



DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

!! Covid results – PLEASE READ !!

The Government have stated that schools must complete contact tracing for confirmed cases of Covid 19 between Friday 18th December and Thursday 24th December.

Therefore if a child from Discovery Academy **tests positive** for Covid 19 during this time please contact school on infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org and put Positive Test in the subject.

This email will be checked daily between 9:00 and 10:00am up until Christmas Eve. **Only contact school if your child tests positive** as we do not need to know if other family members test positive as this will not affect school bubbles. If a child tests positive from school, Mrs Oldham will then contact all of the close contacts of that child as soon as possible with advice on what you are required to do.

Fingers crossed Mrs Oldham does not have to contact anyone to say that your child has to isolate for 10 days over the Christmas period.

We wish you all a safe Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Making a Christmas bubble with friends and family

Between 23 and 27 December:

- you can form an exclusive 'Christmas bubble' composed of people from no more than three households
- you can only be in one Christmas bubble
- you cannot change your Christmas bubble
- you can travel between tiers and UK nations for the purposes of meeting your Christmas bubble
- you can only meet your Christmas bubble in private homes or in your garden, places of worship, or public outdoor spaces
- you can continue to meet people who are not in your Christmas bubble outside your home according to [the rules in the tier where you are staying](#) Tameside is in Tier ????
- you cannot meet someone in a private dwelling who is not part of your household or Christmas bubble

For further information and guidance please visit the [gov.uk site here](https://www.gov.uk).



Thank you

We would like to thank the following people for their support so far this year. Each of these companies and organisations have helped us make a difference to the community.

Tameside South Foodbank	Weekly breakfast packs, food vouchers and Christmas chocolates
Morrison's	Staff hampers and food parcels
Weatherspoon's, Stockport	Hot chocolate reindeer cones for every child
Discovery PTFA	Christmas present for every child, Christmas party food, sweets and prizes
Discovery Academy Governors	Halloween treat for every child

Also to the parents who work for or own companies who donated raffle prizes to support the school. Your support is truly appreciated.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December 2020

Thank you for helping us raise £127.11 for Save the Children.

Achieve and believe colouring competition – our winners

Infants winner – **Florence R (Nursery)**

Juniors winner - **Kaiden B (Year 3)**

Spot Prize winner – **Lylah S (Year 2)**

Our school was also picked for an overall winner in the competition and that goes to – **Enola (Year 3)**

Well done to all our budding artists 😊



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A huge well done to all the winners in our raffle. Thank you so much for entering.

Raffle 1

Prize	Winner
1 Night stay for 2 people The Mercure Manchester Piccadilly Hotel	Becky Deacon

Raffle 2

Prize	Winner
Pay as you go mobile phone	Kim Johnston
Pay as you go mobile phone	Tracey Powell

Raffle 3 – There are now 14 prizes available – First number will choose first and we will work through the selected numbers in order until all prizes allocated.

Prize	Winner
1x £25 voucher for Miss KS Aesthetics	Bev Allford
1 x £20 voucher for Becky McWilliam hair	Vickie Steggs
BK Auto Glow £25 Mini Valet	Gemma Wood
Theatrics Dance Academy 1x voucher for 1 months' worth of classes	Leanne Skolosdra
1x £20 voucher for Bloomin Altrincham	Amy D'Isidoro
1x £10 vouchers for Frankies Sandwich Bar	Rachel Livesey
1x £10 vouchers for Frankies Sandwich Bar	Emma Carey
Cakey Things voucher for a box of 12 cupcakes	Maxine James
Be Elegant by Kelsey 1x voucher for any tan of your choice	Janine Holt
Loreal Age Perfect moisturizer and cleansing milk	Emma Stott
Soap and Glory set	Sophie Glynn
Bayliss and Harding Hand wash and Hand and Body Lotion	Susan Heywood
Tigercise Christmas Craft Bag	Becky Deacon
Christmas Cake – Winter scene	Aimee Clare
Christmas Cake - Reindeer	Tracey Powell
Christmas Eve box	Catherine Slinger

CHOCOLATE RAFFLE

Thank you for all of the donations we have received. As we are unable to run our usual Chocolate Tombola we have decided to have class raffles which **all** children will be entered into and will be drawn in class on Friday 18th December. Your donations will help make every child smile.

CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 18th December

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	Emma	For improving in literacy! Emma drew her favourite party food using her imagination and great pencil control.
	Eloise	For inspiring us with her rhythmic dance moves. Eloise is a natural born dancer.
Reception	Hussein	For improving: Hussein has worked hard to complete all his challenges this week.
	Georgia-Rose	For achieving: Georgia-Rose has worked hard applying her phonics to her writing.
Year 1	Ethan	For Achieving: Ethan has worked really hard this week and has produced some amazing Christmas crafts. Notably his Christingle on Thursday was well constructed and he clearly listened to the instructions and followed them closely.
	India	For Improving: We have seen a much more mature attitude this week from India. She has settled quickly into tasks and has really helped Mrs Parkinson during the day. Well done India and thank you for being so helpful.
Year 2	Isaic	For Inspiring: Isaic has inspired us all that we can overcome our fears if we put our mind to it. Isaic was really shy during our practice singing performances. However, on the day he smiled the biggest smile and was so brave and his confidence shone through!
	Oskar	For Improving: Oskar's independence has shone through this week like a shining star! He wrote a fully decodable letter using his own ideas and wanted to do it independently. I'm so proud of how far Oskar has come since September!
Year 3	Josh	For Achieving: Josh had great answers to the questions about Christingles and what each part represents. He had listened well at home and shared the facts he knew with the class.
	Ruby	For Caring: Ruby took her time and patiently helped her friends to complete their Christmas wreaths when they found it challenging.
Year 4	Alicia	For inspiring: You have produced excellent pieces of artwork and really taken your time with your ideas. We have been blown away with your creativity!

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

WELLBEING STARS – Friday 18th December

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	Florence R	For showing our school value 'Caring'. Florence has been helping her friends to write some of the letters in their name.
Reception	Isabella	Isabella has tried hard all week with her challenges and had a great 'can do' attitude.
Year 1	Alice	Alice has been supporting and caring in bucket loads this week as she has helped Mrs Parkinson to keep children calm and on task at her table. She has modelled how to complete some of the tasks, helped with tricky parts and be a helped celebrate their successes with them. Fantastic!
Year 2	Gabriella	For: always using her manners, being so polite and kind to others. At playtimes she is always there when someone in the class needs someone to play with. She's definitely on Santa's good list!
Year 3	Harry	For sharing his worries and being able to talk about them in a grown-up manner.
Year 4	Ella H	You have made good choices this week and asked an adult for help when you have found a situation challenging.

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READING HERO – Autumn term 2

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	Evie	For reading so many books and enthusiastically talking about them in class. Evie also has a passion for reading in nursery and we often find her independently sharing books in our reading corner.
Reception	Tommy	Tommy read all his Phase 2 and Phase 3 tricky words. He is beginning Phase 3 reading books.
Year 1	Kaya	Kaya works really hard on her reading at school and also at home and is becoming a confident and proficient reader.
Year 2	Mason	For working so hard in school and at home on his phonics! He passed his phonics test, made massive progress in his reading tests and shows a love of reading in the classroom! I can't wait to see what he can do next year!!!
Year 3	Joseph	Joseph reads all the time and has begun to read much more confidently and independently. He challenges himself with his book choices and is beginning to enjoy chapter books.
Year 4	Casey	You have read such a variety of books of Epic reading. You have even started reading books about the Ancient Greeks ready for next half-term. We are also impressed with the way that you bring the knowledge you learn in your books into class and share them in discussions. Well done Casey!