

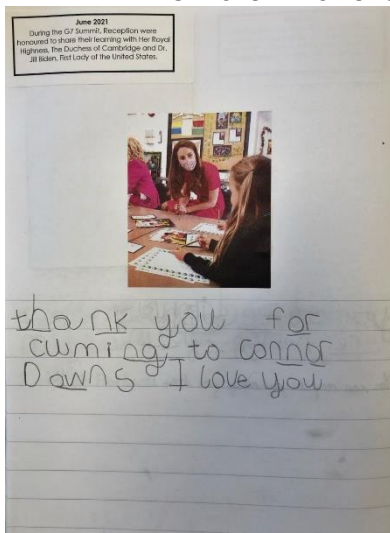
Friday 18th June 2021

Dear parents/carers,

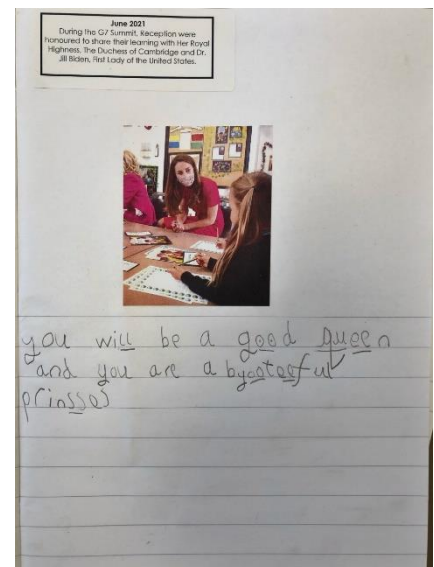
I hope that you and your families are well.

Special Visitors to Connor Downs Academy

This week in Reception, following last week's inspirational visit, the children have enjoyed writing individual messages to both Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge and Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United State. The children used their impressive phonic knowledge to write a range of fantastic sentences.



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Credit: Kensington Palace



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Year 1 – Half Term Reading Challenge

During the half term holiday, Miss Mathews set the Year 1 children a challenge – to have a picture taken of them reading in a unique place. The children and parents/carers came up with some fantastic places to read!



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Food Bank Items

Following a trial of offering a selection of food bank items, we have now passed these items onto the Food Bank in Hayle. A big thankyou to Oscar's parent's for giving us the opportunity to offer this service.

Parking

Please can we kindly remind parents/carers to be respectful and courteous to the local residents and other road users when dropping off and collecting your children from school. We have received reports that drivers have been driving too fast past the school and parking inconsiderately across residents driveways and on double yellow lines.

Bags To School

In an effort to raise some funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bags2School collection for later this term. To be COVID secure, please could we ask for any clothes to be put into black bin liners – we will not be handing out bags as on previous occasions. Please do not bring your bags to school until Friday 9th July 2021 as we will not be able to accept them. These will then be quarantined over the weekend to be collected on Tuesday 13th July 2021. We will provide further details nearer the time of where the bags should be dropped.



COVID Cases Rising

Public Health England's [weekly COVID-19 variant cases data](#) show that numbers of the Delta (VOC-21APR-02) variant in the UK have risen by 33,630 since last week to a total of 75,953.

Cornwall has seen a significant increase in positive cases and currently has the second highest transmission rate in the country.

With this in mind, please can I kindly ask:

- All parents/carers to strictly maintain social distancing whilst on the school site.
- All parents/carers to wear a face mask unless they are medically exempt.
- Only one parent/carer to escort their child/children to the class door where necessary.

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COVID-19 Asymptomatic Staff Testing Programme Across Aspire Academies

Every primary school in England now has access to rapid coronavirus testing for staff only. This testing, known as lateral flow testing, for our staff, is now taking place twice a week.

Please be aware that in a positive test scenario, you may receive communication of a bubble closure (if your child is in school) at extremely short notice, before school, on the morning of the closure. **You will be informed by text so please check your text messages from 8am onwards on a Monday and a Thursday morning.**

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>

The Parents and Carers Wellbeing Series

A series of 20 themed multimedia workshops are dedicated to expanding understanding in an everchanging world; raising awareness of services and support and promoting constructive, informed conversations. The series continues with live sessions Mondays to Thursdays. More information and links to the sessions so far can be found at <https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers/parents-and-carers-wellbeing-series/>

Weathering the Storm Webinar – Anxiety

29th June 2021, 10:00 to 10:45

- Understand the features of low mood and anxiety
- Supporting recovery from low mood and anxiety
- Supporting recovery using the 5 R's approach
- Introduction to models and approaches that support anxiety and low mood that compliment the 5 R's
- Increasing knowledge of support and signposting

[Book here](#)

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And finally...

12 Ways to Boost your Wellbeing ([blog](#) and poster to download)

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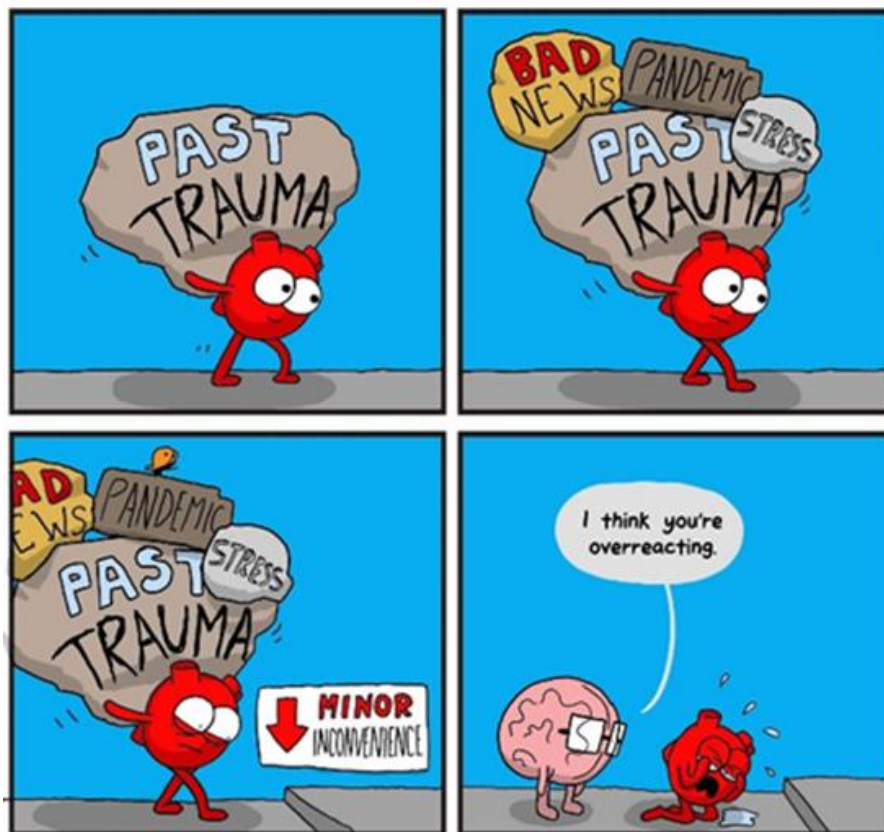
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<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 5	99.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 1	98.7 %
3 rd Place	Year 4	98.1 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Lola

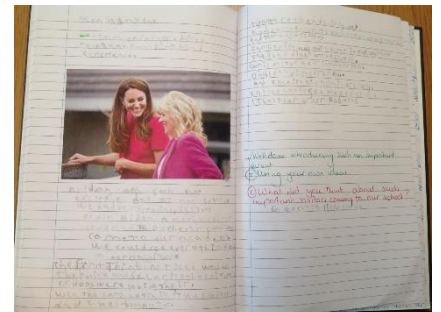
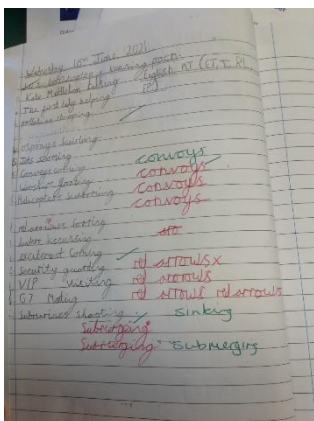
For being a shining ambassador for Connor Downs Academy during the EYFS visit by Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge and Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States. Lola shared her G7 learning proudly, with confidence and enthusiasm.

Year 1 – Daniel

For his continuous hard work, high standards or presentation and always offering to help others.

Year 2 – Jenson

For enthusiastically researching and writing about a local event, the G7 summit .



Year 3 – Jack

For using excellent vocabulary with imaginary verbs and nouns in a poem and recount about the G7 summit and VIP visit.

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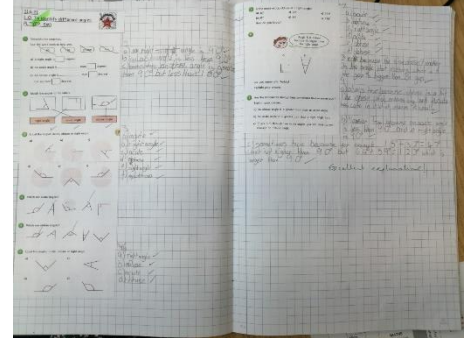
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Year 4 – Jacob

For his excellent recall of previous learning and super contributions to class discussions. Jacob has impressed this week with his amazing mathematical explanations in their current geometry topic. Well done Jacob!



Year 5 – George Gr.

For his marvellous and meticulous multiplication skills.



Year 6 – Summerlee

For creating a superb logo for your new school and for your amazing reading this week. Well done Summerlee!

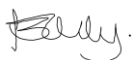


Performer of the Week

Seth in Year 4

This is awarded for recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the new Moki Fitness trackers. Seth's total was 39,398 steps. Well done Seth!

Kind Regards,



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