

Friday 22nd July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and are looking forward to the summer holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your commitment over this last academic year for adhering to the Covid 19 social distancing measures. Due to your support and the support from the school community, we have been in the fortunate position to have remained fully open, with no bubble closures. This has allowed our children to access their education and to thrive as a consequence.



On behalf of all the staff at Connor Downs Academy and myself, we wish you all a very happy Summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children back on the 7th September.

Year 6 Leavers

I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children who are leaving us today, the very best for their next steps. We are immensely proud of you all and we hope that you will look back at your time at Connor Downs with fondness. We have enjoyed seeing you grow, hearing your laughter and watching you develop into super individuals who are ready for their next challenge. As you look forward with excitement to starting your new schools in September, we wish you every success and happiness. Thank you to the Year 6 parents and carers for supporting your children during their primary school years.



Message from Miss Norton

It has been a privilege to teach the children in Year 6, who have spent their final day at Connor Downs Academy today. Children enter primary school as little acorns - full of potential and possibility. By the time they pass through the gates one last time, they have developed and matured into caring, thoughtful and motivated individuals who are ready to take on any challenge that comes their way.

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It takes a whole community to bring up a child; we are immensely proud of the role our school plays in supporting children and their families to be happy, healthy and to lead fulfilling lives.



Year 6 have enjoyed a host of activities this week, to build memories and enjoy their remaining time together.



They visited Gwithian Beach where they explored the rockpools and played on the beach during the gloriously sunny weather. They also arranged a 'Lunchtime Prom' where they shared a picnic and played party

games. Miss Scaife and Miss Abel also bravely volunteered to have wet sponges thrown at them by the class! Many of the Y6 class have excellent aims and the two ladies ended up soaked! Before leaving, Y6 decorated a stone with a memory of their time here which they then placed in Cultivating Futures. Their final day was celebrated with our Leaver's Service at Phillack Church and an Awards Ceremony in the hall, where for the first time in a while, parents and carers were invited to attend. Every Y6 child chose a book to treasure and were awarded a certificate of their achievements. In what has been a very emotional last few weeks and months, Y6 have stuck together and showed that with friends around you, you can achieve anything.



We wish every member of Y6 and their families, all the very best for the future. You always have been and always will be, one of the Connor Downs Family.

Miss Norton

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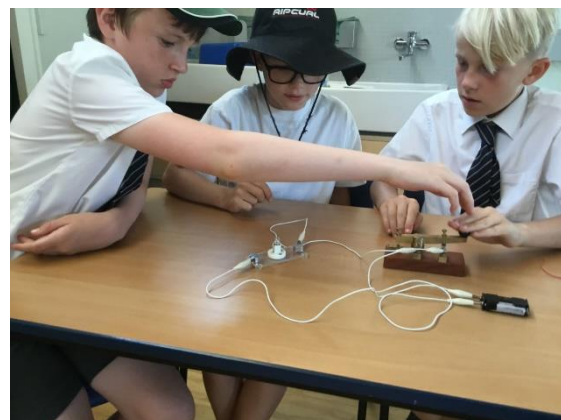
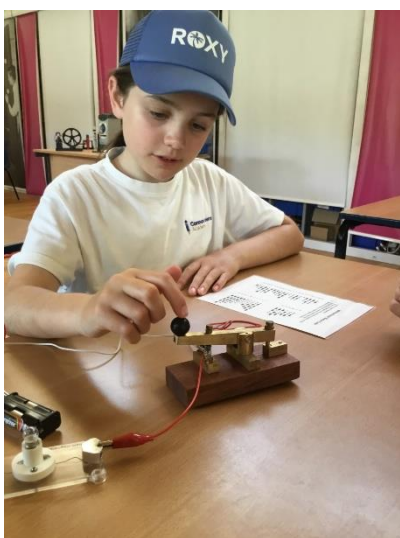


Year 5

On Tuesday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic day at Porthcurno Telegraph Museum. The children learned about the importance of communication and how it has developed over the years.

Year 5 investigated the wartime tunnels where the telegraph machines are kept cool. Through a variety of hands-on displays and challenges the children discovered how cables are fixed and how light is now used to send messages via optical fibres.

In the afternoon, the children made circuits and learned to send and receive messages in morse code.



Also this week in Year 5, as part of their DT project, the children have been practising their sewing skills by making bags.



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Summer Holiday Maths and Reading Resources



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White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, **Morrisons**, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of **Morrisons' network of stores nationwide**. All they need to do is to call in at the **'Children's Little Library'** in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!



Families are welcome to take one **free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6**. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

Teachers might like to advise

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS INITIATIVE [HERE](#)

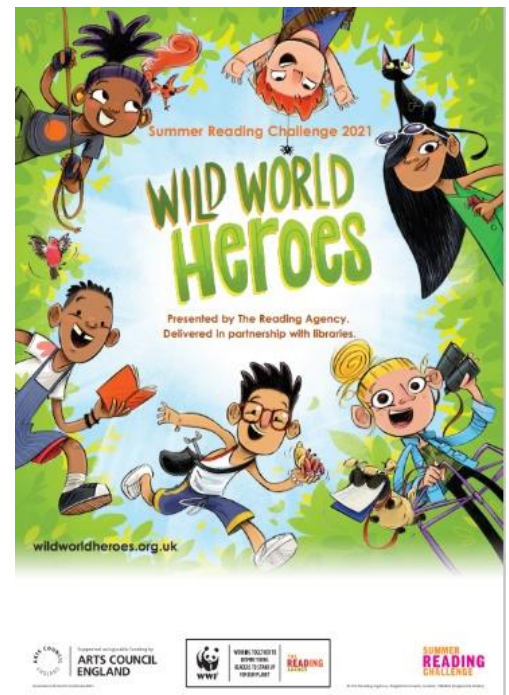
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Summer Reading Challenge

Hayle Library are once again offering their Summer Reading Challenge to all children. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes!

Please access the link below for more information.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

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Autumn Term 2021

From Tuesday 7th September

- No class bubbles required (However please be aware that moving forward should there be a local outbreak bubbles may be reintroduced for a fixed time period)
- All children to arrive on the school site between **8.30am and 8.45am** when the green gates will close.
- All children to be collected/dismissed at **3.15pm**
- To ease congestion on site, the following drop off and collection points will remain in place:

Year	Drop off point	Collection point
R	Year R classroom door	Year R classroom door
1	Side Door of Year 1	Side door of Year 1
2	Key Stage 1 door	Key Stage 1 door
3	Foot of granite steps	Foot of granite steps
4	Foot of granite steps	Foot of granite steps
5	Main entrance	Main entrance
6	Main entrance	Main entrance

- Assemblies can resume including Shine assemblies.
- Lunchtime mixing can resume and school meals/packed lunches to be eaten in the school hall.
- Schools are no longer required to trace contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.
- Face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas (Again, should there be a local outbreak this may be reintroduced for a fixed time period). However, all parents/carers and staff continue to have the right to wear face coverings in communal areas, should they decide to, based on their own personal circumstances.

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- Children can return to changing for PE in school and so should come to school every day wearing their uniform and bring their PE kit into school on their allocated day. For Reception and KS1 they can leave their PE kits in school if they wish.

Additional/ September Guidance

- From 16th August, children under the age of 18 and double vaccinated staff are no longer required to self-isolate if they are a close contact of a positive COVID case. Instead of isolation NHS Test and Trace will contact all close contacts and advise them to take a PCR test.
- If we were to experience several confirmed Covid cases within 14 days, we may have an outbreak. If there is an outbreak in a setting or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise a setting to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.
- Control measures required in schools have now been reduced to:
 1. **Ensure good hygiene for everyone** – We will ensure that pupils clean their hands regularly. This can be done with soap and water.
 2. **Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.** - High use staff areas such as staffrooms and shared communal areas will be cleaned thoroughly.
 3. **Keep occupied spaces well ventilated** - When school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. When holding events where visitors such as parents/carers are on site, for example school plays, the environment used will be well ventilated whilst maintaining a comfortable temperature.
 4. **Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19** - Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).
- Remote Education – This will be provided for children who need to self-isolate because they have tested positive, to complete at home, if they are well enough to do so.

The link to the full guidance is here: [Schools COVID-19 operational guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/86562/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance.pdf)

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Connor Downs Academy Uniform Reminder

- Navy jumper with school logo
- White shirt (white polo shirts for reception class children only)
- Navy and gold stripe tie (long or elasticated) (not required for YR children)
- Dark grey skirt or dark grey trousers for girls (No pinafore dresses)
- Navy and white gingham dresses and navy cardigans (Summer term/early autumn term)
- Dark grey trousers or dark grey shorts for boys
- Grey tights or white socks for girls
- Grey long or short socks for boys
- Black school shoes (No trainers or boots)
- White PE t-shirt with embroidered logo
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (plimsoles for Key Stage 1 children only if preferred)
- Navy book bags with embroidered logo



General appearance

Hair styles

If your child has hair longer than shoulder length it must be tied back for school. Children must not have artificially coloured hair or extreme hair styles such as patterns shaved into hair. No coloured or oversized hair bows or ribbons. Navy ribbons or scrunchies or small bows are allowed.

Make up

The wearing of make-up, including nail varnish, by children is not permitted, except in exceptional circumstances where agreed in writing, in advance, by the school.

Jewellery

Children may wear small, plain, stud earrings, and a watch. Children remain responsible for these items and the school will not be held liable for any loss.

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Term Dates – 2021/2022 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Monday 6th September 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Inset Day Monday 6th September (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Last Day of Autumn Term – Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Holidays – Monday 20th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring Term

Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Inset Day – Friday 18th February 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022

Last Day of Spring Term – Friday 8th April 2022

Easter Holidays – Monday 11th April 2022 to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term

Monday 25th April 2022 to Tuesday 26th July 2022

Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Inset Day – Friday 27th May 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Day In Lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday – Monday 6th June 2022

Inset Day – Monday 25th July 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Inset Day – Tuesday 26th July 2022 (**School closed to pupils**)

Last Day of Summer Term – Friday 22nd July 2022

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 1	99.4 %
2 nd Place	Year R	98.8 %
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 6	97.6%
Joint 3 rd Place	Year 4	97.6 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Thursday 22nd July 2021

Year R – Zachary

For impressing Miss Bryant with his learning in Reception this week showing he is a superstar who is ready for his next adventure in Year 1. Well done Zachary!

Year 1 – Jacob H

For making incredible progress in all areas of his learning this term. Jacob is such a lovely, polite member of Year 1!

Year 2 – Dari

For her care and commitment to helping our wildflowers and potatoes grow in our outdoor area.



Year 3 – Maci

For showing imagination and creativity to create her own book about houses and showing kindness to friends to show them how to make models.



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Year 4 – Rhys

For settling so well back into Year 4. Rhys has been eager and ready to learn and has been such a positive role model in the class. Keep up this fantastic effort when you join Mr Pascoe in Year 5. Well done Rhys!

Year 5 – Riley

For his outstanding behaviour and participation on our educational visit to Porthcurno Telegraph Museum.

Year 6 Cohort

For an amazing leaving week at Connor Downs Academy, you have been fantastic!

Kind Regards,



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Head of School



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