

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.



Year 5/6 Football Festival

On Wednesday this week, our Year 5 and Year 6 boys and girls football teams competed in the PPA Cup tournament, held at Mounts Bay Academy.

Each team played 8 matches which ran all afternoon. The boys first game was against Heamoor, with Connor Downs winning 4 – 0. The girls then played Heamoor, also winning 2 – 0.

Over the 8 games the boys conceded only 1 goal and the girls only 2.

We are delighted to share that the Connor Downs Boys team won the tournament, with the girl's team picking up second place in the girl's competition.

After the last match, the boys ran onto the field and everyone cheered. This was the first time the Connor Downs Boys team had won a tournament!

We are so proud of the fantastic teamwork, dedication and determination shown by every player on both teams. Congratulations to them all!

Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported both the boys' and girls' teams, and especially to Mr Stephens and Miss Steele for accompanying the teams along with Mr Pascoe and Mrs Smitheram.

A big thank you to Daniel, Perran and Isaac for the above report.



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New Sports Equipment

As you may remember, back in the Autumn Term, the Friends of Connor Downs successfully applied to take part in the Tesco Blue token scheme and the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme. We are delighted to share that from the funds raised we purchased some new play equipment for use at break times, lunchtimes and during PE lessons.

We invited the School Council to choose the items that they would like to see, which includes, Bean bags, foam flyers, leg ankle skips, tennis balls, hoop and ball juggle sets, frisbee targets soft touch volleyball, giant noughts and crosses as well as storage trugs to keep the items it.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who shopped at both Asda and Tesco and took part on both schemes. The children are really enjoying their new equipment!



Cheer

Recently, two of our Year 4 pupils went to Wembley Stadium, London, to take part in a Cheering competition. The competition is huge, with lots of clubs from across the country competing.

The girls practiced twice a week for 12 weeks leading up to the competition, which is very tiring but lots of fun!

Both girls came away with medals, which they have been very keen to share with their classmates in school. Well done girls, we are so proud of all your achievements!



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London Marathon

Last weekend one of our Year 5 pupils took part in the mini London Marathon. Here is his report:

Dear reader, I am going to tell you about my Mini London Marathon. I have always wanted to run a Mini London Marathon because I love to run, so my father signed me up. I was very excited! When my number arrived, I was number 8512. I had to run 2.5K. I loved it, even though it was a little bit tiring!

We would like to say how very proud we are of his achievements and his desire to undertake this amazing challenge.

We would also like to say a huge congratulations to 2 of our parent/carer community, Mr Petrucsik and Mr Guichard-Wheatley, who took part in the main London Marathon! Well done!



Bank Holiday

Next **Monday, 5th May** is a **bank holiday** and **closed to all pupils and staff**. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Tuesday 6th May**. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 SATs

A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between **Monday 12th May and Thursday 15th May**. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

Year 6 Maths Tuition

The **final session** for **Year 6** will be next **Tuesday, 6th May**. We would like to thank all parents/carers for their support during these sessions – they have proved so worthwhile.

Pre-Loved Uniform



We believe that school uniform ensures all children are treated equally. Uniform still plays a vital role in promoting the ethos of a school, setting an appropriate tone for education and providing a sense of belonging and common identity regardless of background.

With this in mind, we run a pre-loved uniform shop through the Friends of Connor Downs Academy. The Friends will run pop up sales at various times throughout the year, but you can also contact them via their Facebook Page at any other time or you can come into the school office or email hello@connordowns.org.uk with your requirements. Thank you.



Sun cream and Sun hats

Please can we politely remind parents/carers to ensure that their child/children has suncream applied before they come to school and that they also wear a sunhat. Thank you for your continued support.



Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 97%		
1 st Place	Year 3	100.0 %
2 nd Place	Year 6	99.6 %
3 rd Place	Year 2	99.5 %

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 our next Shine assembly of the spring term, on **Friday 9th May 2025** 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 – Isaiah

For working very hard to improve his writing. Isaiah is forming letters correctly and writing in a sentence. Well done, Isaiah!

Year 1 – Delilah

For making great progress in her writing. Delilah has worked really hard to produce neat handwriting and is always really proud of the work she produces. Well done, Delilah!

Year 2 – Sienna H

For working really hard in all subjects and her brilliant creative thinking. Well done, Sienna!

Year 3 – Spencer

For working hard to find fractions of amounts and showing his calculations to prove his answer. Well done, Spencer!

Year 4 – Charlie

For amazing writing in English and fantastic work in History. Well done, Charlie!

Year 5 – Evelyn

For her increased participation in maths and English lessons and making good progress. Well done, Evelyn!

Year 6 – Lola

For excellent progress across this year and growing in confidence. Well done, Lola!

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Writer – Dylan S (Year 3)

For excellent progress across this year and growing in confidence. Well done, Dylan!

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Freya (Year 1)

For making great progress in her phonics, Freya is becoming a much more confident reader which is amazing to see. Well done, Freya!

KS2 Reader – Colby (Year 4)

For achieving all his reading targets this term both in school and at home. Well done, Colby!

Mathematician – Zander (Year 2)

For his brilliant work on fractions. Zander is showing great understanding and has an answer for every question asked. Well done, Zander!

Numbots/Rock Star – Bella-Grace (Year 5)

For being the Year 5 top scoring student in TTRS over the last 7 days. Well done, Bella!

Performer – Daniel S (Year 5)

For his determined tackling and constructive passing in the PPE Cup. Well done, Daniel!

Character – Dari (Year 6)

For playing such a great football tournament and giving her medal to her friend who did not have a medal. Well done, Dari!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School