



# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

## Face coverings

A huge thank you to all for wearing face coverings. The support is amazing and together we will continue working together to make our school as low risk as possible.

There are some people who are exempt and those people have made themselves known to school. Thank you and particularly to those who are wearing lanyards to make this clear to all staff.

**Please can I ask that all face coverings are worn from the minute you enter the premises or leave your car and are worn correctly over the mouth and nose.**

Can I also remind you that we should be minimising contact with teachers and so if possible please email teachers with information between 8 am and 4pm Monday to Friday or if urgent ring the office and leave a message for the teacher.

Onward

## Hodgepodge snowman competition.

Do you wanna build a snowman?  
Come on, let's go and play  
You don't have to wait for it to snow  
Come on, lets go and build one anyway!



Free family fun activity with a chance to win great prizes ready for Christmas.

Build it as small or as large as you like  
You must use recycled or household items  
The best entries will be put forward for our regional competition voted for by customers

To enter, just email a picture of your snowman to [socialinvestment@onward.co.uk](mailto:socialinvestment@onward.co.uk) with the subject 'snowman competition'  
Don't forget to include the area where you live.

**Deadline – Monday 30 November**

Winners for the local competition will be announced 4 December.  
Winners for regional competition will be announced 16 December.

[www.onward.co.uk](http://www.onward.co.uk)

## National Lockdown

We have now entered a National Lockdown and below are the restrictions.

### CORONAVIRUS NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December  
National restrictions apply to England:

<b>Meeting Indoors</b> You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.	<b>Meeting Outdoors</b> You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public space, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on coronavirus can do not count towards the 2 person limit.	<b>Weddings and Funerals</b> Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.	<b>Working from home</b> You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).
<b>Essential Shops</b> Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.	<b>Non-essential Retail</b> Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.	<b>Exercise</b> You can exercise outdoors on your own or with your household, your support bubble, or one person from another household.	<b>Leisure and Gyms</b> Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.
<b>Hospitality</b> Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 23:00.	<b>Education</b> Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.	<b>Healthcare Services</b> You can leave home for any medical reason.	<b>Residential Care</b> Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.
<b>Travel</b> You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.	<b>Public Transport</b> You may still use public transport, but should only, upon permitted reasons, avoid looking to travel. You should avoid peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.	<b>Overnight Stays</b> Overnight stays and holidays only from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.	<b>Entertainment and tourism</b> Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at other attractions are open.
<b>Vulnerable People</b> If you are 65+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rule and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.	<b>Worship</b> Closed. Except for: funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.	<b>Childcare</b> Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work, or for regular care. Parents can continue to bring their child to their household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.	<b>Youth Clubs and Activities</b> Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1:1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](http://gov.uk/coronavirus)

## CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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	Mmachi	For improving, Mmachi designed her own fire work and used alliteration to describe the noise it would make.
	Luca	For achieving in PE this week. Luca was able to follow instructions and balance the cone using different body parts.
Reception	Lincoln	For improving – Lincoln has tried hard with all his home learning this week, we are especially pleased with how hard he has tried with his writing.
	Inayah	For achieving – Inayah has emailed in several beautiful pieces of artwork as part of her home learning thinking carefully about the shapes, patterns and colours she was using.
Year 1	Bridget	For Inspiring: Bridget has come back from the half term break and has really hit the ground running. She is focused on her task, always willing to contribute to discussions and is generally a superstar in class. What a role model!
	Esmee	For improving: Esmée has worked really hard on her handwriting over half term and is showing just how good she is. Her letter formation and letter size is now great and she is trying really hard to present her work well.
Year 2	Libby	For caring: Libby cares not only about herself but others too. She has shown great partner work in Maths by sharing and supporting her partner and always chooses the right behaviour.
	Isaic	For achieving: Isaic has used WOW adjectives, prepositions and neat handwriting in his English work! Miss Macleod is very proud!!
Year 3	Alexander	For achieving: Alex has impressed us this week with his dedication and attitude to home learning
	Maddison	For inspiring: Maddison has been working hard all week inspiring us with her resilience and dedication to home learning
Year 4	Lola	For improving: This week you have shown an excellent attitude toward your subtraction work in Maths. You have persevered all week and now you are able to subtract confidently.

**The children receive their certificates from their class teacher and it is shared with the whole school through our virtual online assemblies.**

*There was no certificate awarded to Year 3 this week but the teacher has still nominated someone based on the home learning*

## Children in Need Wellbeing Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

To celebrate Children in Need on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November the children will be taking part in a number of activities linked to the theme 5 to Thrive.

We will also be having a **Non-Uniform day** and asking for a **donation** (CiN recommended donation is £1) for Children in Need. This means the children can wear their own with the theme 'Something funny'.

We will also be looking for donations of pennies to see which class can make a Copper Pudsey Bear.

## WELLBEING STARS – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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	Noah	For settling into nursery so well. This is his first week and he has already made lots of friends.
Reception	Poppy	Poppy made a lovely card for a nurse she knows and realised how happy you feel when you do something to make others happy.
Year 1	Chuka	Chuka is growing in confidence and is beginning to speak more freely during class discussions. Keep it up Chuka!
Year 2	Finley	For being a happy chappy! He always participates in lessons with a smile and makes me proud every day!
Year 3	Lewis	For making us smile and laugh with his infectious giggle during the home learning poetry task.
Year 4	Alicia	For constantly being kind to your friends and encouraging them to play games with you to make them feel better.

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## READING HERO – Autumn term 1

Our Reading Hero Awards are awarded to those children who have shown exceptional effort, progress or enjoyment from reading. These children have received a book from the PTFA as a reward.

Please encourage your child to read each night and either make a comment in their reading diary or online reading record so we know they are getting regular practice.

Nursery	Nicholas	He has read so many books on epic. He is using vocabulary victor in class to help learn new words.
Reception	Gracie	Gracie has been reading every night and trying to find the tricky words she is learning in books.
Year 1	Sofia	We have selected Sofia not because of the quantity of what she reads but the progress she is making. She is focused when reading and has a real love for it. Well done Sofia!
Year 2	Zachary	For being an epic! Reader! he has read 66 books since we started it!
Year 3	Noah	Noah has read every day at home this week.
Year 4	Zach	Zach you have blown us away by reading over forty books! You have read almost every night over the holidays and since you have returned to school. We are also so impressed with the wide variety of text types you have read. Well done Zach!