



## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

This week, our year 6 children took their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. The children worked incredibly hard and showed great determination and resilience throughout the week. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you. Thank you also to the year 6 parents and carers for your support during this week.

Over the past three weeks the year 2 children have been sitting their KS1 SATs. Equally, we are very proud of how hard the children worked during these tests, well done everyone. Thank you also to the year 2 parents and carers for your support during these tests.

A special thank you must also go out to Mrs Cooke, Miss Chivell, Mrs Brigden and Mrs James for giving up their time to assist the KS1 classes whilst the year 6 children took their SATs. Your support, as ever, is always greatly appreciated.



Our Y5 children have been using their team building skills this week, participating in a variety of outdoor lessons including den building, kite flying and pond dipping. Our outdoor learning groups have also recently been presented with the RHS level 3 gardening award and have received a gardening voucher for £150 from the Royal Horticultural Society. A huge thank you to the Friends Of Connor Downs for funding the growbags, seeds and garden tools



### Reminders

**Thursday 23rd May**—Break up for half term—**3.15pm finish** and Disco's Year's R, 1 and 2 (5.00pm—6.00pm) and Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6 (6.15pm—7.15pm)  
**Friday 24th May**—Inset Day (School Closed)

### 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.

Mrs Eddy

### Aspire Academy Trust News

As you know, our school is a member of the Aspire Academy Trust and at the end of this summer term, the CEO of the Trust, Mr Andrew Fielder, is retiring. Current Deputy CEO, Mrs Vanessa Bragg will become the interim CEO and Mrs Rachel Warwick, who is currently an Aspire Director, will step up into Vanessa's shoes. Mr Fielder has been in education for many years and has headed up the Trust from its inception. Mrs Bragg said, "It's a privilege to be appointed interim CEO, leading a truly inspirational and aspirational educational trust of 28 primary academies, full of hugely talented staff and children. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Mr Fielder for his outstanding leadership and we wish him all the best in his retirement."



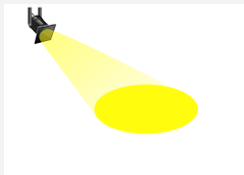
The Friends of Connor Downs Academy are busy planning this year's Summer Fayre which is being held on Friday 21st June 2019 from 3.30pm. The Friends would like to ask parents/carers if they, or anyone they know, would be willing to donate a raffle prize for our raffle which will be drawn at the end of 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.

## ATTENDANCE

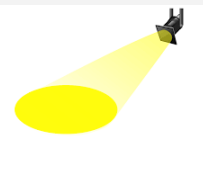
Our school target for attendance is 96%.

1st Place	Year 6	100 %
2nd Place	Year 1	99.6 %
3rd Place	Year	%

# SHINE AWARDS



Our next Shine Assembly is on **Thursday 23rd 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	William	For his continued enthusiasm towards his learning, particularly in phonics. William is an outstanding reader and continues to produce wonderful written work.
Year 1	Isla	For growing in confidence each week while swimming. Isla can confidently swim on her back.
Year 2	Willow	For your detailed explanations and understanding across the curriculum.
Year 3	Darcey	For fantastic 100% effort in reading comprehension and writing.
Year 4	Chloe	For using amazing reasoning in solving problems relating to pounds and pence.
Year 5	Amelie	For writing like and author and managing the fine balance between humour and realism.
Year 6	No Nomination This Week Due to SATs	
Writer of the week	Isobel Year 1	For writing with greater detail and enthusiasm, Isobel is using lots of key words relating to our topics.
YR & KS1 Reader of the week	Malyka Year R	For her improved confidence during guided reading, resulting in fantastic progress and comprehension.
KS2 Reader of the week	Daniel Year 5	For increasing the number of times he reads at home. It is making a difference in his writing. Well Done.
Mathematician of the week	Oscar Year 2	For being able to tell the time to five minutes and skill comparing and sequencing intervals of time.
Performer of the week	Evie Year 4	For incredible ball skills in our cricket lesson, using different ways to stop the ball and return it to the bowler.
Citizen of the week	Malakie Year 3	For being a kind and helpful member of the class during SATs week.