

Friday 15th July 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. As we start to look towards the end of the summer term, we have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in our academy.



Year 6 – Mini Medics Course

We are delighted to announce that last week, all Year 6 children completed their 'mini medics' course and passed their assessments. They were all thrilled to receive their certificates confirming they are joining a nation of lifesavers. Mr Matthews, a paramedic, and our own Miss Pedley, a qualified first responder from South West Ambulance Service carried out the assessments. The children demonstrated their ability to perform CPR on a resuscitation dummy device, how to use a defibrillator and place the patient in the recovery position. They were also assessed on their ability to respond to a patient who is choking. This was demonstrated using a choking vest to show the effectiveness of an abdominal thrust. Mr Matthews was extremely impressed with their knowledge and capabilities. Congratulations and well done to all Year 6 children.



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Year 6 London Residential



From Wednesday to Friday last week, 25 of our Year 6 children attended the London residential. Due to covid, previous planned residentials in Year 4 were cancelled so for many this was their first time away from home. The children left school at 7:00am on Wednesday to make the long journey to London. They were all very excited, if somewhat apprehensive, about the

next few days. The traffic was kind and they arrived in London at their anticipated time starting with a visit to the Natural History Museum where they saw 'Dippy' the dinosaur skeleton that is now back in his home after travelling around the country to various locations. After this, the group moved onto a flight on the London Eye. All were very



excited to see the amazing views of London as the flight progressed.

In the early evening they made their way to the YHA to settle into their rooms and prepare for a full day on Thursday. After a good night's sleep, the group

arrived at the Palace of Westminster and met local MP, George Eustice MP for a tour of the House of Commons and House of Lords. Following a morning in the Houses of Parliament, the group walked the short distance to the Thames where they boarded a river cruise to see some of the sights from a different perspective.



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The cruise took them to the Tower of London where they were all impressed to see the Crown Jewels and learn about their history and the history of the Tower of London.

To end a fun-packed day they had tea at a Giraffe Café, followed by watching the amazing performance of 'Wicked' at the

Apollo
Victoria
Theatre. They
finally
returned to
the YHA at
23:00 for
another
good

night's sleep.

Friday saw them packing their bags for the return journey with a much-anticipated few hours at Harry Potter World with a final arrival time back at school of 21:45.

The adults accompanying the trip would like to express just what an amazing group this was. Every child was polite and courteous, kind and caring to each other and respectful of the adults and members of the public that they encountered during the whole visit. We are very proud of you and hope that your first residential away was full of memories

to cherish always.



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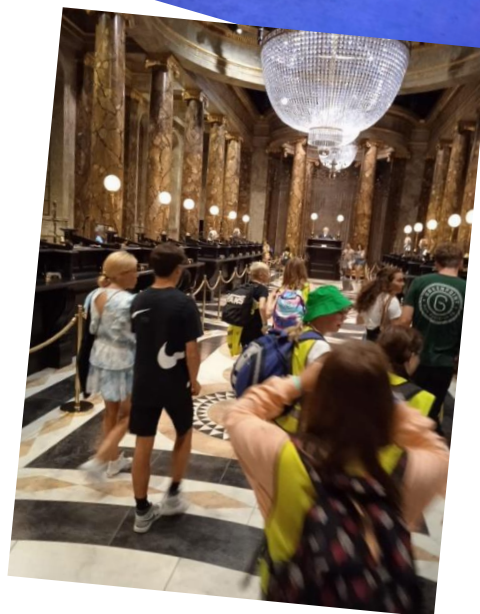




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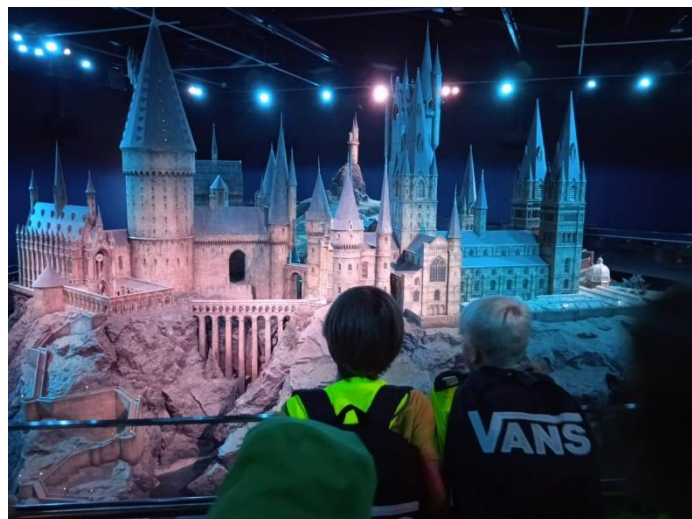
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Reports

Today your child/children will come home with their end of year report. We are delighted with the progress, effort and attitude to learning of every one of our children this year. At the end of each report is an acknowledgement slip. Please do take the time to complete this and return to your child's class teacher before the end of term. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

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Year 5 – Climbing at Camborne Science and International Academy

Climbing at Camborne school.

On Monday 11th July, Year 5 got onto the minibuses and drove over to Camborne Secondary School. Once we got there we hopped off the minibuses and went inside the massive P.E court. After Mr Dudley had told us what we were doing today, we got into 2 groups. One would stay with Mr Dudley and a few other people to play games while the other group with Mr Douglas to start our safety briefing to ensure our safety while climbing.

We fitted our harnesses and put on a bright orange or white helmet. After doing that, we got into teams of 4. A climber, and 3 Belayers. The climbers would get to the top while the Belayers would pull their harness rope to make sure that if they slipped, they wouldn't fall back down to the floor. Finally, after a lot of making sure we knew what to do, The climbers would climb 1 of the 4 climbing walls available at the school. After all 4 people in the group had climbed the wall, we shifted onto the next wall and climbed the and so on.

When the day at Camborne School came to an end, we got back onto the minibuses and drove back to school. It was one of my favourite trips ever.

Jacob Y5



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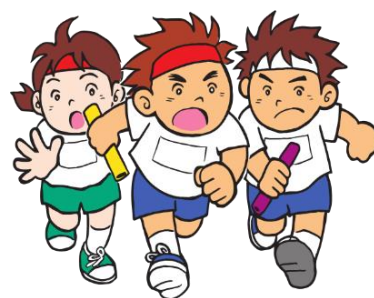
Rescheduled Sports Day – Tuesday 19th July 2022

On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.

Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a prompt 1:30pm start.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.



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Year 1 and 2 Activity Morning

On Tuesday Year 1 and 2 had a great time completing their activity morning, moving around to three different activities, with Miss Pedlar, Mrs Kitching and Mr Costello. We spent time putting our cricket skills into practice and played a Kwik cricket match. We used our art skills to create a



picture made from natural materials found in cultivating futures and we finally learnt about orienteering and completed a course with Mr Costello. It was great to see the enjoyment on all of the children's face, lots said this is the best day ever!



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Staffing for September

We are delighted to announce that following our recent recruitment campaign, we are, we have appointed Mrs Sarah Smith to the position of 1:1 SEN TA in Year R and Miss Daisy Raven to the position of TA in Year 2. Mrs Smith has been volunteering with us for the last six months assisting Mrs Bartaby and the EYFS/KS1 Team. Miss Raven joined us for moving up morning this week to meet and work with the children for a few hours. Also joining us in Year 3 is Mr Matthew Foulds. Mr Foulds will be working alongside Ms Speight. Ms Speight will be working all day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Mr Foulds will be working all day Thursday in Year 3 and Friday mornings in Year 5.

I am sure you will join with myself and the rest of the staff at Connor Downs Academy in welcoming Mrs Smith, Miss Raven and Mr Foulds to the Connor Downs Academy family.

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>TA</u>	<u>1:1</u>
R	Mrs Bartaby	Miss Pedley 1	Miss Pedley 2	Mrs Sarah Smith
1	Miss Pedlar	Mrs Hackett		
2	Mrs Kitching	Miss Raven		
3	Ms Speight and Mr Foulds	Mrs Ridge		Miss Brownlee
4	Mrs Crease	Mrs Paula Smith		Miss Abel
5	Mr Pascoe	Miss Reed		
6	Miss Norton	Mrs Smitheram		

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Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Summer Raffle

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.

Thank you to all those parents, community and businesses who have donated a raffle prize. We currently have:



- ❖ £20 M & S Voucher donate by Parm Mattu Mortgage & Protection Advisor
- ❖ £20 BeachFIT Hayle Gift Voucher
- ❖ 3 x Handmade cushions donated by the Rogers family
- ❖ Richards Farm Shop mini hamper
- ❖ £10 Whirlwind Sports Voucher
- ❖ Philips Pasties Voucher
- ❖ £5 Mr B's voucher and bag
- ❖ Penwith Pitch & Putt Voucher – 1 round for 4 people
- ❖ Penwith Pitch & Putt Football Golf Voucher – 1 round for 4 people
- ❖ Penwith Pitch & Putt Crazy Golf Voucher – 1 round for 4 people
- ❖ Bottle of Wine
- ❖ Chocolates
- ❖ Toy Story Jigsaw
- ❖ 2 x £10 Gift Vouchers for Lily Rose in Hayle
- ❖ £10 Trevaskis Farm Voucher
- ❖ 2 x Free Child Voucher to Newquay Zoo

This week we sent home a book of raffle tickets with each child. We have had a great response with some people requesting more tickets. If you have not used your tickets/do not wish to participate, please can we ask for you to return your tickets on Monday so we can offer them to others. Please return all ticket stubs and cash in a sealed named envelope to the school office. All ticket Stubs and monies should be returned to school no later than Wednesday 20th July 2022. The Year 6 prefects will draw the raffle prizes on Thursday 21st July and prizes sent home with the winners wherever possible.

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Year 4 Pupil Success

We are delighted to share that over last weekend, one of our Year 4 pupils was selected to represent Penzance Gym Club at the Gymnastics Open held in Newport. In a very difficult class, she completed a clear round. We are all very proud of her!

Kids R Us – Matilda Junior

We are also incredibly proud to announce that one of our Year 6 pupils has been chosen to play the lead part of Matilda in this Summers Kids R Us Production. There is a double cast so the dates that she will be performing are 26th and 28th July, 2nd, 4th, 18th and 23rd August and 1st September.

If you would like tickets please visit the Kids R Us website for further details.



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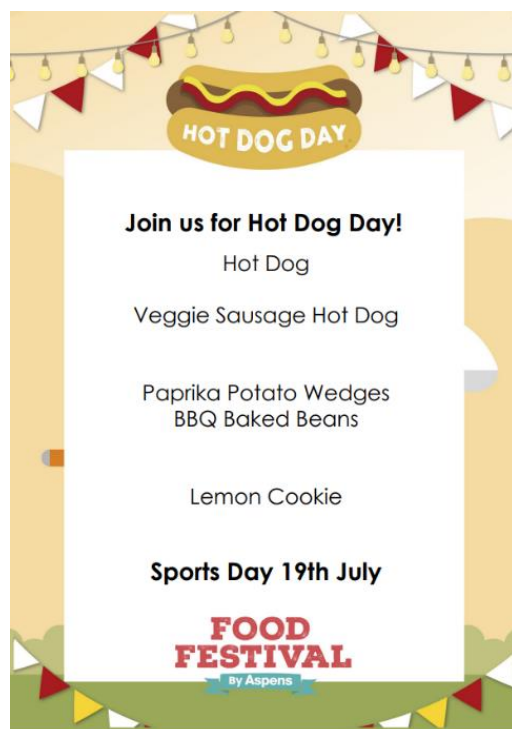
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Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 5	98.1 %
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2 nd Place	Year 6	96.2 %

Kind Regards,



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