

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Little Princess Trust

One of our pupils has asked for the school to support her to raise funds for The Little Princess Trust. Details of their work can be found [here](#).

Leihla will also be having her hair cut to donate to Little Princess Trust so that they can make a wig for a child who needs one.

On **Friday 26th January** we will be holding a **FUNKY HAIR FUNDAY** where children can come to school with funky hair and **donate £1** to the cause. (School Uniform still required)



We are looking forward to seeing everyone's Funky creations next Friday.

Home School Agreement

We have updated our home school agreement which can be found [here](#).

Attendance

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments



This week's attendance is **94%**

Class	Average
Nursery	96%
Reception	91%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	92%
Year 6	97%

Reminder

Gates open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am. After 8:50 pupils must enter through the office as late.

General housekeeping Reminders

School lunch changes – If you wish to swap your child from packed lunches to school dinner or vice versa the school office requires an email with 1 weeks notice.

Collection passwords – For any change to your child's pick up details including adding somebody new, you must request a form from the school office. We require 48 hours' notice for all changes.

Medicines - Prescribed medication is the only type of medication we can administer in school. Parents must come to the office to complete a form. Absolutely no medications should be sent into the classroom with your child.

Absence – All absences must be reported to the school office by a parent or legal guardian. Third party messages are not permitted. Messages can be left with the office via phone call (option 4), voicemail (option 1 or after dial tone), email or in person.

Breakfast club – Absolutely no messages are to be passed through members of staff in breakfast club. If you need to speak to the school office then please use the above methods of contact.

Children **must** be walked to the gate and handed over to whoever is on the gate. Children should not be walking down the driveway or from the car unaccompanied by an adult.

Diary Dates

22 nd Jan	2Boards & a Passion Theatre Production	9.30am – Nursery and Reception children
23 rd Jan	Year 2 Parent Phonics/Spelling Workshop	2:15pm-3:15pm – All Year 2 parents welcome
24 th Jan	Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop	2:15pm-3:15pm – All Year 1 parents welcome
26 th Jan	Funky HAIR Funday	All day – Funky hair and donate £1 cash
5 th Feb	Year 6 SATs and residential meeting	2:45-3:15
6 th Feb	Young Voices trip	Year 4
7 th Feb	Nursery Parent Phonics Workshop	9am-10am – All Nursery parents welcome
9 th Feb	KS2 Family assembly	Parents of children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 welcome to attend
12th – 16th Half term		
19 th Feb	Dogs trust workshops (EYFS – Yr 4) and assembly	During the school day for pupils
19 th Feb	KS2 Disco 3:15 – 4:30	Sign up and pay at the office only £2.50 per child
20 th Feb	EYFS and KS1 Disco 3:15 – 4:30	Sign up and pay at the office only £2.50 per child
23 rd Feb	Dogs Trust workshops (Yr 5 and 6)	During the school day for pupils
8 th March	World book day	Information to follow
13 th to 15 th March	Year 6 Residential	Yr 6 only
22 nd March	Sport Champion in school	During the school day for pupils
25 th to 28 th March	Easter experience workshops	During the school day for pupils

Homework and Century club

We know that some families do not have access to devices at home and so starting on Tuesday 7th November, Mr Roberts will be running a KS2 Homework club so children can complete their home learning without any barriers. This will be during lunchtime 12:30 – 1:00pm.

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	Lottie	Lottie has shown her caring value in school this week. She has been looking after the new children in breakfast club and being a super role model in class too.
Reception	Mia	For being a kind and helpful friend and good role model.
Year 1	Mia	For Caring: This week Mia has been extra caring and helpful in the classroom. She has offered to help other stick their work in and tidy up around the classroom!
Year 2	Ruby	For Caring: This week Ruby has helped the kitchen staff clear up and tidy up without being asked. She was a like a mini Mid-day Assistant!
Year 3	Poppy	Poppy is a joy, she regularly checks in with adults in the classroom and tries to support her friends in making good choices. We are very lucky to have you Poppy!
Year 4	Sofia	Sofia has shown her resilience this week. She missed a lot of learning last weekend and has come back with a positive and can do attitude. Nothing has been too much for her and she is always smiling!
Year 5	Carrie-Ann	Carrie-Ann has had a problem with her glasses this but it has not stopped her from making an effort with all her work. Carrie-Ann is always willing to work with everyone and is a real team player.
Year 6	Kobi	Kobi has shown great resilience this week. He has listened well to feedback and risen to the challenge of up-leveilling all of his work, focussing on the positives of constructive criticism as opposed to the negatives. I can't wait to see the results!

CHILD OF THE WEEK

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	Demi	For inspiring. Demi designed a super map of her walk to school. She described her route and described what she saw on her journey.
Reception	Finley	For improving his phonics.
Year 1	Ava	For inspiring: Ava has made a great start to life in Year 1! She has thrown herself into the learning and already made lots of great friends. Her confidence has shone through! Keep it up!
Year 2	Mia	For Achieving: This week Mia has absolutely SMASHED her first week in Year 2! She has shown she is hardworking, caring, inspiring and loves to discover and improve!
Year 3	Damian	For Improving- Damian has had a really positive attitude towards his work since starting the new term and has been exploring different methods of working.
Year 4	Addison	For Achieving – this week Addison has been more confident to share ideas with the class and is putting his hand up to shares these ideas more. He has provided some marvellous vocabulary in English that we have all been able to magpie!
Year 5	Dylan	For Achieving & Improving – Dylan has worked extra hard this week, especially with his handwriting. He is taking his time and thinking about his joins. The extra effort is showing in his books. Well done Dylan.
Year 6	Laycie	For Achieving – Laycie has been working brilliantly with Miss Hoque this week. She has been joining in with our classwork and hit the ground running in our new maths topic! Keep it up Laycie!






LUNCHTIME AWARDS

Each week the Midday Assistants celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the Lunchtime award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isaac	Lucas	Ayrton	Leo	Maxwell	Rea	Ebony	Islay

Next week's lunch menu

Please see below menu for when we return. Please discuss the choices with your child so on the morning they are aware of what the options will be.

WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	CHIPPY FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL OPTION 	Tomato pasta bake with Garlic Slice & Sweetcorn	Cowboy Pie (Corned Beef, Beans & Onions Topped with Mashed Potato)	Roast Turkey with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy	Homemade Cheese Pizza with Seasoned Wedges	Chicken Style Hot Dog with Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN DISH 	Homestyle Cheese whirl with Chips & Beans	Cheese & Broccoli Pasta Bake with Sliced Garlic Bread	Quorn fillet with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy	Southern style Quorn burger on a bap with Seasoned Wedges	Vegetable burger on a bap with Chunky Chips
JACKET POTATO / SANDWICH SELECTION 	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Cheese Roll & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Tuna Sandwich & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Egg Roll & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Turkey sandwich & Salad Bar	Jacket potato Cheese and beans Cheese roll with Chunky Chips
ACCOMPANIMENT 	Sweetcorn Baked Beans Fresh Salad bar	Pickled Beetroot Pickled Red Cabbage Fresh Salad bar	Baton carrots Broccoli Cheese Bake Fresh Salad bar	Sweetcorn & Homemade Coleslaw Fresh Salad bar	Baked Beans No Salad Bar
FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT 	Freshly Baked Cookies Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Freshly Baked Muffins Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Strawberry Jelly (Vegan) Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Strawberry Ice Cream Fresh Fruit or Yogurt