



Friday 13th May 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 1 visit to Paradise Park

Last Friday, Year 1 went to Paradise Park to support their learning linked to their topic, 'Animal Allsorts'. To begin the day they children were given a talk about the otters and watched them being fed. They then looked at the different types of birds, watched as the Macaws were released into the park and looked at the beautiful colour of the flamingos. Next, the children went to see the penguins. They

learnt about where they live, watched them being fed and then had the opportunity to stroke one.

After this, the children completed the dinosaur trail around the park and went to the farm area and pet corner, where they were able to feed the goats and sheep. After lunch, they were lucky enough to

go into Jungle Barn soft play area, where lots of fun was had by all! Thank you to the parents/carers who accompanied Year 1 on their visit. We are so proud of the way every child behaved and showed a fantastic attitude for learning.



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Year 6 SATs

This week, our Year 6 children too their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great determination and resilience throughout the week. Well done to each and every one of you – we are so proud of you. Thank you too, to the Year 6 parents/carers for your support during this week, and to the children in all other year groups who behaved so respectfully in support our Year 6 pupils.

Year 6 and Year R

Today, the children from Years 6 and R enjoyed a shared reading session together. All the children were really engaged and the hall was full of the gentle buzz of enthusiastic readers!



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Year 5

This week in Year 5 the children have been studying Vertebrates and Invertebrates in the outdoor classroom as part of their science work with Mr Costello.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning how to create an Indian Elephant in their art lesson.

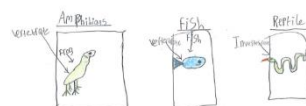
Amphibians - ^{Birds} Lungs, backbone, cold blooded, slimy skin, lives in water and on land, frog, toad, newt.

Fish - ^{Vertebrates} Invertebrates, scales, gills, backbone, cold blood, live in water, eel, fish, blob fish.

Reptiles - Lungs, scales, live on land, vertebrates, snakes, lizard, komodo dragon.

Mammals - Fur, backbone, warm-blooded, born, dog, cat.

Birds - Warm-blooded, fly, feathers, sky, beak, penguin, crow, seagull.



Year 1 – Sponsored run/walk

On Monday, the children and staff from Year 1 took part in a sponsored walk/run around the playground. They completed 3000 metres in a relay format to raise funds for a children's picnic bench for their outdoor area. So far, the children have raised an incredible **£141.00**. Well done to all the children who took part and a huge thank you to all the parents/carers, friends and family who donated so generously. If any of the Year 1 parents/carers still have further sponsorship money to pay in, please could you do

this via the option on Parent Pay by the **end of day on Tuesday 17th May**. Thank you all for your amazing support.



Tempest School Photographs - Reminder

A reminder that Tempest will be coming into school **next Monday, 16th May** to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform, including black school shoes. Thank you.

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Summer Census Day Menu – Thursday 19th May

On Census day, the number of children served food through our school kitchen influences how much funding we receive. We are very lucky here at Connor Downs to have a fantastic kitchen team who provide healthy, tasty cooked meals every day. On census days the kitchen produce a fantastic special menu to encourage as many children as possible to eat, not only providing them with a nutritious hot lunch but also helping to boost the schools funding.

Our next Census day is **Thursday 19th May**.

The theme on this date is BBQ Season.

Please see the menu for the options available. Please book via ParentPay the meat or vegetarian option.

Please note these will be the only options available on census day – there will be no hot tomato pasta or Jacket Potato options. Thank you.

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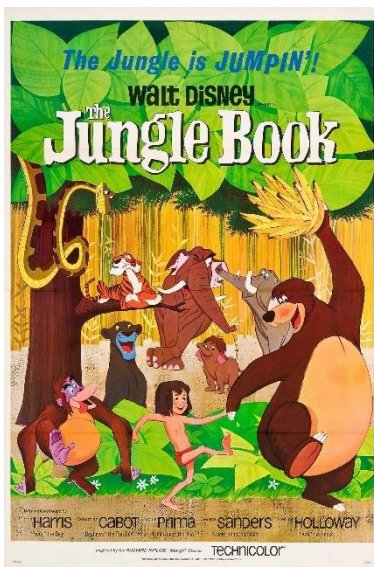
M & M Theatrical Productions – The Jungle Book

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 25th May, we are very excited to announce that M & M Theatrical Productions will be coming to school to perform



The Jungle Book to all of our children. After the performance, the children in Year 6 will receive a Stagecraft Workshop, which focuses on all the behind the scenes secrets that make the production happen. This will broaden their knowledge of the Arts combined with STEM subjects whilst enjoying a practical and unique insight into what goes on behind the scenes of the production that they will just have seen.

The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are subsidising this amazing opportunity, but we are kindly asking parents for a minimum £1.00 contribution per child to assist with the cost – if you wish to contribute more than a £1.00, then we would be extremely grateful. A payment item has been set up on ParentPay for each child. We will share lots of photos with you on our final newsletter of this half term. Thank you in advance for your support.



Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party

On Thursday, 26th May, we will be holding a street party for all the children to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We would like to request donations of 'Street Party' food items from parents/carers to be brought to school on the morning of the street party.

Due to having to accommodate many different dietary requirements, please can we ask that only shop bought items be donated that clearly show on the packaging the ingredients. **Please follow our school policy which is 'No Nuts'.**

We unfortunately will not be able to accept any home baked items.

Thank you in advance for your support with this, we really do appreciate greatly the support given by our parent/carer community.



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Summer Term – Diary Dates

Monday 16th May – Tempest Class Photographs

Thursday 19th May – Friends of Connor Downs Academy meeting – Any new members always welcome – 3:30pm – sign in at main reception.

Monday 23rd May – Swimming – Year R – Week 3

Wednesday 25th May – M & M Theatre Productions – The Jungle Book (In school - more details to follow)

Thursday 26th – Last day of half term – **3:15pm Finish**

Friends Summer Term Disco – Years R, 1 and 2 – **5:00pm to 6:00pm**
and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – **6:15pm to 7:15pm**

Friday 27th May – INSET DAY – (school closed to pupils)

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – HALF TERM

Monday 6th June – Holiday (In lieu of Queen's jubilee)

Tuesday 7th June – First day of second half of summer term

Monday 13th June – Year 6 London Residential Parent/Carer Meeting – **4:30pm**

Monday 20th June – Swimming – Year R – Week 4

Wednesday 29th June – Sports Day – **1:30pm**

Monday 4th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 5

Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th July – Year 6 London Residential

Wednesday 13th July – Moving Up Morning

Friday 15th July – End of Year Reports home to parents/carers

Monday 18th July – Swimming – Year R – Week 6

Wednesday 20th July – Year 6 Prom (more details to follow)

Friday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Church Service (**Morning - Time TBC**)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents/carers of Year 6 children –
12:45pm – 2:00PM

Last Day of Term – **2:00pm Finish**

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Attendance

Attendance		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year 6	100.0 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year R	96.8 %
Joint 2 nd Place	Year 3	96.8 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	96.7 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at next week's Shine assembly, on **Friday 20th May** 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 – Connie

For being creative and imaginative when learning about bees. Well done Connie!

Year 1 – Mackenzie

For settling into Year 1 so well, making lots of friends, working extremely hard and being really helpful. Well done Mackenzie!

Year 2 – Eve

For an excellent start to your learning journey in Year 2 and being a lovely new addition to the class. Well done Eve!

Year 3 – Corey

For great work in fractions with tenths and decimals. Well done Corey!

Year 4 – Freya

For working well in a group when researching Carn Brea this week and for being a caring friend. Well done Freya!

Year 5 – Alfie

For always having his head in a book and applying his new vocabulary in his writing. Well done Alfie!

Year 6 – Olivia B

For her brilliant resilience during her assessments this week and also for having such a lovely, warm spirit. You make everyone smile everyday – thankyou!

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Writer – Dylan S (Year R)

For showing fantastic progress with his phonics spellings and handwriting.

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Sophie (Year 1)

For her amazing fluency in reading and outstanding phonics knowledge.

KS2 Reader – Orla (Year 5)

For taking on the challenge of Phillip Pullman and His Dark Materials.

Mathematician – Isabella (Year 2)

For excellent results in her maths arithmetic and reasoning practise papers. Well done Bella!

Performer – Year 6 Cohort

For their incredibly positive attitude and determination during their KS2 SATs. Well done to each and every one of you – we are so proud of you all!

Citizen – Senara (Year 3)

For outstanding support to her friends in class. Senara can always be relied upon to show kindness and offer help to everyone, with a big smile!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School