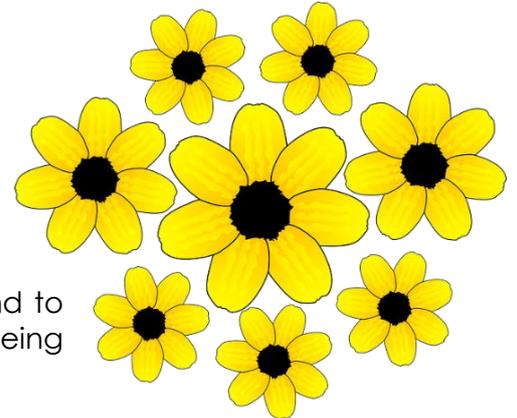


Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

This week, we have marked in the UK the 12 month anniversary of the national lockdown. This has provided us with the opportunity to reflect on an exceptional year and to recognise the tremendous advantages of once more being reunited back at school.



We have had a busy and exciting week in school. We are delighted to share with you that we have significantly increased our reading book supply.



## Reading Resources

### **Great News! More books to read in school!**

We are absolutely delighted to share with you that Connor Downs Academy has invested in a Letters and Sounds phonic library, containing over 750 decodable readers. All of the fantastic books in this new library are matched explicitly to the Letters and Sounds phonic

programme taught at Connor Downs Academy. We are certain that these fantastic books will enhance the learning and development of our pupils, from Reception to Key Stage 2, for many years to come.

Our existing collection of phonic reading books, many of which were bought/donated by our parent/carer community over the years, will continue to be accessed and enjoyed in school.



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Over 600 new reading books have been delivered to school to replenish our school library. The books make an eye-watering, tantalising sight and no doubt will enthrall the children of Connor Downs Academy on their journeys to becoming accomplished readers. It is a well-established fact that children who read and who are read to, do better in school; their vocabulary is richer, their ability to empathise with others is greater and they show a better understanding of the world around them.



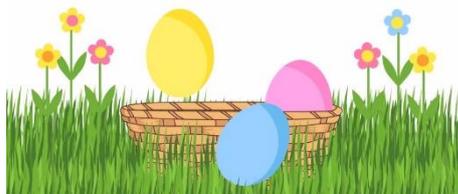
At Connor Downs Academy, all our books in the library are organised into their 'Accelerated Reader' level, which takes into account the vocabulary and complexity of the book. Your child can choose any book from within their 'AR range', for example 2.6-3.2. We encourage the children to read both fiction and non-fiction and to try different styles of book. Our new selection includes graphic novels and lots of new non-fiction books. Over the coming weeks, your child is likely to bring home one of our new books!

During the Shine Assembly this week, members of Y6 shared some of the new books with the rest of school. Year 6 also reminded the children about the importance of reading and explained how we all need to look after the new reading books, to ensure they last long into the future.

## **Parent Consultations**

A reminder that due to the recent lockdown and current restrictions still in place, we are unable to hold face to face meetings. In lieu of this, your child/children's teacher will be phoning parents/carers next week, between Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. These telephone calls will give you the opportunity to discuss how well your child/children has/have settled back into school and how they are progressing with their learning. Should a more in-depth meeting be required, an appointment will be made for after Easter.

## **Easter Holidays**



A reminder that our last day of the spring term is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. The children will come out at their usual finish times. School will re-open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter holidays.

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## Staffing Update

We would like to share with you that Mrs Patterson, our year 1 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Patterson has accepted a new role working at St Meriadoc C of E Junior Academy starting after the Easter holidays. We will all miss Mrs Patterson at Connor Downs, but we are sure that you will join with us in wishing Mrs Patterson all the very best for her future. For the summer term, we are delighted to have Miss Mathews joining year 1. Miss Mathews will be supported once again by Mr Costello and Mrs Hackett.

## 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>

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year R	100.0 %
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Year 1	98.4 %
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Year 5	96.9 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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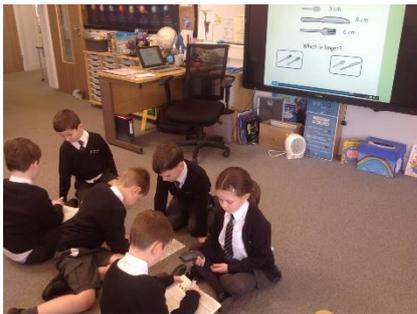
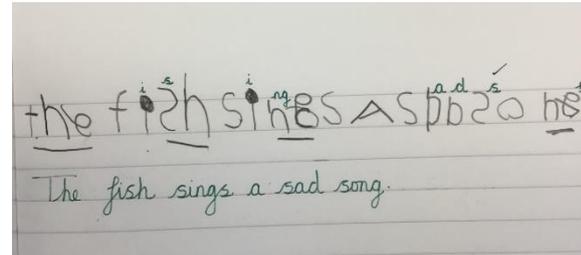
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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Year R – Eddie

For trying his best to develop his skills across all areas of the EYFS. Eddie has particularly impressed his adults during phonics, working hard to improve his independent writing.

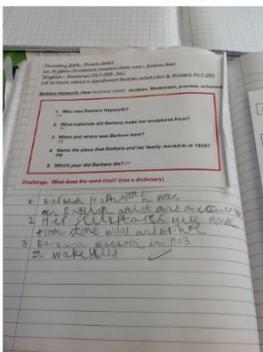
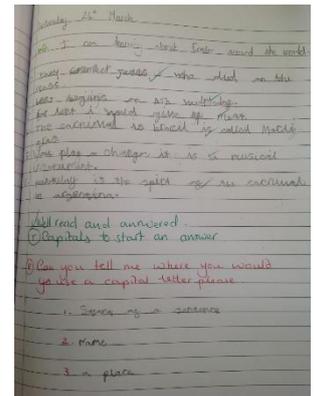


### Year 1 – Charlie

For being such a super role model in class and helping his friends when they are stuck. Charlie is always ready to learn and puts 100% effort into all his subjects.

### Year 2 – Mabel

For excellent reading and showing her love and understanding through her detailed and careful considered answers.



### Year 3 – Kian

For his super attitude to learning in maths and English. Kian showed great independence in reading comprehension learning about the artist Barbara Hepworth.

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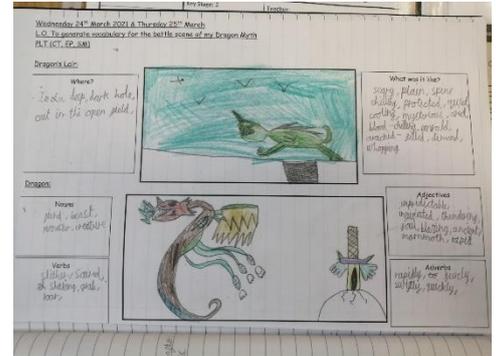
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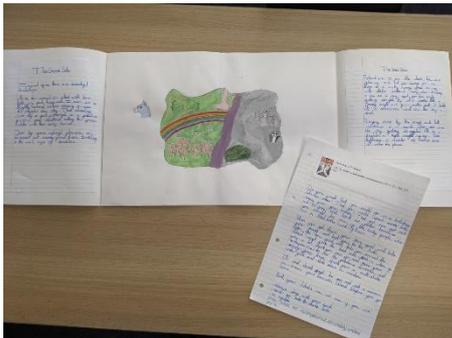
## Year 4 – Alfie

For his consistently calm, focused and diligent attitude to his learning. Alfie has impressed so much this year with his attitude to his work and sets a super example to his peers. Keep it up Alfie!



## Year 5 – Lexie

For being an amazing friend and demonstrating great behaviour for learning.



## Year 6 – Kacie

For your enthusiasm towards our 'Land of Roar' work over the last few weeks. Your persuasive advert was a really effective, accurate piece of work and your map looks stunning! Well done!

Kind Regards,

*J. Eddy*

Mrs Eddy  
Head of School

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