

Connaught Junior School



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Welcome to Connaught - Getting to Know Us

Hello future Year Threes,
Welcome to Connaught Junior School and we are delighted to have you transitioning here! We are sure you will thoroughly enjoy your time at school with all of our amazing staff and children. At Connaught, we are very lucky to have the wonderful work put in from our senior staff: Head Teacher (Miss McGann) , Deputy Head (Mrs Saunders) and our Inclusion Leader (Mrs Littlewood). Of course we can not forget the much loved school pets; Toffee (the puppy) Bubbles and Norman (the bunnies) and a visiting cat named Lily.



Your First Day

Your first day here will be a bit different than normal as we want you to settle in happily

Break/Lunch

For the first week, as it may all seem a little overwhelming, your year group will be in a coned-off area where only your teachers, mentors and siblings will be with you.

Pick up/Drop off

On your first day your parents will be able to enter the school gates to drop you off to your teachers, whereas usually they will drop you off at the gate. For pick up, they will come into the playground to collect you from your teachers.

Classes

In year three there are four classes- Matterhorn, Snowden, Olympus and Eiger. In your class you will have all of your lessons with your teacher and be with at least one of your friends.



Break time

Lunches

These are taken in the Dining Hall and you are called in by class. A dinner lady will blow a whistle and hold up a sign with your class name on.



Quiet Areas

The sensory garden, an area that is away from the main playground, is a calming and reflective area. There are benches too where you can sit with friends or by yourself.



Gym Equipment

This is available for all children but first you must complete a test to learn how to use this equipment safely. This will need to be completed once a year in one of your P.E lessons.

Learning

At Connaught we believe being creative is key so this is why we sing, play, create and perform our own music.

Miss Canfield is the music teacher, she runs a successful school choir which you can join too.

Connaught is strong in the sports department. There are competitions throughout the school and Surrey Heath which you can be part of whether its football, netball, rugby, cross country, swimming, rounders or Connaught's infamous indoor hockey and football tournament. Good fun to practice your skills with classmates while competing against other year groups.

You will have two PE lessons per week, one teacher led and another with Complete Coaching, which will range from dance to ball games either inside the hall or on the sports court.



You will have the opportunity to use the pottery room or our cookery room in your class activities, where you can create delights to keep or eat 😊



Since you will be joining the Connaught family we will be expecting you to be:

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**Respectful to your
teacher & peers**

**Have good listening
skills**

Be ready to learn

Classes



To be rewarded for all your excellent behaviour as a class you can earn class points. If you reach a certain number then together you can decide on a treat!!

Movie & popcorn
afternoon or a party 😊

In your year 3 classroom you will have your own tray to keep your pencil case, white board and books in. A named peg in the cloakroom for your PE kit and coat.

A majority of your lessons will be taught in your classroom.



When you join the Connaught family you will be put into one of the four houses which are Athenians, Corinthians, Trojans and Spartans.

Each of you will have your own house-coloured tie and polo shirt. The four different houses and their badges are show below. Being in a house creates positive rivalry within your classroom, year group and the whole school.

Houses



You can earn house points in your lessons, playtime, assemblies, or whenever you are showing good behaviour.

House points that you earn during the week will be added to the total across the school. We declare a winning house every week.

If your house collects the most points, at the end of the week the captains will raise the trophy in the celebration assembly.



Leadership

Captains- You have to wait until year 6 to be a House or Sports Captain.

- **House & Sports Captains** have a new tie with a thicker stripe running through of the house colour.
- **House Captains** assist with the house points & house competitions.
- **Sports Captains** assist with sports day and other activities.
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Pupil Parliament- The councils are: Friendship, Eco, Learning, Safety & Sports

You can volunteer for any of these councils. You will need to write and present a speech to read aloud to your classmates who will then vote.

Mentor- These are our Year 6s who will take care of you throughout wet break and other events whilst you are in lower school. They will also look out for you in and around the school.



Everyday Uniform

Blazers- Connaught dark green blazer with yellow logo

Cardigans/Jumpers- green Connaught jumper/cardigan with yellow logo

Skirt/Skort- grey and to the knee (not below)

Trousers/Shorts- grey and to the knees or longer

Summer uniform- summer dresses can be worn in hot weather only.

Shirts- white with collar (no polo shirts)

Shoes- black leather/ leather like shoes- no trainers, pumps or boots.



Coats- waterproof, warm coats should be worn (no denim, leather, faux fur and fashion items etc.

Socks/Tights- grey/white ankle socks and knee socks, green or grey tights

P.E

Polo shirt- house colour and logo

Shorts- dark green shorts

Socks- short white socks

Trainers- trainers or plimsolls can be worn depending on the activity.

Uniform

At Connaught, we take much pride in our appearance everyday - especially in our uniform.

Hair

Hair should always be tied back if lower than your shoulders in a neutral colour hair band or in the dark green Connaught colours. Short hair should not be in a grade lower than 2 and tramlines/patterns aren't permitted either. If hair is covered or braided/beaded for religious reasons, this is acceptable.

Jewellery

Bracelets and/or rings as a general rule should not be worn. Ears should be pierced at the start of the summer term allowing them to heal before school. Additionally, no bright or colourful stones should be worn - only small studs in gold or silver. Earrings should be taken out for PE otherwise you will not be able to take part. No nail varnish or makeup should be worn. Small inexpensive watches are allowed.



Assemblies

On Mondays we have the start of the week assembly which is hosted by Miss McGann or Mrs Saunders. Sometimes we have visitors hosting assemblies. We have singing assembly on a Thursday and Friday is the celebration assembly. This is when the red carpet is rolled out for the stars of the week and the house points and birthdays are announced.

Clubs

Coming to clubs are optional but always fun. There are afterschool and lunchtime clubs that are run by teachers, Complete Coaching and outside companies. There is a breakfast club and other before-school clubs. The afterschool club is called Stepping Stones which some of you may have been to before.



Special Events

Sports Day

Every year in June is the annual Connaught sports day. Your parents, carers and family members are allowed to watch you participate.

In the morning, you are split into teams to complete the carousel. You will take part in a number of different games and win points for your house.

In the afternoon after lunch there are a number of races that selected children will compete in. Every race won is points added to your house's total.

It's very exciting as you can see how your house is doing on a TV screen with the live results.

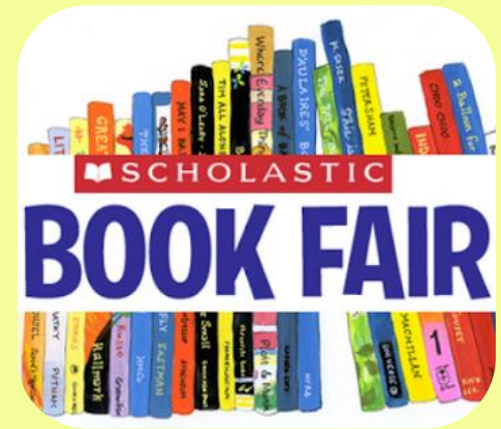
At the end of the day, the winning house will be announced and your sports captains will raise the cup for your house and you will get to do a lap of victory.



Fairs

At Connaught the PTA organise a Christmas fair and Summer fair. These are great fun as you can buy and look at items from the different stalls. Sometimes your class will make things to sell and you can take some of your crafts home.

A book fair is run where you can purchase books, which benefits the school library as the proceeds from this are used to purchase new books which you can borrow and read.



Charity Day

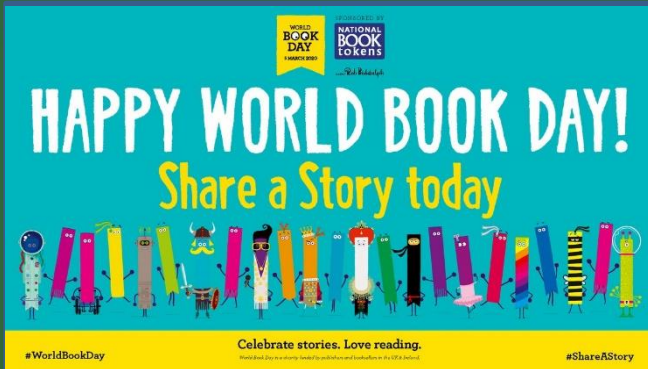
Every year we have an event called charity day.

In preparation for this, a few weeks before, you and your friends in your class have to come up with ideas for a stall. Your teachers will help you with this.

You will have a few weeks to arrange and plan who is going to bring in what you need. On the day you set up your stall and everyone can take part.

All the money raised is given to the charities that the school has chosen, generally an international, national and local charity.





Mufti Day



World Book Day and Mufti

World Book Day is where you can come dressed as a character from a book and the teachers get involved too! You probably celebrated this in your infant school.

We also have mufti days (wear your own clothes) to raise money or give donations for fairs or charities. We also have Tissue for Trainers and Christmas Jumper days.

Trips

During your time here, you will go on school trips, each one a lot different from the last. In Years 4 and 6, if you wish, you can go on residential trips. Everyone has so much fun and always comes back with great, funny and positive memories.