



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

We are so excited to announce the opening of our new outdoor play equipment. The Friends of Connor Downs Academy successfully submitted a bid to the Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund and equipment worth a mighty £24,000 was gifted and installed.



This week our year 6 bubble have had exclusive use of the fantastic equipment and as of next week all year groups will have the opportunity to have their turn.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Gwinear-Gwithian Sustainable Community Fund for all their support with this project and with previous projects, including solar panels, a rain water harvesting

tank, double glazing and a cedar house for the Cultivating Futures area.



A final thanks must go to the Friends of Connor Downs Academy for their huge efforts in securing these grants that enhance the learning environment for all our children. They are now looking forward to their next project, a new bicycle shelter to encourage more children and parents/carers to cycle to school.



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Farewell to Year 6

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving Connor Downs next week. They have a fantastic few days planned, including a beach trip, lunchtime prom and their Leaver's service at the Church followed by an assembly in school next Thursday. They have all worked incredibly hard this year and have coped with the many challenges they have faced. We all wish them every success for September as they leave us and move to their chosen secondary schools. Good luck Year 6!



End of year Reports

This year your child's/children's reports are being emailed home to parents today. The reports follow the current guidance from the DfE which state that the reports for this year do not require the reporting of attendance or academic levels.

Friends Raffle

The Friends would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers, family and friends who purchased raffle tickets for their summer raffle. We have raised a fantastic **£193**. The winners were drawn in today's virtual Shine assembly by the year 6 children and all winners will be notified early next week.



Another big thank you to parents/carers for bringing in their unwanted clothes etc for our Bags2School collection. You donated a massive 200kg which earned a super **£60**. This, along with the money from the raffle above, will be used to provided resources for all the children.

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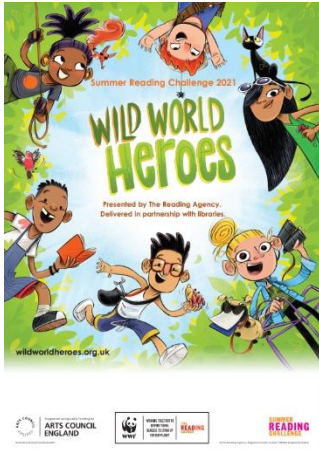
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Connor Downs Academy Pentathlon

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents/carers who have given so generously to the sponsored Pentathlon. To date we have raised an incredible **£562.00**. Please could we remind parents/cares that all sponsorship money should be paid in via ParentPay by the extended deadline of Monday 19th July 2021.



Summer Reading Challenge

Hayle Library are once again offering their Summer Reading Challenge to all children. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes!

Please access the link below for more information.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/summer-reading-challenge-2021>

Covid update reminder

Thank you for your ongoing support with following Covid guidance. Since March 2020, when we experienced our first lockdown, your support in adhering to Covid measures has been tremendous. This has enabled our school to run smoothly and our children to be able to access their education, with no bubble closures to date. The government updated their Step 4 guidance last week and following a full review of this guidance, our plans for opening next week until the end of this academic term are as detailed below.

Essentially, what this means for us is:

- The staggered drop offs and pick ups which are currently in place will continue to the end of term
- The bubbles will remain intact
- The children will continue to have lunches in their classrooms

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- The staff will continue to provide learning following their current timetables
- Face coverings are no longer recommended in communal areas (Again, should there be a local outbreak this may be reintroduced for a fixed time period). However, all parents/carers and staff continue to have the right to wear face coverings in communal areas, should they decide to, based on their own personal circumstances.
- Social distancing however, remains important and I would kindly ask all parents/carers to continue to adhere to social distancing measures. Thank you.

End of term

The last day of the summer term is **Thursday 22nd July 2021**. It will be a normal school uniform day finishing at the usual times.

The Autumn term begins on **Tuesday 7th September 2021 for years 1 to 6**. Please note that gates will open at 08:30am and close at 08:45am. Year R have been contacted individually with transition details.

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>

From Monday 19th July, you no longer need to report any positive cases using the out of hours link above. Close contacts of a positive case will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace.

<u>Attendance</u>		
Our school target for attendance is 96%		
1 st Place	Year R	97.3 %
2 nd Place	Year 2	96.3 %
3 rd Place	Year 1	96.2 %

Shine Celebrations

Please see below our Shining Stars for this week.

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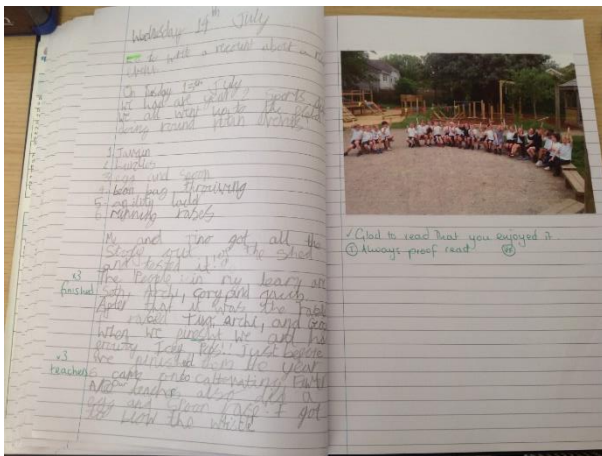
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Year R – Barney

For making fantastic progress in phonics, progressing to Phase 4 reading books. Barney is becoming a confident and increasingly fluent reader.

Year 1 – Jacob

For always giving 100% and taking great care and consideration with all pieces of work. Well done Jacob!

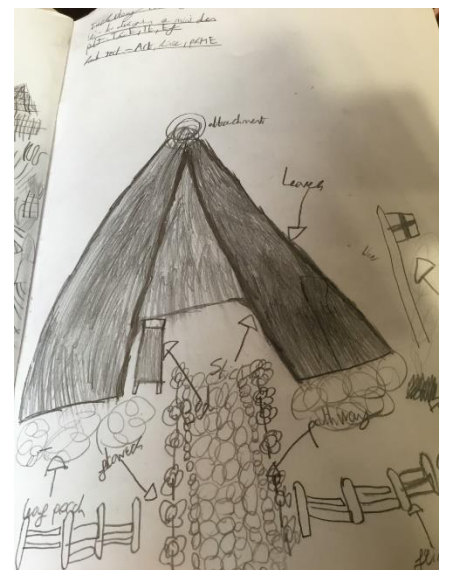


Year 2 – Senara

For writing an excellent recount of our sports day and participating fully in all events with great enthusiasm.

Year 3 – Reuban

For being a brilliant team player in den building and showing kindness to his friends. Reuban has also produced a super response in English Comprehension.



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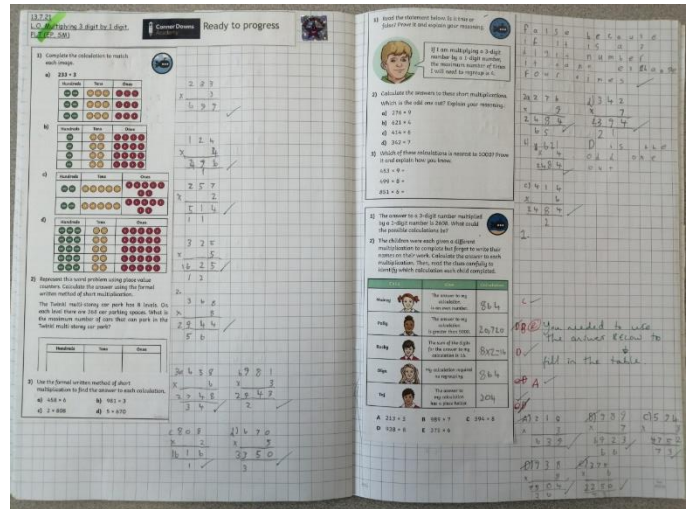
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Year 4 – Riley

For his fabulous efforts in maths this week. Riley has really pushed himself with his multiplication work. Well done Riley!



Year 5 – Seb

For his detailed designs and precise sewing as part of our DT project to make a bag.

Year 6 – Ben

For your superb attitude towards other children. Ben is a kind and compassionate friend to all in class. Ben always tries so hard to give his absolute best and make every day in class special.

Kind Regards,



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