



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This week saw all our children taking part in their moving up mornings where they spend the morning in their new class with their new teacher and support staff. They took part in some fun activities and are all now looking forward to beginning the next year in their new classes.

We have also hosted five year 10 pupils from both Camborne Science & International Academy and Hayle Academy this week for their work experience. Miss Hackett, Miss Renowden, Mr Sankey, Mr Hosking, and Mr Elliott have been a tremendous help to all the staff and we hope that they have gained some valuable experience.



On Tuesday, the children in year 4 held a performance for their parents/carers showcasing the brass instruments that they have been learning over the last 10 weeks. A big thank you to Mrs Burden for delivering the first access course and to all the parents and carers for helping their children with practising every week to put on such a wonderful performance. Well done to all!



If anyone is interested in having lessons with Mrs Burden, through Cornwall Music Services Trust, please register your interest with Mrs Patterson, our Music Lead.

On Wednesday, our SEND team, led by Mrs Palmer, were awarded the Aspire Gold SEND Chartermark. This award is greatly deserved and acknowledges all the hard work Mrs Palmer and the team have put in to support the children. This off a truly amazing year.

Also on Wednesday, Mr Kay and Mr Costello took two teams of year 1 and year 2 to a football festival at Truro College. There were twenty teams in attendance from a variety of schools across Cornwall and all our pupils played with passion and fantastic team work. Congratulations to all who took part!

Thank you very much to parents and carers for taking the time to complete and return our parent survey. Your comments are greatly appreciated.

Next week our year 6 children will be celebrating their time at primary school with their leavers assembly and cream tea on Monday morning, followed by their prom at the St Ives Harbour Hotel, on Monday evening, a beach day on Tuesday and their leavers service at Phillack Church on Wednesday morning. We are sure you will all join us in wishing our year 6 children all the best for their future.

We also, with heavy hearts, say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Palmer, who retires at the end of this term; Mrs Bartaby, who is starting a new role in September at the new Nansledan School, in Newquay; Miss Adler, who has been working in year R, leaves us to start her teacher training and Miss Smitheram, who has been running our afterschool club. We wish you all the very best for the future and hope that you will all come back and see us when you are passing.

Our end of term newsletter will be sent home with children next week. This showcases just some of the fantastic learning opportunities children have experienced throughout the summer term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming children in Years 1—6 back to school on Thursday 5th September and our new reception children on Monday 9th September.

Mrs Eddy



Menu Changes Next Week

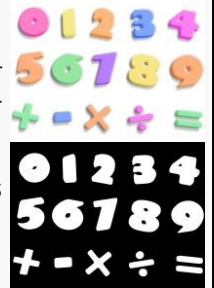
Monday— Pack and Go only

Tuesday— Freezer Surprise

Wednesday—Burgers only

Mathletics and TT Rockstars

Please note, during the summer holidays, both Mathletics and TT Rockstars will be available should your child/children wish to access it at any time.



New lunch arrangements from Autumn Term 2019

The contract with our present school lunch provider comes to an end at the end of the summer term and from September, Connor Downs Academy begins a new food adventure with Aspire Catering Services, the Trust's new in-house provider. The price of the meals will remain at £2.30.

For the past few months, Aspire Catering Services has been trialling a bespoke menu across a number of Aspire academies, and pupil feedback has now informed a brand new Aspire school dinner menu which will be in place at Connor Downs Academy for the start of the autumn term.

Aspire Catering kitchen staff will offer children a varied menu of fresh, home-cooked and nutritionally balanced meals every day. Each dish is regulated to ensure they are nutritious and not only comply, but exceed, the School Food Standards, as set out by the government. Sustainability is also a key factor in our decision to bring our catering in-house and a wide selection of local suppliers are now working with the Aspire Catering team, these include Brian Etherington's Meats, Total Produce, Freshpoint, Savona and MJ Baker.

Jo Wotton, Manager of Aspire Catering Services, has been mindful to retain dishes that are 'safe choices', like the jacket spud, for the more wary. However, even if a child chooses a jacket potato, they still have the option to try the main meal, and hopefully in time they will feel more confident to give other dishes a go.

Aspire Catering Services will continue to serve all ingredients separately, as was the policy with our previous school lunch provider. This includes separating meat and sauces. Again, maybe in time and with some gentle and sensitive encouragement from trusted adults and friends, a nervous eater may feel brave enough to try the whole dish combined.

Finally, a reminder to all parents of Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils, that children are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative, regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

If you have any questions, then please contact the school office, by phone, email or in person and we will pass them on to Aspire Catering Services for response.

We appreciate your co-operation and support in this exciting new venture.

Friends of Connor Downs Academy

The Friends are always looking for additional help in any way, so if you feel that you can spare just an hour or so every so often, please leave your name with Mrs Gallagher in the school office who will pass your details on to the Friends. Any support, no matter how small, makes a massive difference to all our children.

In the Autumn term, the Friends have arranged another Bags 2 School collection for Tuesday 1st October. As soon as we receive them will be sending home the Bags2School bags, however, over the summer, if you are having a clear out, please bag up those unwanted clothes, shoes etc in any bag and drop into school in the new term. Also please remember the Friends have set up an account with Easyfundraising. Please log on to the link below and take a look.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>