

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are safe and well. As we start to look towards the end of the summer term, we have had another incredibly busy and exciting week in our academy.



## Year 5 – Elemental Watersports Day



Last Friday, Year 5 travelled to Elemental at Swanpool beach, Falmouth. The children were delighted to be by the sea again and were much better at getting into their wetsuits. First, the children did a swim safe award with the instructors and lifeguards and practised vital water safety and survival skills. Next, the children split into groups and faced the challenges of raft building, kayaking and the mega SUP. The children displayed great resilience and teamwork and had earned their lunch.



After putting on a second wetsuit, the class walked along the headland to the coasteering zone. The children learned the safe way



to enter the water and under the watchful eyes of the instructors jumped into the sea and navigated their way to Secret Beach. After some more swimming, games and jumping the children returned to school with sandy toes, great memories and looking forward to the next adventure.

We would like to thank Mr Wheatley, Mr Crease, Mrs Devey and Ms Rosa for helping to make this educational visit possible.

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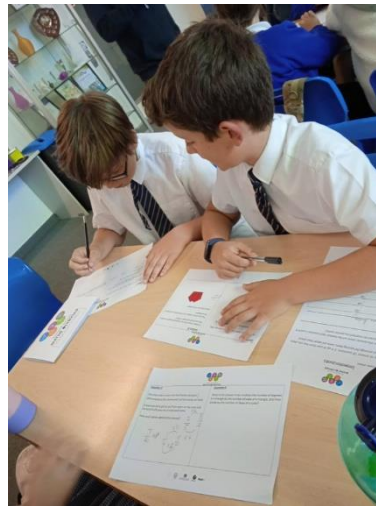
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## Year 5 Maths Olympiad

On Thursday four of our "Mathletes" from Year 5 travelled to Nexus to compete in the maths Olympiad. 160 children from 40 schools battled it out over a series of challenging maths problems throughout an action-packed day. The children had the chance to share their love of maths, attend workshops and listen to an inspirational talk. Having solved many problems and working well as a team, Connor Downs were awarded bronze medals in the competition which is a fantastic achievement. The children were delighted and shared their success with the whole school as part of our Shine assembly.



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## Year 6 PE

This week in Pe, the children form Year 6 had a tennis lesson concentrating on serving.



## Tempest Class Photos – Online Orders Deadline

For those parents who are yet to order their child's class photo **online**, you have until **Wednesday 6th July 2022** to take advantage of the free delivery back to school. Orders after this date can still be placed but there will be a delivery charge applied. Thank you.

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## Rescheduled Sports Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

On Sports Day we are delighted to be able to invite parents/carers to join us in cheering on all the children as they take part in a variety of events.

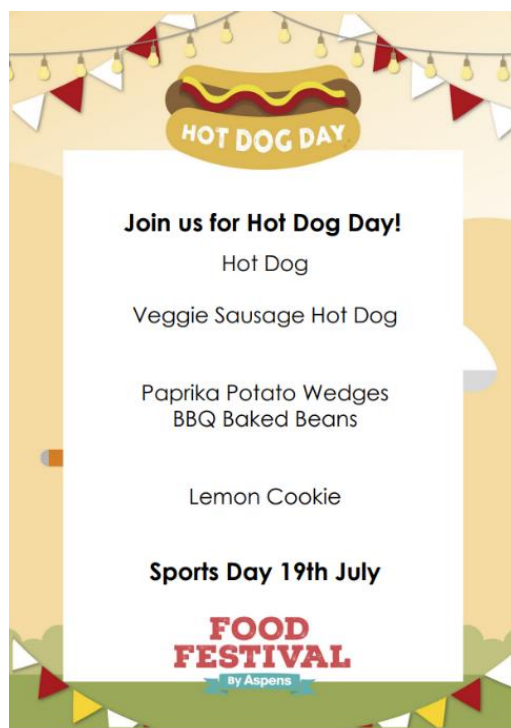
Parents/carers should **arrive between 1:00pm and 1:15pm** and access the site **via the green gate at the top of the field**. The gate will **close at 1:15pm** to ensure we can bring the children out safely onto the field for a prompt 1:30pm start.

A limited number of chairs will be available for parents/carers, but if you would like to bring your own blanket/rug, please place these on the ground in front of the chairs.

Refreshments will be available to buy from the 'Friends of Connor Downs Academy'.



## Menu Change – Sports Day – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July



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## Friends of Connor Downs Academy – Summer Raffle

Our Friends will be holding a Summer Raffle to raise funds for some much needed musical instruments, which will benefit the whole school population now and in the future.

With this in mind, we are politely requesting that if you or anyone you know owns a local business and would be willing to donate a raffle prize please email [hello@connordowns.org.uk](mailto:hello@connordowns.org.uk) or pass donations to Mrs Gallagher in the school office.

All donations, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated.



## Attendance

<b>Attendance</b> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Year 6	96.5 %

## Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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## Connor Downs Academy Shining Stars Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

*We are delighted to be able to invite the parents/carers of the winners below to join us at our next Shine assembly, on **Friday 8th July** 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 – Dylan S**

For his amazing sentence about a shark. Well done Dylan!

### **Year 1 – Mia**

For her amazing attitude towards all of her learning and for being a fantastic role model. Well done Mia!

### **Year 2 – Jacob M**

For his excellent understanding of the Amazon Rainforest and being able to label each layer correctly and place the correct species to the layers. Well done Jacob!

### **Year 3 – Isla**

For showing excellent knowledge when reading a Year 3 poem by Robert Louis Stevenson. Well done Isla!

### **Year 4 – Unique**

For improved maturity and resilience this year. Unique is increasingly listening to and responding to instructions. Keep up the great work Unique!

### **Year 5 – Orla**

For jumping in from the ledge at Secret Beach during our watersports day! Well done Orla!

### **Year 6 – George Go.**

For a stunning piece of descriptive writing about the robot from the animation. Well done George!

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## **Writer – Jacob (Year 5)**

For writing a thoughtful and poignant letter to Hetty as part of our PHSE lesson about managing change. Well done Jacob!

## **EYFS/KS1 Reader – Lois (Year 2)**

For reading every night and using new words and vocabulary in her writing in class. Well done Lois!

## **KS2 Reader – Jenson (Year 3)**

For reading every day and taking and passing his AR quizzes up to 3 times a week. Well done Jenson!

## **Mathematician – Year 4 Cohort**

For their hard work in learning their times tables this year. They have all done so well in the MTC this year.

## **Performer – Lowen (Year 1)**

For his amazing effort in our music lessons and giving 100% when rapping and singing our song. Well done Lowen!

## **Moki Fitness Tracker – Ashton (Year 4)**

For recording the greatest number of steps in a week using the Moki Fitness Trackers. Ashton's total was 26,213 steps. Well done Ashton!

## **Citizen – Elodie (Year 6)**

For being so kind with the reception children when we have had the bad weather by offering her coat and sheltering them from the rain. Well done Elodie!

Kind Regards,



Mrs Eddy  
Head of School