



DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the parents who are following the rules, routines and restrictions regarding pick up and drop off.

Tameside numbers are increasing and I am part of a local committee looking at ways we can protect our community. I am aware that there are things occurring in the local community that seem to be against Government guidance, especially as Tameside is in local lockdown restrictions. The restrictions are difficult but are there to protect everyone within the community.

As a result, local councillors have asked Public Health to visit schools and monitor how we are working and look at social distancing. When on the school premises we ask that you adhere to your household bubbles, 2m distancing between families and queue like all the families. I know it is time consuming and I know it can be frustrating but it is vital for the safety of all the additional adults and children who are on site.

You may also be aware that schools in the locality have had to close bubbles. This is unavoidable once a case has been confirmed, but by working together and following the lockdown guidance, we will be more able to try to keep everyone safe and hopefully school open.

A special thank you to all of those families who have taken the time to contact the school to show your support of the decisions and processes in place. This support really lifts the wellbeing of the staff and myself during these extremely challenging times.

READING BOOKS AND HOMEWORK

Next week we wish to start sending home reading books again. We therefore now need you to send back all reading books you have at home on Monday so we can quarantine them ready for redistribution.

All books will be quarantined for 72 hrs before being put back into our resources.

Homework will be a task set on Purple Mash. This is going to be a short term measure as we appreciate that this is not the easiest way to complete tasks. Your weekly letter will be in the form of an email from the teacher and attached will be information to support you.

CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 11th September

Each week the teachers celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the Child of the Week award.

Nursery	Cobe Smith	For Achieving: Cobe can re tell Mr potato Heads' rules and has done a super job following them this week.
	Florence Brooks	For Caring and looking after all our new children especially when they are upset.
Reception	Poppy Kirby-Tomlinson	For discovering: Poppy shared lots of information with us about the Solar System and told us about Mars being the hottest planet!
	Maxwell Spooner	For achieving: Max shared some fantastic responses about our world and was able to identify, land and sea on a satellite image of Earth.
Year 1	India Lee	For Discovering: India has joined us and has settled in to life at Discovery Academy quickly. She has made friends and is beginning to show us glimpses of what she can do. Keep it up India!
	Maisie Fenton	For inspiring: Maisie has wowed us all this week with her maths work. She confidently ordered numbers to 20 and was also able to use Numicon and counters to add numbers together.
Year 2	Gabriella Bradshaw-Cooper	For Inspiring: For being a fantastic role model - our class WAGOLL!
	Noah Gamal	For Achieving: For great reasoning in Maths
Year 3	Tristan Metheringham	For Inspiring: Tristan was thoughtful, kind and respectful during a lesson about equality.
	Rosie Lowndes	For Achieving: Rosie has begun Year 3 with a fantastic grown up attitude, is full of great answers and a brilliant attitude towards her learning.
Year 4	Tyler Sanders	For Achieving: You have shown an unbelievable attitude towards learning this week and have constantly pushed yourself. You have also been superb role model to other students.

WELLBEING STARS

Each week we work on developing skills regarding mental health and wellbeing with the children. This certificate celebrates those who have shown a great understanding in this week's focus for their class.

Nursery	Elliot Heaton	For now coming into nursery with a smile on his face. He is now a big brave boy with nothing to worry about.
Reception	Isla Moreland	For being kind and considerate to other children in our class.
Year 1	Stevie Beau Hough	Stevie Beau has come back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning. She is confident when entering school and is already showing us her super skills in lots of areas
Year 2	Dylan Heaney	For saying well done to other children in his class when they've achieved something and setting an example for others to do the same.
Year 3	Enola Bradshaw - Cooper	Enola has shown great confidence volunteering answers in class.
Year 4	William Buxton	For looking after your friends and being able to forgive and not hold onto things.



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ONLINE COURSES ABOUT UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN

If you are looking for some support or advice on understanding children and young people, Tameside now offer a free online course for all parents who are residents of Tameside.

In addition, the website below has all of the different support offers Tameside has as part of the Early Help and Universal services. This is a great page to find details on support and groups in the area.
<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/sid/parenting>

FOODBANK SUPPORT

We are very lucky to have a fantastic foodbank on Hattersley Estate which can help support families who find themselves in a position where food is not as readily available as they would like. This can happen to anyone at any time and for a number of reasons. Do not be afraid to let one of our pastoral support team know if you find yourself in this situation as we can help.

The foodbanks run a voucher scheme and by discussing your circumstances with Miss Boyle, Mrs Sullivan, Mr Walsh or Mrs Oldham we may be able to issue you with a voucher for St Barnabas Foodbank.

Foodbank Centre	Day	Session Times	Location/Address
Hattersley Baptist Church	Friday	2-3pm	Melandra Crescent Hattersley SK14 3RB

