

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

## Office changes week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Miss Oldham (Caitlin) will be absent from work for the week. Therefore, the staff in the office may change throughout the day.

To ensure that all communications with school are not missed, please ensure that you only email the school office using [infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org](mailto:infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org). This email address will be manned but replies will not be as quick as usual.

If your communication is of an urgent nature, do not rely on email and contact the school via telephone.

All emails to Miss Oldham (Caitlin) will not be answered during her absence.

**The school office will also close at 3:30pm each evening.**

## 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.

## 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 **96%**

| Class     | Average |
|-----------|---------|
| Nursery   | 98%     |
| Reception | 95%     |
| Year 1    | 96%     |
| Year 2    | 97%     |
| Year 3    | 97%     |
| Year 4    | 97%     |
| Year 5    | 93%     |
| Year 6    | 94%     |

### Reminder

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

## Parent Survey

Following a change by the government in funding entitlements please see below information sent to us by Tameside MBC funding team.

The survey will help TMBC to gain an understanding of parent's current requirements and how their childcare patterns may change as the new entitlements are implemented.

As an incentive, parents who leave their name and email address at the end of the survey will be entered into a draw to win a £50 shopping voucher.

The survey can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [Online Parent Survey](#)

Further information about the new entitlements can be found at [Expansion to Free Early Education and Childcare 2024-2025 \(tameside.gov.uk\)](#)

## Payments

**Clubs** - A reminder that all club payments must be made by Monday evening. None payment will mean your child is not allocated a place.

**Trips** – A reminder that the year 1 trip payment must be made by Wednesday evening. The year 3 trip must be paid by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## Diary Dates

|   |   |   |
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| 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | Year 6 SATs and residential meeting   | 2:45-3:15   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | Young Voices trip   | Year 4  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | Nursery Parent Phonics Workshop   | 9am-10am – All Nursery parents welcome  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | KS2 Family assembly   | Parents of children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 welcome to attend                                   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Half term |   |   |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | Dogs trust workshops (EYFS – Yr 4) and assembly   | During the school day for pupils  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | KS2 Disco 3:15 – 4:30   | Sign up and pay at the office only<br>£2.50 per child   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | EYFS and KS1 Disco 3:15 – 4:30  | Sign up and pay at the office only<br>£2.50 per child   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb                          | Dogs Trust workshops (Yr 5 and 6)   | During the school day for pupils  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb                          | Special Education Needs Review meetings   | 1:00 – 3:45pm<br>(only parents who are required will be able to book an appointment on Arbor) |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March                         | World book day  | Information to follow   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> March    | Year 6 Residential  | Yr 6 only   |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                        | Sport Champion in school  | During the school day for pupils  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 5 and 6 parent drop in session<br><i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>          | 2:30 – 3:10pm   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 1 and 2 parent drop in session<br><i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>          | 2:30 – 3:10pm   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Nursery and Reception parent drop in session<br><i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i> | 9:00 – 9:45am   |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March                        | Year 3 and 4 parent drop in session<br><i>Come and look at your child's work and have a chat with the teachers</i>          | 2:30 – 3:10pm   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> March    | Easter experience workshops   | During the school day for pupils  |

## Home School Agreement

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

## 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.

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| Nursery   | Gene               | Gene has had a real positive attitude to learning this week! Gene has shown more confidence to try new activities and use his voice to ask great questions in class.  |
| Reception | Mert               | What a fantastic start! You have been very brave on your first week in your new school. Welcome to Discovery Academy!   |
| Year 1    | Harley             | For caring: Harley has shown lots of compassion towards his classmates this week. He helped someone up when they fell over. He is always on hand to offer support!  |
| Year 2    | Evie               | For Caring: This week Evie worked really well with her partner to solve a maths investigation. Together they were supportive of each other and achieved their learning challenge.                                   |
|           | Florence R         | For Caring: This week Florence worked really well with her partner to solve a maths investigation. Together they were supportive of each other and achieved their learning challenge.                               |
| Year 3    | Max                | Max is a kind, caring friend who wants to support everyone in our class. He also raises concerns about others who may need support or somebody to speak to  |
| Year 4    | Israel             | Israel has dealt with disturbances within the classroom well and has been supportive of others around him.  |
| Year 5    | Evie-Mae and Libby | It was lovely to see Evie-Mae and Libby working so well together. They researched and shared ideas and produced a great piece of work on Anglo-Saxon farmers. Well done.  |
| Year 6    | Lewis Bu           | Miss Oldham and Mrs Oldham were very impressed with Lewis for showing the caring value this week. He noticed that someone around school was upset and sought out support from an adult to help! Great to see Lewis! |

## 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.

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| Nursery   | KJ     | For Achieving. You have impressed us in phonics this week by blending the phonemes to make words  |
| Reception | Kalem  | For: being a Magical Mathematician! He listened carefully to instructions and was able to use the Part Whole Method to show composition of numbers to five.   |
| Year 1    | Lennie | For Achieving: This week, Lennie produced a fabulous glossary for a non-chronological report about toys! It was formatted in just the right way!  |
| Year 2    | Oliver | For Achieving: This week, Oliver used the spelling rules he'd learnt in the previous term to spell an adjective during his English work. He's becoming a spelling whizz!  |
| Year 3    | Hakan  | For Inspiring- Hakan is a confident member of the class who always has something to share. He supports the whole class with new and difficult concepts, and is a mathematician in the making!   |
| Year 4    | Nieve  | For Achieving – Nieve has been working extremely hard this week and has taken onboard teacher feedback to be able to improve her work and use new concepts to achieve a great standard of work!   |
| Year 5    | Noah   | For Achieving & Improving – Noah has been working well in English, he is using more mature vocabulary in his writing. He is taking care with his presentation and handwriting. Well done Noah.  |
| Year 6    | Ellie  | For inspiring – Ellie has been supporting Year 6 transition between lessons. She has been collecting and handing out books without being asked and is jumping at the chance to support Mr. Roberts and Miss. Hoque with all the small tasks, which make the whole day go that bit smoother! Thanks a million! |


### 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 |
|---------|-----------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|
| Gene    | Ellie     | Sophia-Grace | Noah B | Isla   | Amelia | Carrie-Ann | Alex   |

### 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 TWO   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | CHIPPY FRIDAY   |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>MAIN MEAL OPTION</b>   | Chicken Goujons with Chips & Beans                        | Chicken Tikka with boiled Rice & Naan Bread                   | Roast Beef with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy     | Cheese Quiche with New Potatoes Corn on Cob & Homemade Coleslaw | Fish Fillet with Chunky Style Chips & Beans or Peas             |
| <b>VEGETARIAN DISH</b>   | Homestyle Cheese & onion pie with Chips & Beans           | Vegetable Tikka with boiled Rice & Naan Bread                 | Quorn fillet with Homemade Roast Potatoes, Veg, Yorkie & Gravy   | Quorn Nuggets with New Potatoes & Beans                         | Quorn Sausage with Chunky Chips & Beans or Peas                 |
| <b>JACKET POTATO / SANDWICH SELECTION</b>   | Jacket potato Cheese and beans<br>Cheese Roll & Salad Bar | Jacket potato Cheese and beans<br>Turkey Sandwich & Salad Bar | Jacket potato Cheese and beans<br>Tuna Mayo Sandwich & Salad Bar | Jacket potato Cheese and beans<br>Egg Mayo Roll & Salad Bar     | Jacket potato Cheese and beans<br>Cheese Roll with Chunky Chips |
| <b>ACCOMPANIMENT</b>    | Baked Beans<br>Fresh Salad Bar                            | Sweetcorn<br>Fresh Salad bar                                  | Sweetcorn Baton carrots<br>Fresh Salad bar                       | Corn on Cob Homemade Coleslaw<br>Fresh Salad bar                | Baked Beans or Peas<br>No Salad Bar                             |
| <b>DESSERT</b>   | Freshly Baked Cookies<br>Fresh Fruit or Yogurt            | Chocolate Brownie<br>Fresh Fruit or Yogurt                    | Angel Delight Mousse<br>Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt                   | Freshly Made Blueberry Muffins<br>Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt        | Chocolate Ice Cream<br>Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt                   |