



DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Growing Family

As you are aware we currently work alongside Thomas Ashton School and Tameside Pupil Support Service. You may have seen in the local press that there is to be a new school built in Hattersley as Hawthorns School is expanding in numbers and need a new building. To support Hawthorns, we will be working alongside them so that they can offer specialised provision to some pupils before the building work is complete and so from September 2021 Hawthorns will have three classes of young children who will be taught in our building. This is a temporary measure for two years.

We are really excited to be working alongside Mr Coiffait and his staff at Hawthorns and I know you will welcome the staff and families just like you have with Thomas Ashton. Being able to support the school and Tameside families really does show how we live and breathe our Caring value.

Staffing for September

As we approach the end of the term I would like to share the staffing teams for next year.

Mrs Burns will be stepping down as Executive Principal of the Academy from September 2021. We have also had a number of promotions and recruitments to new roles within the school.

Principal – Mrs Oldham					
Deputy Principal/KS2 lead – Mr Walsh					
EYFS Lead	KS1 Lead	SENCO	Finance Officer	Office Manager	Site Manager
Mrs Sullivan	Mrs Collins	Mrs Mayers	Mr Ravenscroft	Miss Leigh	Mr Woolley

Nursery	Mrs Kirkbride and Miss Clare
Reception	Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Mayers and Miss Bentley Dawson
Year 1	Mr Hopwood, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Wood
Year 2	Mrs Collins and Miss Goodson
Year 3	Miss Owen and TBC (recruitment ongoing)
Year 4	Mr Walsh and Miss Brown
Year 5	Mr Roberts and Miss Boyle
SEND specialist Teacher	Mrs Mayers
Wellbeing Mentor	Miss Boyle
PE, Sports and Wellbeing Coach	Mr Dolan
ASC	Mrs Hodson, Mrs McBain and TBC (recruitment ongoing)



Calendar dates for this month

We will be holding a number of themed learning days this month. Unfortunately, in line with COVID regulations we will not be able to invite parents to any of these events.

More details will follow in the weekly newsletters nearer to events if required.

JULY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5	6	7 Poetry Day – KS1 and 2	8	9 Class Sports Day – Children wear Sports clothes
12 Catch up Curriculum Day – themed day linked to missed learning from lockdown – individual to each class	13 Science Day	14 Catch up Curriculum Day – themed day linked to missed learning from lockdown – individual to each class	15 SEN meetings and phone calls - Reception – Year 4	16 Art/DT - Enterprise Day – KS1 and 2 Children will be selling their products to their parents – more details to follow Nursery – SEN meetings Reports out
19	20 Meet the teacher day for pupils – Outdoor session with new teacher	21 Spanish Day – Dress up Spanish theme (Red and Yellow)	22 DOJO treat day – Summer holiday theme Children come in shorts, t-shirts and wear sun cream	23 Whole school singing assembly – outdoors Non Uniform Day Toy Day Finish

CHILD OF THE WEEK – Friday 2nd July 2021

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	Ethan	For Improving: Ethan has been working very hard in maths this week, he helped to solve the problem and find the missing number in the sequence.
	Shae	For Improving: Shae did some super drama this week, he worked hard to move like a shark and used real expression when he spoke.
Reception	Whole class	For achieving: Reception are trying hard with their home learning challenges and learning new skills at home too.
Year 1	Bridget	For Achieving: During assessments, Bridget has been really focused and has achieved some amazing scores in her quizzes. She has put into practice everything we have learnt about this year. Well done Bridget!
	Max	For Improving: Max has worked hard at his mental maths skills and is now able to quickly recall number facts and times tables. He has used this and found that some number facts are relatable to bigger numbers. Some great work this week Max, well done
Year 2	Freddie	For Achieving: This week Freddie has worked really hard on every piece of work set for him. He has worked independently, used his phonics and hasn't stopped working during every minute of the morning.
	Carrie-Ann	For Inspiring: Carrie-Ann has been the class role model this week. She has shown all the right behaviours all the time with a great work ethic!
Year 3	Rhys	For Caring: Both Rhys and Millie were amazing actors during our PSHE emergency situation role play. They worked really well together and showed how grown up and sensible they are
	Millie	For Caring: Both Millie and Rhys were amazing actors during our PSHE emergency situation role play. They worked really well together and showed how grown up and sensible they are.
Year 4	Lola	For Achieving and Improving: You have been reading lots recently and this has really improved your flow. Because of this, you did really well on your reading test this week and we were so impressed to see how much you have improved! Well done Lola!

The children receive their certificates from their class teacher either in person or via email and it is shared with the whole school through our virtual online assemblies.

WELLBEING STARS – Friday 2nd July 2021

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	Violet	Violet has shown our school value discovering. Violet discovered this week how to be a great team player in drama. Violet listened and involved others to share their ideas and worked together to act out their story. They put on a great performance.
Reception	Whole class	For their resilience during our class bubble closure.
Year 1	Rowyn	Rowyn has taken on a massive responsibility in life this week. She has become a BIG sister and has already shown us that she is up to the task. She has spoken about her little brother and already said how cute and lovely he is.
Year 2	Oskar	This week Oskar offered to hold the door for me and then offered me his coat because I was cold whilst waiting at the door. He was such a gentlemen!
Year 3	Amelia-Rose	Amelia has been sharing different coping strategies with her friends this week when they have had a tough time. She is always so caring and thoughtful.
Year 4	Tyler	This week you have had a really positive attitude towards your assessments. Unfortunately, you missed your first few tests but you did not let that bother you and gave it your all. As well as this, you have been motivating others to do well with your kind words. Well done Tyler!

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