



DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Morning routine

After monitoring the morning routine, we have decided to close the gate at **8:50 am** starting Monday 16th November. This is due to a number of factors, including weather and lost learning time. The vast majority of people arrive for 8:40-8:45 am and so by closing the gate at 8:50 am, the register can close at 8:55 and lessons start earlier, increasing the time for teaching phonics or spelling.

The afternoon routine will continue to be the same.

Christmas

With all the uncertainty regarding National Lockdown and Tiered restrictions after Dec 2nd, I wanted to reassure you that we will still be celebrating Christmas even if not with some of our usual activities.

The plans include:

- Advent Assembly – Monday 30th Nov
- Christmas Decoration day – Tuesday 1st Dec
- Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate and sweet donations – Friday 4th Dec
- Christmas Raffle – Numbers available throughout last two weeks – 7th – 17th Dec
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December
- Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 16th Dec
- Christmas Bubble Parties – Friday 18th Dec
- Christmas Socially Distance Children's Christmas Singing event – Wednesday 16th Dec
- Christmas Sports Day – Thursday 17th Dec
- Virtual Visit from Father Christmas – Friday 18th Dec



Unfortunately, Parents will not be invited to any events due to COVID-19 but look out on Twitter for photos of the fun.

Christmas Raffle

We will be running the Christmas Raffle differently this year and each prize will be an individual raffle where your name is put into the raffle. More details will follow once prizes have been confirmed.

Got symptoms, get tested

We understand that there will be times your child is ill with normal cold/flu symptoms but should you or your child show any symptoms of Covid 19 (even those like a cold and flu) **DO NOT** attend school and seek appropriate testing or isolation. This will support keeping our Discovery Family safe.

This may mean you keep your child at home to monitor the symptoms or until you have contacted school for advice. Inform school if your child is showing cold/flu symptoms and discuss with a member of the Senior Leadership team if required. We are here to help and work together.

Symptoms of Coronavirus:

- High temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of or change in your normal send of taste of smell

Testing sites:

There is a testing site at Darnton Road Car Park (next to the boating lake) in Ashton is available for appointments every day 8am – 8pm.

Tameside also have the following mobile testing units coming up to make testing more accessible across the borough.

You can find all the information you need at www.tameside.gov.uk/coronavirus/testing

Thursday 12th - Friday 13th November 10.30am -3.30pm	Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7XU
Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th November 10.30am -3.30pm	Adventure Longendale, Manley Grove, Mottram in Longendale, Hyde, SK14 6PJ
Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th November 10.30am - 3.30pm	Curzon Ashton, Tameside Stadium, Richmond St, Ashton-under-Lyne OL7 9HG
Thursday 26th – Friday 27th November 10.30am - 3.30pm	Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7XU
Saturday 28th – Sunday 29th November 10.30am - 3.30pm	Hyde Leisure Pool, Walker Lane, Hyde, SK14 5PL

What to do if I or somebody in my household has COVID 19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Household member with symptoms should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

Back to school when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID 19 symptoms.



What to do if my child has COVID 19 symptoms:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child should get a test
- Whole household self isolates while waiting for test result
- Inform school immediately about test results

Back to school when child's test comes back negative provided they have been fever free for the 48 hours before returning to school, and feel well.



What to do if my child tests positive for COVID 19:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Child self isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms)
- Inform school immediately about test results
- Whole household self isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone tests negative during those 14 days

Back to school after 10 days, once child feels better, and has been fever free for at least 48 hours. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.



What to do if I or somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID 19:

- Child shouldn't attend school
- Whole household self isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Even if someone tests negative during those 14 days.

Back to school when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days.



CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 13th 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	Sophie	For using super actions and expression when re telling the story 'Elmer'. Sophie you are improving!
	Tristan	For inspiring us in maths. Tristan made a super pattern for his elephant. He could talk about the pattern he had created too!
Reception	Florian	For achieving - Florian has completed lots of maths challenges this week.
	Jenson	For improving – Jenson created a super rocket with Mobilo and wrote a label.
Year 1	Sofia	For Improving: Sofia has been working really hard on her spellings. She has been practising lots at home and WOW it is paying off. 6 out of 6 this week! Well done Sofia and keep it up!
	Max	For Inspiring: Max is a true role model for all children in Year 1. He always uses his manners when speaking and is always willing to help us out when needed. Max we are going to nickname you Mr Values in Year 1. Well done
Year 2	Gabriella	For Achieving: Gabriella has shown a great commitment and work ethic to her home learning - only stopping for her dinner. She even showed her parents how to do the Maths!
	Dantaye	For Improving: Dantaye's attitude towards his learning in school has improved greatly. Now at home he has completed all of his home learning every day and even completed extra work. I'm so proud of how he is growing and improving every day.
Year 3	Mason S	For Achieving: Mason has been working hard to confidently answer column addition calculations.
	Amelia-Rose	For Improving: Amelia- Rose has been really concentrating on her joined up handwriting this week and looking for ways to improve it.
Year 4	Ella D	For Achieving: You have worked hard in every English lesson this week and practised using lots of different techniques in your writing. This meant that you were able to write an excellent paragraph on The Amazon rainforest.

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 2 this week but the teacher has still nominated someone based on the home learning submitted.

WELLBEING STARS – Friday 13th 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	Alyssa	For always having a positive attitude. Alyssa tries her best and never gives up even when she is not sure, she will always try to work things out.
Reception	Harrison	Harrison has shown a very positive attitude to learning both at home and at school.
Year 1	Addison	Addison has re-joined us this week and has come back with such a positive attitude. He is trying hard in lessons, and is speaking with growing confidence.
Year 2	Noah	Even when our bubble had popped and he was the last one left, he kept smiling and kept me and Miss Macleod smiling right to the very end!
Year 3	Kaiden	For showing our school value of caring. Kaiden looked after one of his peers really well when they needed it.
Year 4	Connor	You were able to talk about your feelings this week with an adult and discuss why you felt the way that you did. You also spoke to a friend in order to make yourself feel better.

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STORY EXPLORERS

Launching this week - a brand-new children’s radio and podcast series, alongside Pixiu, called Story Explorers! The series, hosted by CBBC’s Ben Shires, sees primary school children interviewing top authors each week all about their work and the stories they love, and playing fun games!

Perfect for 7 to 11-year-olds, you can listen to Story Explorers on weekdays at 6.15pm on the national children’s radio station Fun Kids

Check out their website at - www.funkidslive.com

