DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Attendance

	Days off school add to lost learning				
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS					
Excellent Attendance	Good Attendance	Satisfactory Attendance	Requires Improvement	Persistent Absence	Severely absent
0 days off	4 days off	6 days off	9 days off	15 days off	95 days off
100%	97% and above	Between 95% and 96.99%	Between 90% and 94.99%	Below 90%	Below 50%

This week's attendance is 97%

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	99%	Year 3	96%
Reception	98%	Year 4	100%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	94%
Year 2	92%	Year 6	98%

Reminder

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

Breakfast Club & After School Club – Important Changes

Please note all bookings for breakfast and after school clubs MUST be made through the Arbor app as per previous communications.

To do this please top up your account and the select the days and sessions you require.

We have had a number of children attend both breakfast and after school club this week without a booking. Please note from next week if your child is not booked on then they will not be able to stay.

Breakfast club - Please can parents ensure that they are walking their child to the door and signing them in with the breakfast club staff. It is unsafe for your child to get out of the car in the car park and walk themselves into club.





Reporting absence

Absences must be reported by the parent. This needs to be reported to the school office between 8:30 and 9am.

You can phone the school at any point and leave an answering machine message.

You can email Miss Oldham on infodiscoveryhyde@victoriousacademies.org

You should not inform or email class teachers or breakfast club staff regarding absences or appointments.

If you have not reported a child's absence by 9 am we will follow our absence policy and make calls home or complete home visits. If no contact is made, the Academy reserve the right to request a 101 Police welfare check.

Please note the above methods of communication also applies for any messages for the office.

<u>Calendar dates</u>			
Reception – height weight hearing tests Year 6 – height weight tests	Wednesday 30 th April	Morning	Your child will come home with a sealed envelope from the school nurse team. Please return this NO LATER THAN 25 th APRIL
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May		Whole School Bank Holiday
VE Day	Thursday 8 th May		Celebration on Friday 9 th
VE Day celebrations	Friday 9 th May		Children wear Red, White, Blue and donate £1 to veteran's charity
KS2 SATS week	Monday 12 th May – Friday 16 th May	All week	Year 6
Whit Holidays	Monday 26 th May to Friday 6 th June		Whole school
Year 1 phonics test	Monday 9 th June – Friday 13 th June	All week	Year 1
KS2 Sports Day	Wednesday 11 th June	9:30am	School field
Year 4 multiplication checker	Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	All week	Year 4
EYFS/KS1 Sports Day	Wednesday 18 th June	9:30am	School field
School end of year assessment week	Monday 23 rd June – Friday 27 th June	All week	Whole school – Nursery to Year 5
Transition Day	Thursday 3 rd July		Whole school
SEND Parent meetings	Wednesday 16 th July	1:30 - 4:30	Whole school















PTFA WELCOME GATHERING

Have you ever wanted more events for the children at school? Do you have lots of ideas and are interested in finding out more about how to put these ideas forward? Well, come along to the Discovery PTFA welcome gathering on

Thursday 1st May at 9-9.30am

We are looking for more members and we'd love to share with what being part of the PTFA involves. Come and have an informal chat with Mrs Collins or one of the other PTFA members and there might even be drinks and biscuits there too :-)

After School Club phone

We now have an after school club emergency phone number. Please note this phone line is only to be used for any parents who have children currently attending the club and need to contact after school club staff when the main school office is closed. The phone will therefore only be answered during the hours of 16:00 – 18:00. Please be mindful that the line is only for alerting staff if there are any urgent issues such as if parents will be late due to an exceptional circumstance, parents are waiting outside and the doors are locked but the bell has not been heard.

The phone number is 07780 208 909

Come and Read Sessions

- Year 1 Wednesday 30th April 2:30pm-3:00pm
- Year 2 -Wednesday 7th May 2:30pm-3:00pm
- Year 3 -Wednesday 21st May 2:30pm-3:00pm
- Year 4 -Wednesday 11th June 2:30pm-3:00pm
- Year 5 Wednesday 25th June 2:30pm-3:00pm
- Year 6 Wednesday 2nd July 2:30pm-3:00pm





EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



In Nursery, the children enjoyed reading and sharing their favorite stories this week at our Come and Read session.



There was trouble at the Reception Dinosaur café this week. Luckily, the reception children were able to use clues to solve the crime.



We enjoyed opening our new pizza parlor. The Nursery children selected their favourite toppings and paid their bills.



The Reception children loved listening to the stories read by some of their parents at our Come and read session.

<u>(S1 WEEK IN PICTURES</u>



Year 1 would like to say thank you to Miya and her Mum for looking after our class sunflowers. They are now 35cm tall with strong leaves, stems and roots.



In Science this week, Year 2 have been learning about germs and how to keep our hands clean. We used glitter to show how quickly germs can be passed on.



Year 1's hats blew right off our heads this week and we had to chase them around the playground! It was just like the story we are reading 'The Queen's Hat'.



For St Georges day, some Year 2 children came to school dressed in their Rainbows and Beavers uniform. Don't they look fabulous!



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



In English, we looked at comparing and contrasting characters using our oracy sentence stems.



Year 4 have been using teamwork in P.E to practice balancing. They are also learning to work in unison at different levels.



This week Year 3 have been battling hard on Times Tables Rock Stars. So many of the children have improved their rock status.



This week the Year 4 children have worked on their oracy skills. They performed the poem Tick Tick with great effect.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



We spent St George's day learning about the patron saint of England. We read the story of George and the dragon and created our own fact files using facts we read about in our guided



This week, Year 6 are recapping and building on their knowledge of shape, specifically measuring and classifying angles. Next week, we will have a look at the angles of specific shapes and the features of a circle.



This week in Year 5 we have been exploring place value for decimal numbers. The children have shown excellent understanding in partitioning these numbers.



In Maths, we have looked at vertically opposite angles and On dance, we have looked at mirroring and the powerful effect it can have on a performance piece!





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	Antonina	Nina has shown our caring value this week and noticed a new friend was upset. Nina asked her friend if they were ok and gave him a great big hug. Well done for being so kind Nina.
Reception	Harlym	For Caring and Inspiring always being a good friend to others being a good role model.
Year 1	Miya	For caring: Over the Easter holidays Miya has cared for our class sunflower making sure it has had plenty of water and sunlight to keep it growing.
Year 2	Harlo	Harlo has had a great first week back. He has shown all our values this week, especially the caring value. Harlo has helped others around him. Well done Harlo.
Year 3	Sebby	Sebby is always on hand to support the classroom jobs and has been seen supporting others in the classroom with their learning. Thank you for being so caring.
Year 4	Harrison	I have had feedback from other staff members about Harrison showing his caring value. He has helped some Year 3s and shown them where to get an ice pack from when it was needed.
Year 5	Isla	For settling well into our class, making friends quickly and being kind and helpful in your first week here.
Year 6	Gabriella	For Achieving and Inspiring – Gabriella returned after Easter break with lots of determination and smile on her face. She has hit the ground running in all of our lessons and is offering great ideas in our lessons!

Lunchtime award

Each week the midday assistants celebrate the achievements of all children but give special recognition to some children to receive the lunchtime award.

Nursery	Mila	For settling in well to lunchtime routine and always eating her lunch
Reception	Esme	For always using good manners
Year 1	Freddie-James	For always being polite and using his manners
Year 2	Sophia-Grace	For always being good and using her manners
Year 3	Florence B	For being a great friend and making fun games for her and her friends to
		play
Year 4	Fabiola	For always being polite and helping others
Year 5	Dolly	For playing inclusively making sure everyone has a great time
Year 6	Dantaye	For stepping up to his role as play leader

After school club 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.

EYFS & KS1	Amelia – Nursery	Amelia has been kind and caring towards others this week in ASC.
KS2	Oliver – Year 3	Oliver always makes good choices and has lovely manners during ASC.





CHILD OF THE WEEK

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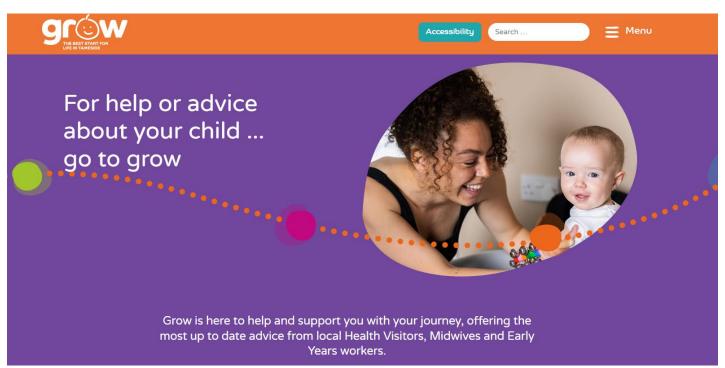
Parker	For achieving. Parker was a maths superstar and helped to find Alan the
	alligator's missing teeth and helped to put them back in order.
Demi	For Inspiring and Achieving! An amazing painting of Tyrannosaurus Rex.
Penelope	For Achieving: This week Penelope has launched herself into her writing lessons
	using her own ideas and super phonics to spell new words.
Lily	For Achieving & Improving – Lily has come back to school with a great attitude to
	her learning. She is being more independent and writing lots more too. Well
	done Lily.
Alyssa	For Inspiring- Alyssa has come back with an excellent attitude towards her
	learning and her learning behaviours, which has inspired others around her to do
	the same.
Lincoln	For Improving – Lincoln has shown resilience and understanding this week when
	discussing a tricky situation. He has also been a helpful classroom helper.
Sofia	For inspiring: Sofia wrote a fantastic story with interesting twists that led to a
	great moral being told! She read with great prosody and courage to the class.
Lylah	This week, Lylah has worked well when given constructive feedback from adults
	and peers. She tweaked her handwriting after a couple of reminders and took
	advice from Mrs. Medcalf about her new play leaders' role!
	Demi Penelope Lily Alyssa Lincoln Sofia





TAMESIDE LOCAL OFFER OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Here are some useful websites and areas on the Tameside Offer for children and young people.



www.gotogrowtameside.co.uk



Actively feeding the minds of tomorrow.

The Fuel4Fun programme offers free holiday club places to young people on benefit related free school meals. On our camps children can enjoy fun activities, take part in creative and physical challenges, alongside enjoying a free nutritious meal each day.





www.fuel4fun.co.uk

Other information is available at

www.tameside.gov.uk/Early-Help/parent-carer



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Friday 9th May

Our VE Day afternoon tea menu

Crustless sandwiches

Cheese roll and sausage roll

Crisps

Veg sticks and dip

Victoria Sponge

Shortbread and

Ice-cream

This will be the only option on this day. Children will get all choices. Please select the sandwich option on Arbor if you would like to order.