



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Welcome back after the extended half term break. We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing time!



This week, as part of their learning about the circulatory system, the children in Year 6 learnt about the function of the heart. They were fascinated by the ox's heart, which was cut open so that they could see inside. This has enriched their understanding as they were able to identify the different parts of the heart and explain how blood is distributed throughout



the body.

We would like to say a huge thankyou to all the parents, grandparents and carers who attended our maths sessions on Thursday. We hope you all found it informative and the children certainly enjoyed having the support.



The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are busy planning this year's Summer Fayre which is being held on Friday 21st June 2019 from 3.30pm.

The Friends would like to ask parents/carers if they, or anyone they know, would be willing to donate a raffle prize for our raffle which will be drawn at the end of the Summer Fayre. Also if anyone is available to either help set up, break down or run a stall, please leave your name, or raffle prize with Mrs Gallagher in the school office. All support, greatly received. Thank you.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN NEXT WEEK—IF YOU REQUIRE ANY MORE PLEASE SEE MRS GALLAGHER IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU.

Mrs Eddy

FAMILIES TOGETHER

FT is usually held every second FRIDAY of the month at 6.30 p.m. in Connor Downs Academy Hall.

The service is specially designed for young families and lasts c. 40 minutes. It is similar to the 'Open the Book' assemblies the children know and love. Members of the Open the Book Team and some others help with the service.

The next time will be Friday, 14 June: Please use the back door. (July will be an exception - the first Friday).

Reminders

Monday 17th June—Year R begin swimming (letters to follow next week)

Tuesday 18th June—KS2 Grandparents afternoon

Wednesday 19th June—KS1 Grandparents afternoon

Monday 1st July—English morning for parents

Wednesday 3rd July—Sports morning

Monday 8th—KS2 1st performance—6pm

Tuesday 9th—Reserve Sports morning

Tuesday 9th—KS2 2nd performance—6pm

Thursday 11th—Parents afternoon

Friday 12th—EYFS & KS1 Fun night & Year 2 sleepover

Parking

Please can we remind parents and carers that when dropping off and collecting your child/children from school, to be considerate to our local residents. Please do not block driveways or cause any obstructions.

ATTENDANCE

Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 4	98.3 %
2nd Place	Year 2	96.7 %
3rd Place	Year 6	96.2 %

SHINE AWARDS

Our next Shine Assembly is on **Friday 14th June** at 2.40pm.
Parents of the children below are warmly invited to attend.

Please come along to main reception no earlier than 2.35pm. A special well done to:

Reception	Isla	In celebration of her consistently outstanding attitude towards her learning. Isla's confidence has improved massively and she is producing brilliant work in all areas.
Year 1	Amelia H	For having a fantastic start to year 1. She has shown great confidence when making friends and is completing all her work at a high standard.
Year 2	Eva	For excellent attention to detail, use of time openers and exciting vocabulary when writing in a range of genres and creativity in theme tasks.
Year 3	Lana	For great attitude to learning: she is always looking to challenge herself and improve her writing.
Year 4	Eloise	For amazing maths, using her reasoning skills to convert between hours, minutes and seconds.
Year 5	Kian	For outstanding contributions during the maths lesson involving adding and subtracting using decimal numbers.
Year 6	Ryan	For his brilliant, positive attitude towards his work. Ryan always tries his best and this is reflected in his work.
Writer of the week	Ellie B Year 4	Lovely handwriting when answering comprehension questions about Al-Hijra—'Muslim New Year'.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Caleb Year 2	For expressive reading aloud and engaging story telling using body language and expression as well as your voice to engage your audience.
KS2 Reader of the week	Joe Year 6	For working hard to learn his lines for our KS2 production and for delivering them with volume and expression.
Mathematician of the week	Evie Year 3	For working hard on maths fraction challenges showing her method to explain.
Performer of the week	Dari Year R	For her confidence and enthusiasm when rehearsing year R's graduation song. Dari has proven herself to be a natural performer; she has a talent for both singing and dancing.
Citizen of the week	Alara Year 5	For recognising the importance of friendships and for being a caring member of the academy community.