

Discovering Times



Welcome to our first edition of Discovering Times.

I hope you enjoy our first edition where you can learn about the staff, read about our Academy Values and recap some of the amazing events from the year.

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Each term we plan to bring you all the stories and photographs that tell you of all the exciting learning opportunities that take place at Discovery Academy.

I am really proud of all of our achievements this year at Discovery Academy. Being the Associate Principal of such a great school full of amazing students really is a privilege. We have all worked hard to make sure that we have achieved great things in Early Years Foundation Stage and Year 1.

“
 Discovering
 Finding out
 about the
 World we
 Live in “

I wish each and every one of you a fantastic Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th September.

Our New Library

Thanks to the support of the PTFA which has help raise over £1600 this year for Discovery. We are pleased to announce the new Library is now set up and open. With some of the money raised we have been able to purchase The Reading Cloud software which will be used in the Library and the Academy this will be a fantastic piece of software to help with reading at Discovery.

A massive thank you to all parents and friends who have donated books which has also made it possible to set up the library. (Book donations are still being accepted)

Sorry to see you go!

Unfortunately Miss Fawcett has decided to leave Discovery Academy this year to set up a new business venture looking after pets in her home.

We thank Miss Fawcett for all of her hard work and dedication to the Academy and wish her all the very best during this exciting time.



Discovery Values

Mission

It is our mission to provide an educational journey and experience that is second to none, to be a beacon in our communities and to leave our children and families with the lasting impact of a fulfilled potential and a lifelong love of learning. In providing excellent educational services we aim to become the school of choice in our local area and provide a place where children can thrive educationally and personally day after day.

Vision

We believe in aspiration for all. This means nurturing, supporting and developing every aspect of every single child in our care. We want to create a world where the sky is the limit for all of our pupils; building pathways for all and focusing on personal and academic success and eventually progress to successful employment.

Values

We have a wonderfully supportive ethos at Discovery Academy which ensures that our pupils are well behaved, hardworking, friendly and kind. All characteristics that we believe make for happy and successful children.

Our values are:

- Discovering** – finding out about our world we live in;
- Inspiring** – making somebody else want to do something positive;
- Caring** – looking after each other and thinking about others;
- Improving** – getting better at things because we keep trying; and
- Achieving** – getting something by working hard for it.

Nothing is
Impossible
when the
word itself
says
“I’m
Possible”

BOOTFEST

Discovery Summer Bootfest was a roaring success with the help of the PTFA and the community we raised over £1000.



Who's Who ?



Hi Everyone!

My name is Mrs Oldham and I am the Associate Principal at Discovery Academy. I have been teaching for 18 years and I have worked in schools in Manchester and Tameside. I have been the Associate Principal here since we opened in 2016.

I have a small family - me, my husband Mr Oldham (Danny) and my daughter Caitlin. Most of you have met Caitlin already and will have seen a picture of both Danny and Caitlin in my office. We also have two dogs - Floyd and Reggie.

Most people think my favourite football team is Manchester City, but actually they are my second favourite. All of my family are from Glasgow which is in Scotland and so my favourite team is a team called Glasgow Rangers. I don't get to watch them play very often so I watch Manchester City instead.

I have some hobbies. I love swimming and being on my fishing boat! I don't like fishing but Mr Oldham does and Caitlin likes to steer the boat. I just like being out on the water, sunbathing a bit and spending time with them both. I also love reading. I wish I had time to do more of it. That is why I was so pleased when Mr Humphreys helped create our fantastic new library.

I grew up in the Tameside area and began my teaching career many years ago in Dukinfield. 4 years later the opportunity to go on a teacher exchange programme arose and I jumped at it. I spent a year living and teaching in upstate New York, in America, and loved experiencing another education system and way of life. Following a year in back in my Dukinfield school I realised I had the travel bug and wanted further adventures. So began my move to the Middle East.

I taught in Kuwait for 2 years, met my husband and we then moved to Qatar. We spent 18 years in Qatar and had 2 beautiful children over there. 3 years ago we returned back to England as a family, to the area I grew up in and so began another adventure. We settled into life in England and I worked in several schools in the area. 2 years ago I was lucky enough to join Discovery Academy and was thrilled at the opportunity to join a brand new school, and delighted to be a part of so many children's first steps on their learning journey as part of the EYFS team.

I enjoy travelling and have been lucky enough to visit many countries around the world. I am also appreciating walks in the English countryside (following 20 years in a desert) and am a member of the National Trust and RSPB.

Next year I will be working closer with Mrs Oldham as the Early Years Foundation Stage Leader.



Who's Who ?

Mrs Kirkbride.

I joined Discovery Academy in September 2016 working in the reception class as a HLTA. Within this role I have had the pleasure of working within each class and getting to know all the children at Discovery Academy. Previous to this I worked in a school in Stockport for over 12 years gaining lots of experience, particularly in the foundation stage.

I enjoy going to the gym, cinema and socialising with friends. I enjoy working with children so much that during the holidays you will find me sailing the high seas looking after children on cruise ships!

From 2018 I will be working in the nursery class as the class teacher.



I am Mrs Mayers. I have been at Discovery Academy since it opened in September 2016 and teach the Reception class. I love teaching Reception and finding it especially rewarding as I get to see the children achieve lots of things for the first time. I love helping the children follow their interests and the things they improve and achieve in that first year of full time school are amazing.

I am also a mum to Joseph who will be joining Year 1 in September.

Music is important to me and I love leading the singing assemblies, choir and teaching music. I have always loved to sing and grew up singing in lots of choirs. I currently sing with a friend and we enjoy performing to raise money for charities. I can also play guitar and ukulele and a little bit of keyboard.

I love to read and enjoy reading on the bus as I travel to work. I also enjoy craft activities and baking.

Next Year I will be the Reception class teacher.



My name is Miss Concannon and I have been working at Discovery Academy for two years. I qualified as a teacher in 2016 and joined the academy working as a TA to find my feet. After working here for a year I knew this was the school for me and became the Year 1 teacher in 2017. I have had an amazing first year of teaching here and I look forward to many more as we grow as a school together. Outside of school I enjoy to spend time with my friends and family and travel as much as I can. Something I am very passionate about is dancing and music. Attending a performing arts school in London from the age of 12 is something I am very proud of and although it is not something I pursued it has made me the teacher I am today. I always aim to make my lessons active and fun incorporating creativity and music to make our learning enjoyable and memorable.



Who's Who ?



My Name is Mr Hopwood and I am the new Year 2 Teacher here at Discovery Academy. I previously worked at St Paul's in Stoke on Trent but I am really pleased I have moved to Stockport and will be joining the team in September. I already have lots of fun things planned for Year 2 and look forward to meeting all the parents and achieving great things.

I am Miss Goodson I joined Discovery Academy in September 2017 working in year 1 as a teaching assistant.

Previous to joining the Discovery team I worked at a local primary school in Hyde for 7 years, my role there was also a teaching assistant in the foundation unit (EYFS).

From September 2018 I will be working in year 2 as a TA I am really looking forward to moving up the current year 1 children.

My interests are running, mountain biking, walking and socializing with my friends, I often take part in running events to help raise money for local and well known charities.



My Name is Miss Flynn and I work at Discovery Academy as an SEN support/teaching assistant.

I am NVQ level 3 qualified in CCLD and have also completed a range of courses. In my spare time I like to travel and see historical sites mainly from the Roman era or the Middle Ages.

I also enjoy reading the Harry Potter books and visiting the various places where the films were made.

My Name is Miss Boyle I work in Early Years across Nursery and Reception here at Discovery Academy. I have recently graduated with a BA Honors in Early Years.

I am an active member of the PTFa and enjoy fundraising with a great team. I love to read and especially enjoy supporting and watching the children in my class flourish with their own reading.



Who's Who ?

Hi I am Mr Humphreys for the last 12 months I have been volunteering at Discovery and working as a Midday assistant/play worker in the After School Club. During my time here I have become an active member of the PTFA.

From September I will be working as a teaching assistant and in after school club. I am also currently working towards a BA (Honours) degree in Education Studies (Primary) so that one day I can become a qualified teacher.

I have many hobbies from building remote control model boats to IT and photography. My family is important to me my son Charlie attends Discovery Academy and he tells me he is never leaving here. Me and my partner Lauren are also expecting our second son in November.



My Name is Miss Fawcett and I have worked at Discovery Academy since September 2016 as a Midday Assistant and Play Leader.

My son Tom is at the school and will be in Year 2 next year.

I have decided to leave Discovery Academy this year to set up my own Dog Walking and Pet Care service.



My name is Mrs Broughton (aka Mrs B), receptionist, photocopier extraordinaire and brew maker at Discovery Academy.

I also love to do a lot of walking and hiking. I'm also a Gym queen and attend the gym several times a week.



My name is Mr Woolley and I am the Site Manager here at Discovery Academy



My name is Mr Evans and I am the Caretaker here at Discovery Academy



Mills Merit Treat Day



Have a great Summer everyone

HOLIDAY DATES 2018/19

Term / Holiday		First Day	Last Day	No of Days
Autumn Term 1	Inset Day Monday 3rd Sept. 2018 (Children not in school)	Tuesday 4th September 2018	Friday 26th October 2018	39
Autumn Holidays		Monday 29th October 2018	Friday 2nd November 2018	5
Autumn Term 2		Monday 5th November 2018	Friday 21st December 2018	35
Christmas Holidays		Monday 24th December 2018	Friday 4th January 2019	10
Spring Term 1	Inset Day Monday 7th Jan. 2019 (Children not in school)	Tuesday 8th January 2019	Friday 15th February 2019	29
Spring Holidays		Monday 18th February 2019	Friday 22nd February 2019	5
Spring Term 2		Monday 25th February 2019	Friday 5th April 2019	30
Easter Holidays		Monday 8th April 2019	Monday 22nd April 2019	11
Summer Term 1	Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2019 (Children not in school)	Tuesday 23rd April 2019	Friday 24th May 2019	23
Summer Half Term Holidays		Monday 27th May 2019	Friday 7th June 2019	10
Summer Term 2	Inset Day Friday 26th Jul. 2019 (Children not in school)	Monday 10th June 2019	Thursday 25th July 2019	34

Have a great Summer everyone