

Friday 20th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy and exciting week in the academy.

Anti-Bullying Week

Across the academy we have been marking anti-bullying week in a variety of ways. Year 1 have been thinking about what it means to be 'United Against Bullying'. The children have been talking about how we are all special and all different and have talked also about kindness and friendship. The children then designed their own pair of socks. Odd socks were chosen to show that we are all different.



Christmas Cards

This year, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to have our 'Christmas Postbox' in the main corridor for children to post their cards to their friends. Instead, classes will have their own boxes for cards that your child/ren can put their cards into. As these will need to be quarantined before being distributed, we will have two distribution days. These will be Monday 7th December and Monday 14th December. The boxes will be available in classes from Monday 30th November. Any cards brought in the week from 30th November to 4th December will be distributed in classes on Monday 7th December. Cards brought in in the week from 7th December to 11th December will be distributed on 14th December.

Christmas Decorations

This year, again due to COVID, we are unable to run our much loved Christmas Fayre. Usually at the fayre, each of the classes have made something to sell to help raise funds for books and resources for all the children. This year, the Friends of Connor Downs Academy have asked each of the children, in their classes to make a Christmas decoration which their parents/carers can buy, if they would like to. Each decoration will be sold for £1, payable via ParentPay and each child will make one decoration. The payment item will be set up on ParentPay at the beginning of December and all decorations purchased will be sent home in the final week before the Christmas holidays. If you are unable to pay online via ParentPay, please request a PayPoint letter from the



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school office by emailing hello@connordowns.org.uk and one will be sent home with your child to enable you to pay by cash at any venue displaying the PayPoint logo.

Staffing Update

In September Mr BD was asked to change his role within school. After a lot of soul searching and discussion Mr BD has decided that it is time for him to move onto new challenges. Mr BD wishes everyone the very best for the future.

The Trust and Connor Downs Academy would like to thank Mr BD for his commitment to the children of our community over the past 7 years.

Year 3 will continue to be taught in the mornings by Ms Speight. Mrs Ridge will remain all day as Teaching Assistant. Mrs Eddy will support the afternoon teaching between now and Christmas.

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>

Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday we welcomed the school nursing team into Connor Downs Academy to administer the nasal flu Immunisations. The morning went really well and all children who were in school and whose parents had consented to them having the immunisation were immunised. Any child who was due to have the immunisation but was absent on the day, parents/carers should contact the Kernow Health School Immunisation Team on **01872 221105**. They are running catch up clinics at various locations and they will be able to book you in at a convenient time and location.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are pleased to support the school in becoming more sustainable with the installation of solar panels, a rainwater harvesting system which is used in cultivating futures and the replacement for inefficient windows. The attached leaflet provides examples of how we can all help the environment. We thank the Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund for their continued support.

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Year 5 Bikeability

A reminder for those year 5's taking part in this year's Bikeability that Group 1 begins next week, on the 23rd November. Group 2 begins on 27th November.

Group 1

23rd November – 09:00am to 12:30pm

30th November – 09:00am to 12:30pm

7th December – 09:00am to 12:30pm

Group 2

27th November – 09:00am to 12:30pm

4th December – 09:00am to 12:30pm

11th December – 09:00am to 12:30pm

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	97.6 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	96.5 %

Our whole school attendance so far since the beginning of term is 95.4 %

Shine celebrations

Please see the next page for our Shining Stars for this week.



Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 20th November 2020

Year R – Oscar

For showing a positive, 'can do' attitude during playful learning. Oscar has impressed us by choosing to practise his counting skills, demonstrating a fantastic understanding of numbers to 10.

Year 1 – Noelle

For working so hard across all her subjects and giving 100% effort to every area of school life. Noelle has impressed all the adults in Year 1 with her super phonics work. Well Done!

Year 2 – Corey

For huge reading progress since September and increased confidence reading aloud in class.

Year 3 – Cooper

For super consistent 100% effort, challenging himself in English and Maths. Cooper is a fantastic role model always stepping in to help adults and his friends in Year 3.

Year 4 – Isla

For the fantastic newspaper report applying key knowledge and skills learnt during this topic.

Year 5 – Elodie

For her thoughtful contributions to every lesson. Elodie listens carefully and is always ready to take on a new challenge.

Year 6 – Emma

For a fantastic attitude towards her reading. Emma has quizzed every day this week. Emma's maturity and enthusiasm is great to see. We are so proud of you!

Kind Regards,



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