

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well and you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter holiday. We have begun the summer term with a very full and exciting week.

Connor Downs Academy at the Bradfords Community Cup

On Saturday 23rd April, our school rugby team travelled to Penzance to watch the Cornish Pirates play. The teams were able to have a Q & A session with some of the players before enjoying a complementary packed lunch in the stands. Next, the children formed a guard of honour and welcomed Doncaster Knights and the Pirates onto the pitch at the start of the game. The highlight

was playing against Penpol and Sennen on the pitch at halftime. Connor Downs beat Penpol and the Connor Downs Barbarians beat Sennen. The children then enjoyed watching the rest of the game which saw some huge tackles and dazzling



skill. Eventually, Doncaster come out on top. It was great to see so many families and friends taking the opportunity to support their children and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of rugby. The players would like to thank everyone who voted for the team to win this amazing opportunity.



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Year 5 – The National Lobster Hatchery, Padstow

On Tuesday, the second Year 5 outdoor learning group visited The National Lobster Hatchery in Padstow. This is one of the few marine biology laboratories in the world that is open to visitors. The children were given a tour of the facilities, including a talk from a microbiologist about the life cycle of these amazing

creatures. They were able to see the fascinating progression from lobster egg to adult. They learned about their conservation and research work, the wider marine environment and why we should protect it. The group had a fantastic visit and were keen to share and compare their visit with the first group who visited earlier this month.



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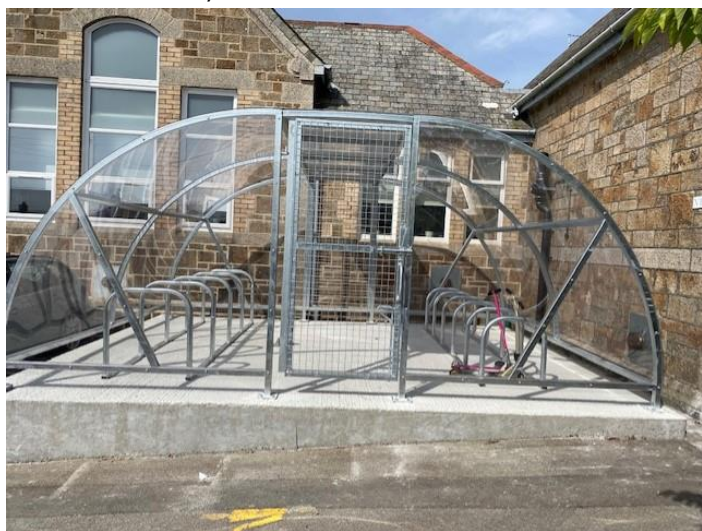
Year 5/6 Swimming Gala

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils travelled to Penzance Leisure Centre, to take part in a Swimming Gala against twenty-one local schools. The children took part in different heats using a range of strokes. It was an amazing afternoon enjoyed by both staff and pupils. Congratulations to everyone who took part and to the winner of the Year 6 boys Breaststroke, who received a gold medal.



Gwinear-Gwithian
Sustainable Community Fund

Bike Shelter



Thank you to our Friends of Connor Downs Academy who have continued to support us with their fundraising efforts and their dedicated pursuit of grant funding streams. I am delighted to share with you that a recent grant application to the Gwinear Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund to purchase a new bicycle shelter has been successful. During the Easter break, the shelter was installed and we look forward to seeing more parents/carers and children cycling to school.



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Year 6 SATs

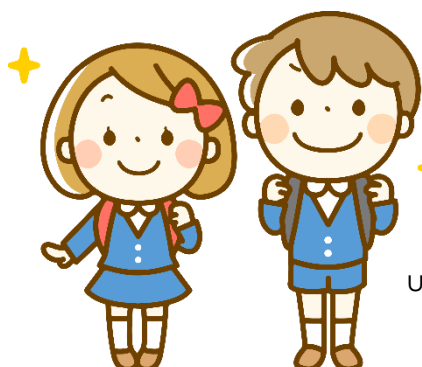
A reminder to all parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that your child will sit their SATs assessments between Monday 9th May and Thursday 12th May. It is imperative that your child attends school on each and every day to ensure they are able to take these assessments. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please email hello@connordowns.org.uk and a member of the Year 6 team will get back to you.

Tempest School Photographs

Tempest will be coming into school on Monday 16th May to take class photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their full school uniform. For those Year 5 and Year 6 children taking part in the Rugby festival, please bring your PE kit to school with you to change soon as your class photos have been taken. Thank you.



Uniform Reminder



A reminder that all pupils should come to school wearing the correct uniform each and every day. This includes, a navy school jumper with the Connor Downs logo, white shirt (polo shirt for Reception class), navy and gold stripe tie, dark grey skirt or trousers and black shoes. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Attendance

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Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 4	100.0 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year R	100.0 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	98.9 %

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 6th 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 – George

For showing fantastic progress with his writing. George is beginning to write phase 5 words forming his letters correctly.

Year 1 – Isaac

For his amazing attitude for learning. Isaac has made great progress in all aspects of his learning over the last ter. He is regularly reading and completing homework and has shown great maturity with transitions and friendships.

Year 2 – Perran

For your hard work across all areas of the curriculum with outstanding results.

Year 3 – Crystal

For great work on Maths fractions learning to find $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$.

Year 4 – Caycie

For being such a caring member of the class. Caycie is always checking others are okay and helping them if they are stuck on their work.

Year 5 – Aiden

For his enthusiasm, skill and behaviour and demonstrating the key values of rugby on our visit to the Pirates.

Year 6 – Annika

For detailed, accurate answers during your reading comprehension work this week. Annika's use of language is excellent!

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Writer – Lissi (Year 1)

For her beautiful handwriting during our phonics sessions and remembering our sentence rules.

EYFS/KS1 Reader – Ella (Year 2)

For consistently reading above her target every night, tackling more complex books and regularly scoring 100% on her AR quizzes.

KS2 Reader – Hunter (Year 3)

For excellent reading in comprehension about St George and completing his target pages every night.

Mathematician – Summer (Year 6)

For a super attitude to remembering your arithmetic.

Performer – Coco (Year R)

For being so brave whilst swimming with reception class. Coco made great progress throughout the lesson.

Moki Fitness Tracker – Berran (Year 5)

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Berran's total was 40,226 steps. Well done Berran!

Citizen – Jake (Year 4)

For always being so kind and helpful at breakfast club.

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy
Head of School