



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. This week has been full of some fantastic learning across all classes.

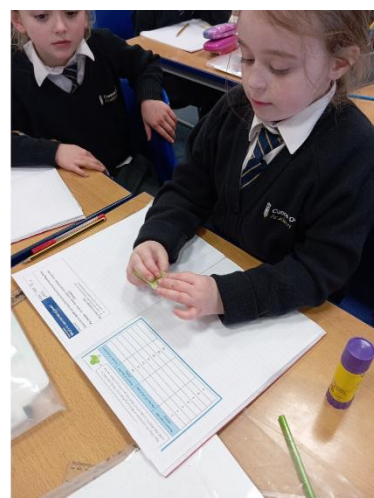
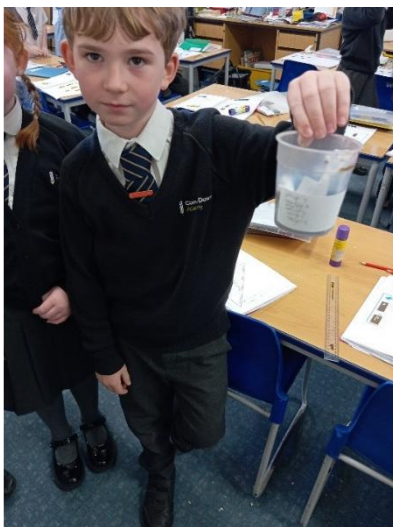
### Year 3



This week in their PE lesson, Year 3 had lots of fun learning tag-rugby. The children all got fully involved and enjoyed trying to remove the tag from the belt of the ball carrier. Well done to everyone for showing such great teamwork!

In science this week the children in Year 3 have been carrying out exciting experiments with broad bean seeds and celery stems. They organised themselves into teams and planted bean seeds, then closely observed to watch the roots and shoots grow.

Meanwhile in the celery experiment they watched as coloured water travelled up the stem to demonstrate how a plant takes in moisture.



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## Lego League sponsors



**FIRST  
LEGO  
LEAGUE**

**CHALLENGE**

We would like to say a huge thank you to both Green Fern Mortgage & Financial Services and Newell's Travel, Hayle, for sponsoring the 'Connor Coders' team in the Lego League competition. The

team of 10 have been tasked with building robots out of Lego and will attend RNAS Cudrose airbase on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March to take part, alongside many other schools, in a robot competition.

**Newell's  
TRAVEL**

**GREEN FERN**  
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Both Green Fern and Newell's have sponsored the registration fee and the team t-shirts. Without their support we would not have been able to offer this amazing opportunity to our pupils. Thank you!

## TTRS competition

From 08:30am on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February until 3:00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Connor Downs Academy will be taking part in the Aspire Spring TT Rockstars Competition. The competition is intended to be a fun activity that will benefit children's times tables fluency.

Every child in KS2 will have the opportunity at varying times during the school day to take part, thereby contributing to not only their class scores but also the whole school scores. Scoring is based on accuracy; children rushing through with inaccurate answers will reduce both class and school scores.

To help children in this competition, we are politely requesting parents/carers to support their child/children at home by practicing their times tables with them, both verbally and by allowing them time to access TTRS and play some games. Let's see if we can get Connor Downs to the top of the leaderbaord this term!



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## Nuts in School

A gentle reminder that Connor Downs Academy is a **nut free** school. We have children and members of staff in our Academy who have severe nut allergies. We ask all parents/carers to ensure that they do not send their child to school with any items containing nuts. Thank you for your support.



## Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. This limits the transmission of headlice and also supports concentration. Children should not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

## Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings and a watch. Longer earrings present a health and safety risk of injury during play. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

## Jumpers and Coats

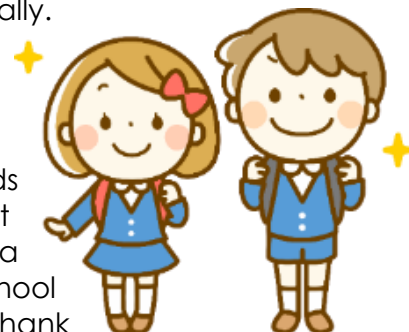
Please ensure your child/children have their school jumper with them every day and also a warm, waterproof coat, hat scarf and gloves.



## Pre-Loved Uniform

We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) with your requirements. Thank you.



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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy Discos

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are delighted to confirm that the autumn term disco will take place on **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**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.

**Please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child with a named wallet/purse containing their money for refreshments so that each child's money is kept safe. 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.**

## Bag2School

**PLEASE BRING BAGS INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF COLLECTION AND LEAVE IN THE PLAYGROUND BY THE MINIBUSES WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS. THANK YOU!**

In an effort to raise funds, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have arranged a Bag2School collection after half term, on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** As soon as bags are received from the company, we will send them home with children, but you do not have to use these bags. Any bin bags/black bags will be accepted.



Please encourage all your family and friends to sort through their unwanted clothing, bedding and towels. The more we collect the more funds can be raised. All funds go towards additional resources and opportunities for all children. Thank you, as always, for your support.

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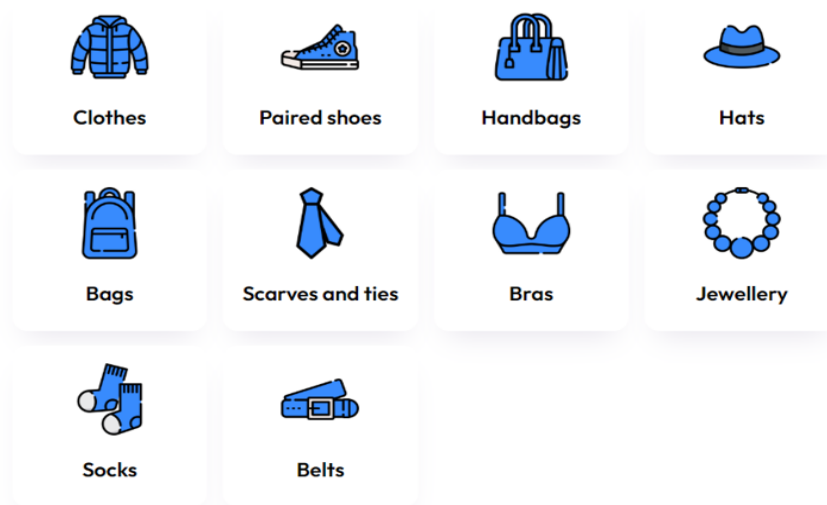
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Please see lists of items below that are accepted and those that are not.

Below is a list of everything that **we collect**. If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.

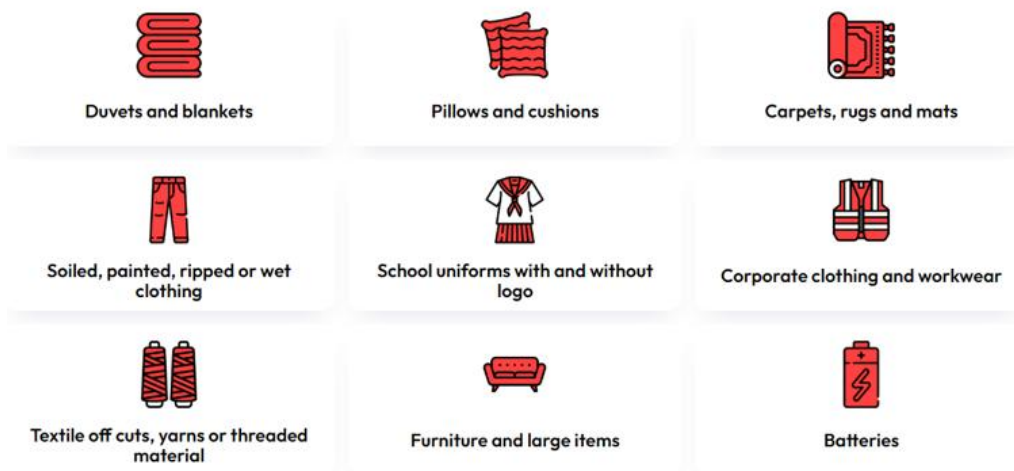


**We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:**

**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

Please see the full list here -<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

A list of things that **we don't collect**. sorry! If in doubt, please call us on 01609 780 222.



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## Inset Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

A reminder that on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, is an INSET Day and school is closed to students.

## Mental Health Support Team – Parent/Carer Workshops – February

Mental Health Support Team parent/carer workshops are available online during February. Please see poster below on the variety of workshops available. Further details on Individual workshops and how parents/carers sign up, can be found by clicking the links below:

Sleep Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>



**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST** Cornwall Partnership with Devon Partnership

Parents and Carers please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
 Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
 Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
 Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc)  
<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

## Attendance

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 4	97.8 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 2	97.3 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 6	97.0 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025** 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 – Thomas**

For his growing confidence when writing simple words about polar animals. Thomas takes such pride with his handwriting. Well done, Thomas!

### **Year 1 – Phoenix**

For the progress he is making in his phonics and having the confidence to share his knowledge of his sounds with his peers. Well done, Phoenix!

### **Year 2 – Rilie**

For the amazing progress she is making in reading and writing activities across the curriculum. Well done, Rilie!

### **Year 3 – Ollie**

For being a great role model in class, showing super concentration to complete his maths, English and curriculum work, in particular. Well done, Ollie!

### **Year 4 – Elsie R**

For excellent behaviour for learning and showing great determination and resilience when attempting tasks outside her comfort zone. Well done, Elsie!

### **Year 5 – Jacob H**

For his persistence, effort and determination across all areas of the curriculum. Well done, Jacob!

### **Year 6 – Jenson**

For always being so polite and respectful towards everyone in school. Jenson is a true role model for all his peers. Well done, Jenson!

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## **Writer – Adam (Year 1)**

For his amazing progress in writing. Adam is confidently using his phonics knowledge and sentence structure rules to help him write descriptive sentences. He is particularly enjoying writing about Neil Armstrong. Well done, Adam!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Jacob (Year R)**

For showing amazing progress when reading phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and words. Well done, Jacob!

## **KS2 Reader – Lola (Year 6)**

For the effort and determination Lola is putting into her reading, resulting in a tremendous jump in her reading level. Well done, Lola!

## **Mathematician – Remy (Year 3)**

For super use of his times table knowledge to solve dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. Well done, Remy!

## **Numbots/Rock Star – Archie (Year 2)**

For achieving a high coin score with high answers and correct scores through regular practise. Well done, Archie!

## **Performer – Zak L (Year 4)**

For excellent improvisation using the glockenspiel. Well done, Zak!

## **Character – Isaac (Year 5)**

For showing such great character in completing his gym challenges. Isaac always gives 100% effort and determination to all activities. Well done, Isaac!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School