

Friday 16th October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy and exciting week, learning new information, extending our skills and having fun with our friends.

Black History Month

This week, an additional focus has been made on recognising that October is Black History Month in the UK. Black History Month recognises the contributions that black people have made to the UK over many generations and our children have been given opportunities to celebrate and recognise the contribution of black people to British society. As a school, we play a significant role in teaching children about the importance of having respect and tolerance for all cultures and the recent Black Lives Matter activities have drawn a bigger spotlight to this need.

Sumdog Competition

Connor Downs Academy are taking part in the Aspire Academies Trust Maths Contest from Sumdog taking place between the 6th and 12th November. There are some fantastic prizes available including a trophy for the winning class; virtual Sumdog coins for all children in the winning class; certificates for 2nd and 3rd places; virtual prizes within Sumdog for all children taking part. Please see the attached parent letter sent with this news letter for more details.

Year 6 transition to Year 7

Please could I remind all parents/carers to apply for a place in year 7 at secondary school by the deadline of **31st October 2020**.

Information and guidance can be found at:

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

T: 01736 753135

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Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

Sponsored Welly Walk

We have been approached by a parent from year 1 who is arranging a sponsored Welly Walk to raise funds for their child's class. The Friends of Connor Downs Academy have heard about this and thought it would be a great idea to open it up to all the year groups. Each year group will obtain sponsorship and all monies raised will go to that child's class. The teachers, in collaboration with the children, will decide how they wish to spend the funds. So please do support this event within your family bubbles and let's see which class can raise the most funds! Please find attached flyer giving more details, along with a sponsor form. The sponsor forms are for your own records and do not need to be passed into school. Each class will have a payment item set up on Parent Pay so all monies can be paid in. No cash is currently being accepted into classes or the school office. Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing all your photos!



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<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 4	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year R	99.2 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	99.0 %

Shine celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Harriet

For her fantastic attitude towards her learning, across all areas of the curriculum. Harriet is making super progress as a result of her hard work.

Year 1 – Isaac

For incredible progress across all his subjects, especially in maths using the Part-Whole model. Isaac is such a super help in the classroom and a kind and caring friend too.

Year 2 – Malyka

For amazing written work and being a very kind and thoughtful friend.

Year 3 – Reuban

For showing some fantastic leadership and being very helpful to Mrs Ridge, helping with the library and across the class.

Year 4 – Holly

Holly always produces amazing work which this week has led to her earning her pen licence. She has also wowed us in maths with her understanding of missing number problems. Holly is a mathmagician!

Year 5 – Joel

For his positive attitude to work and immaculate presentation skills.

Year 6 – Oliver

For being a reflective, thoughtful classmate who always gives good advice.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School