run – Saturday 18th June at RAF St Mawgan



Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Summer Raffle

Unfortunately, once again this year, we are unable to hold our Summer Fayre as we would like to, giving all the children, families and the community a really fun day. Instead, our Friends will be holding a Summer Raffle to raise funds for some much needed musical instruments, which will benefit the whole school population now and in the future.



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.

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

A reminder that The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are holding their disco next Thursday, 26th May 2022.

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



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.

Attendance

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 6	96.1 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 20th May 2022

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly, on **Friday 10th June** 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 – Ethan

For always being a kind and caring friend. Ethan always gives 100% to all his work, always wanting to please. Well done Ethan!

Year 1 – Diana

For being a kind, caring, considerate and helpful member of our class. Diana has also made amazing progress in her phonics this half term well done Diana, keep it up! Well done Diana!

Year 2 – Bella-Grace

For her focus and determination on her SATS - especially with her reading and spellings paper. Well done Bella!

Year 3 – Tino

For his consistent effort to answer questions in detail in both maths and English comprehension. Well done Tino!

Year 4 – Logan

For his focus and for working well with his partner when discussing solutions to different scenarios in PSHE. Well done Logan!

Year 5 – Willow

For her considered and reasoned responses in maths and English. Well done Willow!

Year 6 – Summer

For exceptional surfing skills and for having a very positive attitude towards school. Well done Summer!

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Writer – Elsie D (Year 1)

For her amazing handwriting in every lesson. Elsie has worked really hard on her handwriting this term. It is neat and easy to read with beautiful letter formation.

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Carter (Year 2)

Carter reads every single night and always goes above his target and we can see how much it is helping him with his writing/reading in school.

KS2 Reader – Cayden (Year 3)

For fantastic work with reading to answer questions in his AR QUIZ.

Mathematician – Charlie D (Year 5)

For his consistent effort to reach his target in every maths lesson.

Performer – Unique (Year 4)

For working well as a team member in our PE problem solving challenge this week.

Moki Fitness Tracker – William (Year 4)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. William's total was 32,511 steps. Well done William!

Citizen – Heidi (Year 6)

For being a superb ambassador for our school at the Rugby on Wednesday. You always support others to be the best they can be.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School