



# **DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS**

| Diary Dates            |                             |                  |
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| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Whole class school pictures | Nursery - Year 6 |

# **DISCOVERING TIMES**

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#### **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

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DAYS ABSENCE<br>(190 school days) | DAYS ABSENCE<br>OR MORE      | DAYS ABSENCE<br>OR MORE | DAYS ABSENCE<br>OR MORE               |
|                                   |                              |                         | Below                                 |
| 100%                              | 96.,%                        | 92.99%                  | 90%                                   |
|                                   |                              |                         | Persistent Absentee                   |
| EXCELLENT                         | SATISFACTORY                 | REQUIRES                | CAUSE FOR                             |
| ATTENDANCE                        | ATTENDANCE                   | IMPROVEMENT             | CONCERN                               |
| Best chance of SUCCESS            | Harder to make good progress | Less chance of success  | Serious concern Possible Court Action |

## This week's attendance is 87%

| Class     | Average |
|-----------|---------|
| Nursery   | 93%     |
| Reception | 85%     |
| Year 1    | 80%     |
| Year 2    | 87%     |
| Year 3    | 95%     |
| Year 4    | 88%     |
| Year 5    | 92%     |
| Year 6    | 81%     |

#### Reminder

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

# **Discovery Academy Phone Lines**

Please note that when phoning school the below options are available to you.

**Option 1 – Absence line**. This is to leave a recorded voicemail message for your child's absence it does not ring through to the office. This means the phone will not be answered by a member of staff.

## Option 1 is an automated voicemail service only

**Option 4 – Main school office (open 08:30 – 16:00)** This line is to speak directly to the school office (Miss Oldham) Please note if this line is not answered you can leave a voicemail message which will be returned asap.

Option 4 may not always be answered if the line is busy. In this case it will go to voicemail.





#### **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 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Kyan    | Luna      | Caleb  | Cobe   | Рорру  | Ava-Ann | Hallie | Joshua |









# **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   | Nahla     | Nahla has really settled well in Nursery and is following the daily routines. She has made lots of friends and is kind and gentle towards others. Well done Nahla!   |  |
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| Reception | Reception | Everyone has shown their caring side this week in Reception. Everyone has stepped up and helped to carry, tidy, up and look after Mrs Kirkbride's poorly hand. It has been lovely to see so many helpful children. |  |
| Year 1    | Mrs Wood  | For caring: Mrs Wood, thank you for putting a smile on my face every day. Your kind, caring and an inspiration to all. You deserve all the golden tickets in the world!  |  |
| Year 2    | Noah G    | For Caring: This term, Noah has taken so much pride in his work and was so proud to show to his teachers and his parents during the workshop.  |  |
| Year 3    | Рорру     | Poppy has been very positive this week, despite being unwell last week. She has come to school with a great attitude and a smile on her face and has jumped in to her learning!                                    |  |
| Year 4    | Bridget   | Bridget is always helpful within the classroom. She is the first to raise her hand to offer help and complete tasks around the classroom.  |  |
| Year 5    | Hallie    | Hallie has been really independent in writing this week, she has shown resilience and maturity when thinking about her work. Well done Hallie.   |  |
| Year 6    | Lewis Bi  | Lewis is always showing a positive attitude in school and it has not gone unnoticed. He is always offering a smile and a conversation to those around him and is very supportive of others in class.               |  |

# **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.

|           |          | receive the child of the week award.  |  |
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| Nursery   | Tommy    | Tommy has made really super progress within all areas of his learning. He has worked hard to improve his writing and cutting skills. He chooses to join in with every activity with enthusiasm. Well done for trying so hard! We are so proud of you!                   |  |
| Reception | Ronan    | For Improving: Ronan has been working hard in phonics to listen and focus and is now retaining new phonemes.  |  |
| Year 1    | Year 1   | For all the values: Thank you to every child in Year 1 for consistently showing all of Discovery's values and making me smile every day. It's amazing to see how much progress you've all made! I am so proud of you! Thankyou!   |  |
| Year 2    | Ethan    | For Improving and Achieving: In EVERY subject, Ethan has developed his independence, pride and communication. We are so proud of how much he has improved and achieved this half term!  |  |
| Year 3    | Tommy    | For Improving- This week Tommy has been focussed on making good choices inside and outside the classroom. He has also been able to reflect on situations to see when he made good choices and continued to make them all week. Keep this up from the Summer term Tommy! |  |
| Year 4    | Ava-Ann  | For Achieving – Ava-Ann has been in the year 4 classroom this week and has joined in with our lessons. She has done really well and tried her best. She was able to add the discussion and keep going.  |  |
| Year 5    | Savannah | For Achieving – Savannah has written a fantastic balanced argument. She used some really mature vocabulary and ensured the argument was balanced with views from both sides. Well done Savannah.  |  |
| Year 6    | Islay    | For Achieving and Inspiring – Islay always puts lots of effort in all the work that she does, and is very proud of it once it is completed! Keep it up Islay!   |  |





# **Reading hero**

| Nursery   | Sophie   | For practicing her reading independently and regularly having a comment in her reading journal.  |
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| Reception | Bilal    | For super reading at home using his phonics in class.  |
| Year 1    | Sophie   | For applying her phonics to her reading and writing, helping her to become more confident with her reading.  |
| Year 2    | Nicholas | For showing independence in his reading and making a MASSIVE amount of progress.   |
| Year 3    | Fabiola  | Fabiola has been more expressive with her reading and is always offering to read to the class.   |
|           |          | She also contributes well to our reading and spelling sessions.  |
| Year 4    | Maisie F | Maisie has been very independent with her reading for pleasure and doing more at home and in class to improve her skills, which is shining through!                |
| Year 5    | Isobel   | Isobel has worked extremely hard with her reading comprehension. She has made a massive amount of progress in her reading and this was shown in her reading tests. |
| Year 6    | Enola    | Enola is always taking time in class to read and explore new books!  |