

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Year 6 – Elemental Water Sports Day



Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at Elemental UK Watersports Centre, Swanpool Beach, Falmouth. The children were divided into smaller groups and took part in a number of activities, including building their own rafts, kayaking and getting on board a hug raft. In the afternoon, they went coasteering, which involved jumping into the water from some very tall rocks! Well

done to the very brave members of Year 6 who took part in all these exciting activities, many of whom, had never experienced these opportunities before. We would like to thank the fantastic staff at Elemental who made it such a memorable day for all the children and to the volunteers who came long to support.



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## Eskinzo Surfing – Years 3 and 4

This week, as part of our outdoor and adventurous provisions, the children from Years 3 and 4 had the opportunity to attend surfing sessions hosted by Eskinzo Surf School at Porthtowan. The excellent instructors taught the children about beach safety and the importance of warming up thoroughly. After learning about the correct surf technique, the children entered

the water to 'catch some waves'! All the children showed great courage and resilience to improve their technique, whilst really enjoying themselves. We would like to thank all the parent helpers for giving up their time to support these visits.



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## Year 6 – Baking

To mark the end of their maths unit focusing on ration and proportion, the children in year 6 baked some delicious fairy cakes. They also made their own packaging to take their cakes home. Well done Year 6, the cakes looked amazing!



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## Year 6 Pupil Equestrian Success

During the half term holidays, one of our Year 6 pupils attended the Western Hunt Branch Pony Competition. She attends the Tregertha Livery Yard and has only been riding for a year. She won rosettes in Stable Management, Horse Cleanliness, Show Jumping and Dressage and received a trophy for the most improved rider. We are so proud of all her achievements!



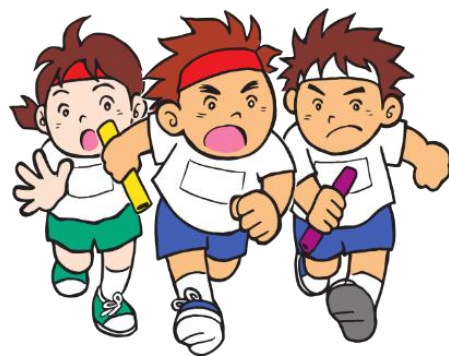
## Sports Day Practice

Children from all year groups will be practising again on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June for our Sports Afternoon. Please can we ask parents/carers to ensure their children have their PE kits in school on this day. Thank you.

## Sports Day – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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'.

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## Tempest School Photographs - Update

As you will remember, prior to half term, Tempest came into school to take the class photos. They were delivered to school this morning, but on inspection there were some issues. We have been in contact with Tempest and as soon as these issues are rectified, the photos will be sent home to parents/carers to place orders if they wish. Thank you for your support and understanding. **Further update:** The photographer is intending to send the school links to all the photos, but we are still waiting. As soon as these are received they will be communicated with parents carers.



## 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



## Polite reminder – Snacks and Nuts



Please can we remind all parents/carers that for breaktime snack, children are only permitted a piece of fruit/vegetables. No sandwiches, crisps, sweets or cereal bars are allowed.

We would also like to remind parents/carers of our 'No Nuts' Policy. Please can we kindly ask that you do not send your child/children to school with nuts or any items that may contain nuts.



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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](mailto: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

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 6	98.6 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year R	96.8 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 2	96.1 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> June** 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 – Sully**

For always showing such enthusiasm and excitement towards our topics and activities. Sully confidently shares his knowledge with the rest of the class. Well done Sully!

### **Year 1 – Zak L**

For his brilliant efforts in our sports day practice. Well done Zak!

### **Year 2 – Annabelle**

For tackling all aspects of her work with such a positive mindset. Coming in each day settled and ready to learn. Well done Annabelle!

### **Year 3 – Hunter**

For super effort with joining his letters in English and brilliant reading in comprehension about Romans. Well done Hunter!

### **Year 4 – Ashton**

For his amazing attitude, enthusiasm and resilience during the Year 4 surf day. Well done Ashton!

### **Year 5 – Ella R-M**

For making such a positive start in her new school and taking on each new challenge with enthusiasm. Well done Ella!

### **Year 6 – Oliver**

For writing a super thank you letter to Lieutenant Thomas to say thank you for the flyover for the Jubilee. Well done Oliver!

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## **Writer – James (Year 1)**

For his fantastic weather report writing, with beautifully neat handwriting which James has worked really hard on this year. Well done James!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Tegen (Year 2)**

For her fantastic reading each night. Tegen always reads above her target and this is really showing in the improvement in her writing. Well done Tegen!

## **KS2 Reader – Joel (Year 6)**

For Joel's enthusiasm to read 'Skandar and The Unicorn Thief', by A F Steadman. This enthusiasm has inspired other class members to read. Well Done Joel!

## **Mathematician – Navarre (Year 5)**

For his ability to make 3D shapes from nets and reason about their properties. Well done Navarre!

## **Performer – Corey (Year 3)**

For his amazing resilience, bravery and determination during the Year 3 Eskinzo surf day. Well done Corey!

## **Moki Fitness Tracker – Sam (Year 3)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Sam's total was 34, 956 steps. Well done Sam!

## **Citizen – Holly (Year 4)**

For always been such a thoughtful and happy part of Miss Scaife's Wellbeing Team, consistently checking in with adults. Well done Holly!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School