



Friday 11th June 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer term. I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable half term holiday and were able to make the most of the long overdue sunshine.

Special Visitors to Connor Downs Academy



Credit: The Daily Telegraph

Today we were honoured and privileged to host two very special visitors to Connor Downs Academy, Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cambridge and Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of The United States of America. It was wonderful to engage with two passionate advocates of education and to know that they share our core ethos and values in supporting children's social, emotional and mental health and development.

During the visit the Duchess of Cambridge and Dr. Biden visited our EYFS setting and spent time working alongside our EYFS lead Mr Masters, whilst the children completed a writing activity focusing on green energy and an art activity focusing on important landmarks including Kensington Palace and The White House.

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Credit: Betsy Klein

Our two special visitors then spent time in Cultivating Futures, where the EYFS children were able to share our amazing animals, including our rabbit, Storm. Both the Duchess of Cambridge and Dr. Jill Biden were impressed by our outdoor provision.



Credit: Getty Images

A round table discussion focusing on EYFS provision and supporting positive mental health was then hosted in the school hall including representatives from both the United Kingdom and United States of America.

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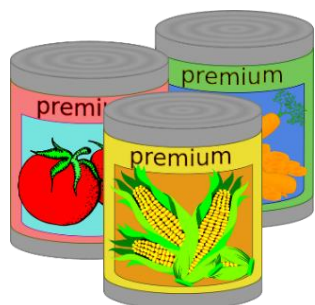
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Today's visit was a fantastic opportunity, on behalf of the Aspire Academy Trust to host two very important visitors to Connor Downs Academy. The children were amazing and we are so proud and thankful to our school community for their fantastic contribution to today's visit.



Children's Hospice South West

As part of Children's Hospice South West's 30th Anniversary celebrations, this year's Rainbow Run is aiming to raise £30,000 for each of their three hospices, one of which is Little Harbour in St Austell. For any families wishing to take part and help raise funds for this very worthy charity, the rainbow run is taking place over the weekend of Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June. For more information, please visit their website, www.chsw.org.uk/rainbow



Food Bank Items

A reminder that we have a box in the front reception area, just inside the door, where families are more than welcome to come and help themselves to any items they require. You do not need to ask or speak to anyone, please just help yourselves. There is a selection of tinned items, boxes of cereals, tea bags etc.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Staff Testing Programme Across Aspire Academies

Every primary school in England now has access to rapid coronavirus testing for staff only. This testing, known as lateral flow testing, for our staff, is now taking place twice a week.

Please be aware that in a positive test scenario, you may receive communication of a bubble closure (if your child is in school) at extremely short notice, before school, on the morning of the closure. **You will be informed by text so please check your text messages from 8am onwards on a Monday and a Thursday morning.**

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Head of School: Mrs J Eddy

Reporting Positive COVID-19 Test (out of hours)

If you receive a positive COVID-19 test, in the first instance please contact the school office by phone. If the office is closed, please complete the form at the link below to report a positive test.

<http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus>

<u>Attendance</u> Our school target for attendance is 96%		
Joint 1 st Place	Year 2	100.00 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 3	100.00 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 4	100.00 %
Joint 1 st Place	Year 5	100.00 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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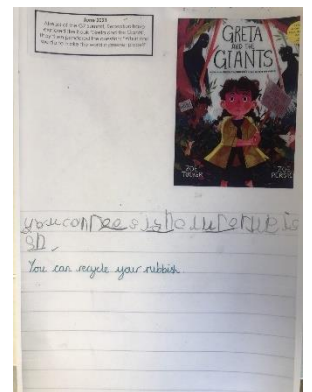
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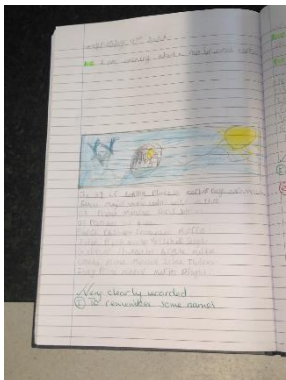
Year R – Elsie D

For superb writing linked to both our G7 Summit learning and our class book, 'Greta and the Giants'. Elsie wrote a sentence independently, explaining how to make the world a greener place.



Year 1 – Emilie-Rose

For making great contributions in class discussions this week on plastic pollution and climate change. Well done Emilie-Rose!



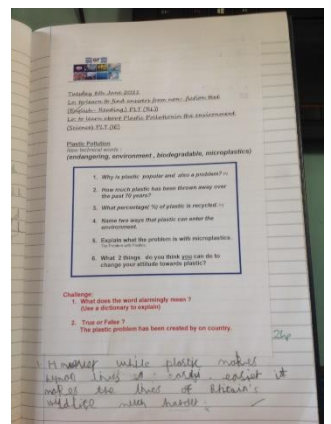
Year 2 – Zoey

For locating the G7 countries on a map, recognising the seven flags and naming the leaders.



Year 3 – Rhys

For brilliant answers in English comprehension and also sharing his knowledge about the G7 Summit and President Biden of America.



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Year 4 – Jude

Jude has come back after half term with a really positive attitude to his work. He has shown such excitement and enthusiasm this week with our work focusing on the G7 Summit.



Year 5 – Thomas

For his care and precision when designing and making his death mask for Pakal the Great as part of our Mayan Topic.

Year 6 – Noah R

For showing great organisational skills this week! Well done Noah!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Eddy
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