

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to all our children and their families for the second half of the autumn term. We hope that you had a good half term break and we are delighted to see you all back in school.

England Lockdown

Yesterday, England started the 4 week national lockdown. I am delighted that during this lockdown, schools will remain open so for us, our school routines will continue. Should there be any updates to this situation, then we will of course notify you immediately.

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>

Friends of Connor Downs Academy (FOCD)

During the half term holiday, you may have noticed that we have had new windows fitted to the front of the school in years 4 and 6. These windows are a huge benefit to our school community now and for many years to come. The windows and the installation have been entirely funded through the tremendous efforts of the FOCD in securing a sustainable grant from the Gwinear Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund (GGSCF). I would like to pass on my sincere thanks on behalf of the Academy community to the FOCD and GGSCF.

If you would like to become involved and support the FOCD please see the attached letter from the FOCD giving details of their work. Do please get involved if you can.

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Head and Deputy Prefects

The year 6 prefects are fulfilling an amazing role of supporting the school community whilst being exemplar role models. This week the prefects were offered the opportunity to apply for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. Many year 6 prefects put themselves forward for these roles showing commitment, dedication and pride in our academy. I am delighted to announce that securing these positions were:

Head Boy	Charlie
Head Girl	Olivia

Deputy Head Boy	Zach
Deputy Head Girl	Chloe

Congratulations and well done!

Remembrance Sunday



Due to COVID restrictions the usual Remembrance Sunday ceremony at Hayle War Memorial will not be taking place this year. Our academy will show their respects on Remembrance day by laying a wreath at the Hayle War Memorial. The Head prefects will represent our academy at this special and important occasion.

Children in Need

Next Friday, the 13th November 2020 is Children in Need day. We are inviting children to come to school on this day wearing their own clothes/Pudsey items for a £1 donation which should be paid via ParentPay please. Again, no cash can be accepted in school at the present time.



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Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on **Tuesday 17th November**. The letter previously emailed to parents/carers, detailing how to submit your consent form online, is attached with this news letter. Thank you to all who have completed so far. Please can anyone who has not yet completed do so, even if they are withholding consent. This needs to be done by the **deadline** of **noon** on **Friday 13th November**.

Sumdog Competition

A reminder that Connor Downs Academy are taking part in the Aspire Academies Trust Maths Contest from Sumdog taking place from today until the 12th November. There are some fantastic prizes available including a trophy for the winning class; virtual Sumdog coins for all children in the winning class; certificates for 2nd and 3rd places; virtual prizes within Sumdog for all children taking part. Please encourage your children to take part.

Jumpers and Coats

Now that we are moving further into autumn and the weather is becoming much colder and wetter, please could we ask all parents/carers to ensure their child/children is/are sent to school with a jumper and a water proof coat every day. Thank you for your support.

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 4	100.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 5	97.2 %

Our whole school attendance so far since the beginning of term is 95.7%

Shine celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Year R – Arthur

For making impressive progress across all areas of the Early Years curriculum and, most importantly, for his positive, 'can do' attitude.

Year 1 – Carter

For working hard across all his subjects this week, especially maths, finding parts of a whole and subtracting numbers within 10. Well done!

Year 2 – Dari

For the care and pride you have taken in all written activities with outstanding results. Well done!

Year 3 – Isla

For brilliant work on homework grid tasks and always giving 100% in all subjects in year 3. Well done Isla.

Year 4 – Lexie

For always modelling such a good work ethic and learning behaviours to all those around you. Keep up your wonderful attitude!

Year 5 – Molly

For your precise vocabulary choices which make her writing sparkle and shine!

Year 6 – Ben

For an incredibly impressive letter of application and for sharing your successes at home using 'The Maths Factor'. Ben consistently strives to give 100% to everything he does. Well done!

Kind Regards,



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