

Friday 24th June 2022

Dear parents/carers,

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

Westminster Insight Conference

I am delighted to share with you that on Tuesday, I was invited to speak at a Westminster Insight Conference, focusing on Child Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools.

The focus of the conference was to examine how schools can support children and young people's mental health and wellbeing and how to adopt, implement and embed an effective whole school approach.

As Connor Downs Academy is a nationally accredited Trauma Informed School UK, I was asked to present a best practice case study for the delegates attending.

This was a huge honour, on behalf of the school community, putting the ethos, culture and practice of Connor Downs Academy at the forefront of national debate.

[Child Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools Digital Conference Westminster Insight](#)



Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce, that Mrs Bartaby has been appointed to the position of EYFS/KS1 Lead and Reception Teacher from September 2022. Mrs Bartaby has been temporarily filling this role since Easter. We are sure that you will join me and the rest of the staff in congratulating Mrs Bartaby on her appointment.



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Year 4 – Eden Project Visit

On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the Eden Project. The children and staff were welcomed by a member of the education team who gave them a quick talk about the Eden Project. They asked the children questions about the rainforest and were very impressed with their knowledge. The children enjoyed consolidating their learning

by identifying plants which grow in each of the four layers of the rainforest. They also hunted for plants which have adapted in order to grow in the rainforest. The rainforest biome was rather warm and everyone was keen to move into the cooler air in the Mediterranean biome. The children showed exemplary behaviour for learning and were a credit to the school. We would like to thank our parent/carers volunteers, Mr Smitheram and Mrs Kessell for supporting us.



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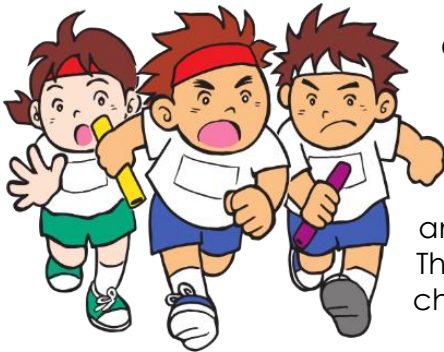
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Sports Day – Wednesday 29th June 2022



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'.

Please note, If the weather is poor, Sports afternoon will be rearranged for Tuesday 19th July at the same time.

Tempest School Photographs

The class photographs have finally been sent home this week. You are able to order photographs directly from the Tempest website and have them delivered free of charge to school. Alternatively, you can return your order to school. All orders should be returned to Mrs Gallagher in the school office no later than Thursday 30th June. After this date, you will need to order directly with Tempest.



Parent/carer reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that at this time of year the weather can be quite changeable. The sun is at it strongest at present but we can also suffer some quite heavy showers.

Please can we ask you to ensure that your child/children come to school every day with sun cream, already applied and extra in their bag, a sun hat and a waterproof coat. Thank you all for your support



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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.

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.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	98.8 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 5	96.6 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 2	96.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 24th June 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 1st July** 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 – Arthur

For working hard to write a sentence about a sea creature. Arthur used his phonics knowledge, a capital letter and a full stop. Well done Arthur!

Year 1 – Amelia

For her amazing story writing. We have been retelling the story 'The First Hippo on the Moon' by David Walliams but we have added our own new character. Amelia has produced a fantastic piece of work, showcasing her writing skills. Well done Amelia!

Year 2 – Theo

For working so hard with his writing presentation and consistently using full stops and capital letters in his sentence structure. Well done Theo!

Year 3 – Malyka

For showing kindness to everyone in Year 3. Malyka can always be relied upon to step in and support her friends without being asked. Well done Malyka!

Year 4 – Jake

For working really hard on Tuesday with Mrs Ridge and Mrs Smith and for his amazing behaviour during our trip to the Eden Project. Great work Jake!

Year 5 – Jude

For his amazing efforts in helping Mr Costello in cultivating futures each morning. Well done Jude!

Year 6 – Darcey

For writing an excellent report about rabbits this week, with accurate punctuation and a formal voice. Well done Darcey!

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Writer – Mason (Year 5)

For his thoughtful and well constructed recount of his surfing adventure. Well done Mason!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Miriam (Year 1)

For her amazing progress with her phonics, completing her AR quiz and now starting to read books from the school library. Well done Miriam!

KS2 Reader – Archie (Year 3)

For fantastic effort to improve his fluency and progress in reading. Well done Archie!

Mathematician – Callum (Year 6)

For solving problems in maths to do with the airport - your work was so neat and accurate. Well done Callum!

Performer – Ella-Fay (Year 4)

For demonstrating how to encourage leaves to fold in on themselves during our visit to the Eden Project. Mrs Crease learnt something new as well! Well done Ella-Fay!

Moki Fitness Tracker – Seth (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in the four days to Thursday using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Seth's total was 28,175 steps. Well done Seth!

Citizen – Rupert (Year R)

For always being a kind friend in class and always helping others. Well done!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School