

DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Attendance and absence

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%

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.

This week's attendance is **92%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	82%	Year 3	86%
Reception	95%	Year 4	92%
Year 1	93%	Year 5	98%
Year 2	90%	Year 6	98%

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



Please can we ask all parents to make choices on Arbor with the children ensuring it is something they like.

Next week is week 1.



EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



Nursery enjoyed seeing so many parents at our Christmas craft morning. We had lots of fun decorating and colouring our baubles.



Nursery have been helping Santa get ready for Christmas. We looked after the reindeers and packed his bag for the big day.



Reception were amazing in their performance of Whoops a Daisy Angel! We are sure you agree that the narrators did a great job with help from Mrs Lamb.



Reception have enjoyed construction their own cars with ~~Mobilo~~ Mobilo. They used a ramp to test which one was the fastest and drew their own racing track.

KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 have been studying an aerial photo this week to spot the human features of London.



Year 1 have made wind socks in Science this week to measure the strength and direction of the wind.

Whoosh!



Year 2 explored the suitability of materials when designing a raincoat, showing great teamwork throughout the investigation discussing which properties made them waterproof or absorbent.



This week, Year 2 have been working confidently to sort and identify the features of texts including, fiction, non-fiction and poetry.



LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 explored which metals are magnetic and which aren't using our bar magnets in science this week.



Year 3 really enjoyed our craft morning and loved how many parents were able to come and spend the morning with us.



In DT, we have made our cam toys based on animals from the Amazon Rainforest. We had to saw the dowels and glue the axle together.



On Thursday Morning we enjoyed our parents coming in to complete some Christmas crafts together.

UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



In Geography, Year 5 conducted further research on rivers. We designed and made a poster showcasing our findings.



Year 5 literally blew Mrs Parkinson away by playing Jingle Bells on the cornet. The progress they have made has been amazing.



In Geography, after looking at what climate change is and what impact it is having, we discussed who is responsible for 'fixing' the problem.



In Dance this week, we had a look at choreography and how we can perform a dance with synchronisation and discussed how it looks to others.

Breakfast and After School Club Reminders

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

Cut off for a weekly breakfast club booking	4am each Monday	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
Cut off for After School club bookings	10:45 am each day	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
Late booking fee	£2 per child, per session for both breakfast and after school club.	This charge will apply for each session where the admin team / school office are required to make your booking for you.
Late pick up charge	£10	

All late booking and pick up fees will be added to your child's Arbor account via invoice. Invoices will require payment within 7 days. Where there is a credit balance on your account the invoice will automatically deduct the amount owed and pay the invoice automatically.

SENCO drop in

Thursday 22nd January - 2pm - 3:15 - OKE will be coming to Discovery Academy - all parents are invited to drop in and find out more about the work of Our Kids Eyes, a parent led charity who offer support, information and activities to families who have children with special needs/disabilities and other support that is available for families

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	Matilda	For always being polite and eating all her lunch. She often shows a love of reading by picking a book after eating.
Reception	Thomas	For eating all of his dinners and playing well with others
Year 1	Aariz	For being kind and playing nicely with others
Year 2	Diego	For helping to put the equipment away after playtime
Year 3	Lily	For being kind by helping her friends at lunchtime in the hall
Year 4	Jacob	For caring and inspiring, Jacob decided to be a referee during a basketball game at lunchtime because the sides were not even. Then played a fantastic game when others joined.
Year 5	Tobias	For being kind, polite and always helping his friend
Year 6	Sofia	For always being polite and kind

Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Bridget – Year 6	For always having your creative and wonderful dinner choices
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After school club Child of the week.

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EYFS & KS1	Tommy – Year 1	Tommy makes good choices in ASC and is kind to his friends.
KS2	Darcey – Year 5	Darcey is kind, gentle and caring towards others during ASC.

After School Club phone

For emergency use only: **07780 208 909**

Sports star



Each week our Sports first coaches will pick a star from their PE lessons.



KS1	Harley – Year 2	For exceptional work together, supporting one another in activities and with those who needed help
LKS2	Lily – Year 3	For great use of skills and supportive of her team in game scenarios
UKS2	Calvin – Year 5	For great use of skills learnt in past weeks and being a great team player

CHILD OF THE WEEK

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Nursery	Nursery	For inspiring. Everyone used a big voice in the nativity and joined in with all the songs. You all did a fantastic job and should be proud of yourselves.
Reception	Aria	For improving, achieving and caring! Aria did a great job of being a narrator in our Nativity performance, she also helped to remind her friends of their lines too!
Year 1	Gene	For Inspiring: This week Gene has created a very inspiring Christmas card with a moving mechanism. It has been well thought out, well made and certainly meets all the targets on our design brief.
Year 2	Harley	For being an absolute superstar in all areas of school life this week. Your effort and enthusiasm have been outstanding, and you have truly shone during our Christmas concert practices! You have set a brilliant example for others. Well done Harley!
Year 3	Ellie Ann	For Improving- Ellie-Ann has been engaging well in Maths lessons and has been completing her home learning tasks to review her new knowledge. Keep it up Ellie-Ann!
Year 4	Alyssa	For Inspiring: Alyssa is an inspiring role model to all of her peers. She comes in ready to learn, try her best and always has a beautiful smile on her face.
Year 5	Calvin	For showing all values – Calvin has had a fantastic week, not only is he trying really hard with his handwriting and presentation, he has been kind and caring too. Other members of staff have also commented on Calvin's positive behaviour this week. Well done Calvin!
Year 6	Rowyn	For achieving and inspiring – This week, when feeling confident with her Maths work, Rowyn stepped up and supported some of her peers with a tricky question, and even noticed a mistake in her own work. Great work Rowyn!

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	Osman	For showing our caring value. Osman was really kind outdoors and shared Santa's sleigh he had made with the other children.
Reception	Albie	For resilience and a mature attitude. Albie has joined in with some year one learning this week and he has shown that he can adapt to changes in his routine.
Year 1	Kayetan	For caring: Kayetan has welcomed back his friend in Year 1, who has been away from school, with open arms. He has helped him slip back into daily school life with a supportive smile and a calming attitude.
Year 2	Kaylan	For the way show your caring value every day. You have been an excellent teammate, supporting your friends during our science experiment and beyond. Well done, Kaylan!
Year 3	Lennie	Lennie is a fantastic friend and is always supportive of other children in the classroom. He also has a great attitude to every learning experience!
Year 4	Noah G	For Discovering and Caring: This week, Noah has shown remarkable perseverance and a positive spirit whilst struggling with a sore eye. You have worked so hard, kept smiling through challenges even when it is aching.
Year 5	Ava-Rae	Ava-Rae has been showing the caring value this week but also showing so much determination in class. She has complimented the choir on their fantastic singing and worked so hard with her handwriting. Well done Ava-Rae.
Year 6	India	This week, India has been a good friend in class. She has offered ideas to support other's learning and has been kind and caring in the classroom. Keep it up India, it is great to see.

December calendar dates

KS2 Church performance	Monday 15 th December	9.30am – Year 5 and 6 10.45am – Year 3 and 4	Year 3,4,5 and 6 parents
KS1 Christmas Performance	Tuesday 16 th December	2pm	Year 1 and 2 parents
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 18 th December	Lunch time	Whole school
Last Day – Party day	Friday 19 th December	All day	Whole school Own clothes

January and February calendar dates

Come and Read - Nursery	Wednesday 14 th Jan	9:00 – 9:15	Nursery Parents
Come and Read – Reception	Wednesday 14 th Jan	2:45 – 3:15pm	Reception parents
Come and Read - Year 1	Wednesday 21 st Jan	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 1 parents
PTFA colouring competition opens	Monday 26 th Jan	3:00pm	Whole school
Come and Read - Year 2	Wednesday 28 th Jan	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 2 Parents
Come and Read – Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 4 th Feb	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 3 and 4 parents
PTFA colouring competition deadline	Friday 6 th February	9:00 am	Whole school
Come and Read – Year 5 and 6	Wednesday 11 th Feb	2:45 – 3:15pm	Year 5 and 6 parents
PTFA Valentine Tuck Shop	Friday 13 th Feb	3:15 – 4:00pm	Whole school