

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Attendance

| Days off school add to lost learning | | | | | |
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| 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 **93%**

| Class | Average | Class | Average |
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| Nursery | 96% | Year 3 | 90% |
| Reception | 99% | Year 4 | 91% |
| Year 1 | 95% | Year 5 | 92% |
| Year 2 | 93% | Year 6 | 88% |

Reminder

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

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.

Calendar dates

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| Year 6 Leavers assembly | Friday 25 th July | 9-10am | Year 6 parents welcome 3 people per family |
| Goodbye assembly | Friday 25 th July | 2.45pm | Any parents who would like to attend. |

Another Goodbye

Mr Evans has worked at Discovery since Feb 2018 and has now decided to retire from his role as Caretaker. I am sure you will all miss Mr Evans' (bad) jokes and huge smile each morning and afternoon just as much as the staff will. Always smiling and never frowning is the way he will be remembered.

Thank you Mr Evans for all you have done for the community of Discovery Academy and we wish you well in your retirement.

Goodbye Assembly

We would like to hold a goodbye assembly at 2:45 on Friday 25th July to say goodbye to Mr Walsh, Mrs Wong and Mr Evans. We would welcome any parents who would like to attend.

Mr Tranter and Miss Thompson

Mr Tranter and Miss Thompson will be visiting school on Tuesday 22nd July and will spend some time with the children in Year 1 and Year 4.

September calendar dates

| INSET day | Tuesday 2 nd September Wednesday 3 rd September | | Children NOT in school |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Monday 8 th September | 9am | Year 6 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Tuesday 9 th September | 9am | Year 5 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Tuesday 9 th September | 2.45pm | Year 1 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Wednesday 10 th September | 2.45pm | Year 2 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Thursday 11 th September | 2.45pm | Year 3 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Friday 12 th September | 2.45pm | Year 4 |
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| Meet the teacher meeting | Monday 15 th September | 2.45pm | Reception |

SPORT FIRST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Sport First our sports providers have 2 camps upcoming this summer - and you can use discount code UEW439 for being part of a Sport First partner school!

Camp 1: 4 full weeks of football, multi-sports, dance & crafts at GRESWELL PRIMARY, running 4 different themed weeks, offering something for everyone

Camp 2: 7 completely different individual themed Soccer Special days at DENTON YOUTH! For all the football lovers, a mixture of intense sessions, fun challenges and presentation to finish each day, working in specific groups (including girls) with their very own coach.

Each camp offers something for parents as well, extended hours available, sibling discount and the guarantee their child will be active, social and having fun in a safe environment'

Links:

<https://sportfirstcoaching-sessions.classforkids.io/>

&

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DLsGjakov1L/?igsh=MWhxdnZxdW9jYTVyeg==>

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Thank you to all the parents who take the health and safety of people using the school premises seriously.

Just a few reminders that we expect parents to monitor and follow:

- **Children MUST push their bike or scooter when they enter the school grounds.**
- **Children MUST NOT play or walk on the grass slopes/banking at any time.**
- **Adults MUST NOT walk on the grass slopes or banking at any time.**

It is vitally important that adults supervise the children at the beginning and end of the day and do not let children run off in front of them.

Thank you

Teaching teams next year

We have now recruited two new teachers for next year. We will have two new teachers joining us: Miss Thompson and Mr Tranter. We are currently negotiating a time when they can visit school and meet their class.

| | Teacher | Teaching assistant |
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| Nursery | Mrs Kirkbride | Mrs Qualters, Mrs Gardner, Miss Bentley-Dawson |
| Reception | Mrs Shenton | Mrs Lamb |
| Year 1 | Mrs Stokes | Mrs Wood |
| Year 2 | Miss Thompson | Miss Slinger |
| Year 3 | Miss Crosby | Mrs Harrison, Miss Hoque |
| Year 4 | Mr Tranter | Miss McBain |
| Year 5 | Mrs Parkinson | Miss Goodson |
| Year 6 | Mr Roberts | Mrs Medcalf |

Well being award

As a school, we value wellbeing extremely highly and we are currently improving our offer to children, staff and stakeholders even further by working with Optimus Education to achieve a wellbeing award. We would appreciate your feedback as parents by completing the following survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TWg50vSMQh>

Here is an overview of our wellbeing charter.

We aim to ensure that our academy:



Breakfast Club & After School Club – Important Changes

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

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

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. This would be recorded as a safeguarding concern.**

Please note from September 2025 there will be a change to our After School Club hours.
The new times will be –

2:45 - 3:15 Nursery session only £5 per session

3:15 - 4:15 £6 per session

3:15 - 5:15 £10 per session

3:15 - 5:45 £12 per session

Our last session will finish at 5:45pm, any parents collecting after this time will incur a £10 late fee per child.

Breakfast Club, After School Club, Sports clubs and Nursery extended hours – PAYMENTS

All clubs **MUST** be paid in advance. Debt can not be accrued as we do not offer a credit agreement.

If children are not booked on to Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club in Arbor, then staff have now been instructed to refuse entry. It is the parents responsibility to book a place for your child. The admin and financial impact of not booking and not paying in advance is no longer sustainable and if parents do not follow these processes which have now been in place for a number of weeks, we will have no choice but to withdraw your permissions to use the service.

The debt and debt recovery impacts on cash flow, which in turn impacts the schools ability to manage budget and provide some additional curriculum experience and resources.

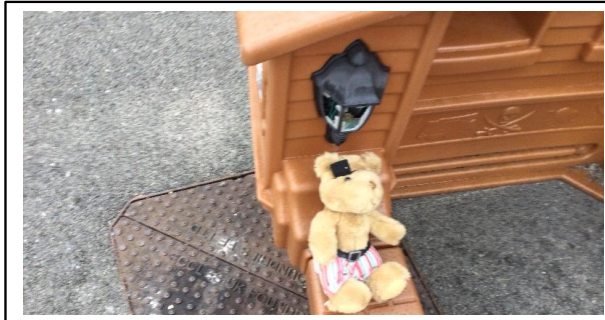
After School Club phone

For emergency use only: 07780 208 909

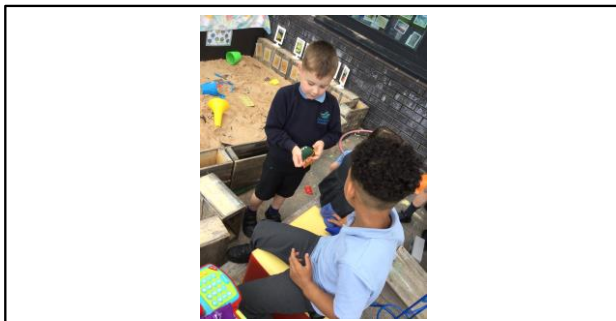
EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



In Nursery we had a boat race. We tested which materials floated and evaluated the materials we used.



Nursery have been very kind this week. We helped Pirate Peg leg to find his special teddy Bear. We made maps and telescopes for the adventure.



Reception have used loose parts to create their own roleplay scenes. This week they have built a sweet shop selling 'bean bag sweets' for 'five pounds'.



Reception have loved learning the dance moves and words to The Blossoms, 'I like your look' this term!

KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 worked in teams in Science this week to label the structure of different animals and compare them.



Year 1 have been making times on their clocks this week and learning that there are 60 seconds in one minute and 60 minutes in a whole hour.



Year 2 have been conducting some research on fresh vegetables. We felt them, smelt them, and tasted them. We are looking forward to doing some cooking next week.



Year 2 enjoyed PE outside this week. They made the most of the nice weather and worked hard together playing team games.

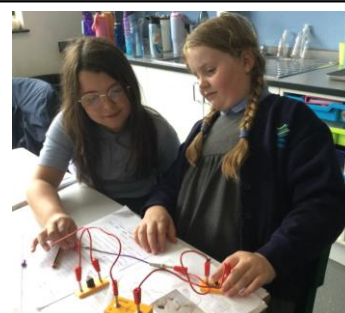
LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 have begun to look at MORERAP poems as part of our poetry appreciation work.



We wrote positivity post it notes for each other to fill our buckets up and to remind ourselves of the positives that we can sometime forget.



We have made circuits and tried different materials, classifying them into the insulators and conductors.

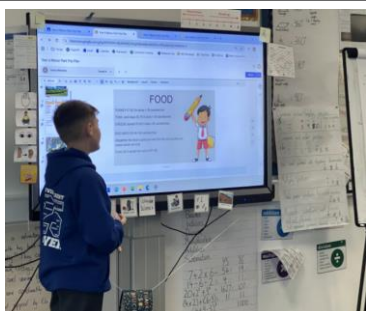
UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



In Year 5 we have completed the make part of our DT project ensuring we have met the design brief. We designed a river crossing which would allow larger vessels to travel



We have also been recapping our Geography learning about the countries which make up the United Kingdom and accessing our prior knowledge to answer questions and quizzes.



This week, Year 6 have been planning their trip to Manor Park this week! They organised travel, food, games and have planned the route via train.



We have also been polishing and preparing our end of year assembly. The singing, dancing, speaking, and performing is really coming together and the children

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.

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| Nursery | Parker | For using his cutlery to get the best out of his jacket potato |
| Reception | Harlym | For being confident in going out on the playground again |
| Year 1 | Lucas | For always being a superb friend and being kind |
| Year 2 | Lennie | For always being kind and polite |
| Year 3 | Harley | For always being polite and kind |
| Year 4 | Felicity | For always being kind, polite and caring |
| Year 5 | Raiyan | For lovely manners with our lunchtime staff |
| Year 6 | Macie-Leigh | For helping to organise the younger children and being kind |

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 | Nova | For Achieving: Nova designed a super detailed map to help pirate Peg Leg find his lost teddy. |
| Reception | Jaxson | For Achieving and Inspiring: He is always trying his best with great enthusiasm in all of his learning |
| Year 1 | Mia-Leigh | For Achieving: This week Mia has written a super, yucky recipe for a disgusting sandwich using superb adjectives and punctuation. |
| Year 2 | Olivia | For Achieving and Improving – Olivia has blown us away with her writing this week. She wrote a great non-chronological report. She has listened well in guided reading and shown great focus. Well done Olivia. |
| Year 3 | Harley | For Improving- Harley has been making improvements to his vocabulary and writing speed in English, which has made his work a joy to read. |
| Year 4 | Maxwell | For Discovering – Maxwell has been very curious in his learning this week. He had finished his Science work with circuits and asked if he could continue. I, of course, agreed and he began trying to think out of the box to find new materials to include in his circuit. |
| Year 5 | Addison | For Achieving and Inspiring: Addison showed great resilience and mathematical knowledge when converting different units of measure. |
| Year 6 | Libby | For Achieving and Improving – This week, Libby has thrown herself into her production practice. She is pushing herself out of her comfort zone and is determined to make everyone proud with her performance! |

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 | Gracie | Gracie has been a superstar this week. Gracie is always kind and helped her friends to complete jigsaws and tidy them away carefully. |
| Reception | Freddy | For Improving: Freddy is getting better at independent play learning with his friends in class. We love that he is trying to build his friendships! |
| Year 1 | Ralphie-Michael | For Caring: Every week Ralphie does an amazing job of looking after our outdoor play equipment. He makes sure it is all put away safely in the outside box and checks that nothing has gone missing. |
| Year 2 | Tairah | Tairah has shown great determination all half term, she has been kind, caring and shows empathy to others. Not only that she has been more open about telling us how she feels and accepting support when she needs it. |
| Year 3 | Year 3 | Year 3 were really inspired by our well-being assemblies this week and have been writing positivity post-it notes for their friends and teachers. |
| Year 4 | Eryk | Eryk got upset this week at something in the classroom. He was able to then regulate himself and continue with the lessons and learn from this experience. |
| Year 5 | Maisie F | For being kind, thoughtful and caring towards both your friends and teachers. Maisie always checks in with how we are doing and works hard to look after her own well being as well as positively impacting the well being of those around her. |
| Year 6 | Harriet | This week, following some tears in the classroom about leaving primary school, Harriet was the first to check in with her friends and make sure others were doing okay. Harriet has also been working on her resilience these past few weeks when working through some issues in her friendship group! Keep it up Harriet! |

After school club Child of the week.

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| EYFS & KS1 | Diego – Year 1 | Diego is kind to others and is always happy and smiling. You are a super role model - well done! |
| KS2 | Leo – Year 3 | Leo has shown maturity and good mediation skills over the last couple of weeks in ASC. |