

# DISCOVERY ACADEMY NEWS

Hello everyone,

My name is Miss Fitzgerald and I have joined Discovery as the new Pastoral and Wellbeing mentor. I have almost 10 years' experience of working closely with parents and families, including 3 years with Targeted Family Help. During this time, I have supported families with a range of different interventions including emotional wellbeing, confidence and self-esteem, building positive relationships, parenting support and managing finances.

I'm passionate about making sure that children, young people and their families feel supported, listened too and understood. My aim is to offer a friendly ear, guidance and reassurance whenever it is needed. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and finding ways that we can work together to promote positive wellbeing, great relationships and help make school and home a happy and supportive place for everyone.



Please feel free to reach out or pop in to see me- I am looking forward to meeting you all 😊

## 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](mailto: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 **82%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	76%	Year 3	70%
Reception	93%	Year 4	87%
Year 1	85%	Year 5	83%
Year 2	79%	Year 6	81%

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

## EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



Nursery have been using the props to re-tell the story 'The Nativity' together to make a rainbow.



Nursery have been getting ready for Christmas. Santa and his elves have been busy in the workshop getting ready to deliver all his presents.



Reception have been challenging themselves in their independent learning. The children love Maths and Numberblocks so much, they have been drawing their own!



Reception have been busy practising their fine motor skills, to help their fingers get ready to do super writing.

## KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 created an advent wreath in RE this week as we start the countdown to Christmas. They expressed the meaning of each candle using their art skills.



This week in Geography, Year 1 learnt the names of all the capital cities of the United Kingdom. They even learnt what each flag looks like.



In DT, Year 2 have been hard at work bringing their designs to life! After carefully planning and sketching their ideas, the children began sewing their textile projects.



This week, Year 2 planned and wrote their very own postcards inspired by *Meerkat Christmas*, making sure to include all the key features.



## LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 used all of their new DT knowledge in our Bakery Day and produced some excellent loaves of bread that would be perfect for a balanced breakfast.



Year 3 have explored how the land is used in different ways in Hattersley and created a colour map to show the different uses.



In English, Year 4 have researched all about plastic pollution to help us complete our explanation text.



In PE, Year 4 have been showing off our balancing skills using different pieces of apparatus.

## UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



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



Year 5 had fun on the laptops this week. We finished some of our Science learning with a Kahoot quiz on the solar system.



In English, Year 6 have begun writing a persuasive letter to Mr. Scrooge, asking him to bring back Christmas Spirit to Victorian England.



In Science, Year 6 have been looking at exercise and how it supports our bodies and minds. We also checked how it impacts our pulse after moving around.

## 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.**

<b>Cut off for a weekly breakfast club booking</b>	4am each Monday	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
<b>Cut off for After School club bookings</b>	10:45 am each day	Any bookings not made before the cut off times will now incur the £2 charge per child, per session.
<b>Late booking fee</b>	£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.
<b>Late pick up charge</b>	£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

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 2:45 - 3:15pm** - During this time, Mrs Mayers will be providing information about emotion coaching, the zones of regulation and 5-point scales and mindfulness - tools she hopes will be useful, especially over the upcoming holidays. All parents are welcome to drop in and find out more.

If you are unable to attend the drop in, but would like the information, please email Mrs Mayers and she will send it to you [jmayers@discovery.victoriousmat.org](mailto:jmayers@discovery.victoriousmat.org)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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



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

**Next week is week 3.**

### 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	Matthias	For always playing nicely with others and being polite
Reception	Amelia	For eating all her lunch and playing nicely
Year 1	Kyan	For excellent manners at lunchtime
Year 2	Mia-Leigh	For helping a friend when they slipped
Year 3	Jonah	For excellent manners and eating
Year 4	Joshua	For being polite, caring and very helpful
Year 5	Ryan	For always being polite and drawing some great pictures during wet play
Year 6	Molly	For helping to organise some great games for the younger children

### Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff

Luke – Year 4	For having great manners from your first day, you're a joy to serve!
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### 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	Teddy – Year 2	Teddy has made good choices this week in ASC. He is a great team player during football.
KS2	Jenson – Year 5	Jenson has lovely manners; he has a mature attitude and is always kind to others.

### 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.



<b>KS1</b>	Kaison – Year 2	For brilliant use of listening skills and transferring skills from previous weeks
<b>LKS2</b>	Odosa – Year 3	For good use of fundamental skills and working well in small groups
<b>UKS2</b>	Alice – Year 6	For great use of advanced skills in a new sport & working well in game scenarios

### CHILD OF THE WEEK

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Nursery	Otis	For improving. Otis sequenced the pictures to re-tell the story 'The Nativity'. He acted out the story in the small world and confidently recalled what happened.
Reception	Finley	For improving his fine motor skills and persevering with cutting out shapes.
Year 1	Freddy	For Inspiring: Freddy has been an absolute inspiration in our singing rehearsals. His voice is loud and proud and he knows all the actions to every song.
Year 2	Ellie	For inspiring us all with your fantastic enthusiasm during our Christmas concert rehearsals. You always try your very best, joining in with all the actions and singing with a beautiful, confident voice. What a wonderful role model for the class – well done!
Year 3	Caleb	For Improving- Caleb has been focussing on his letter formation and has been taking pride in his English work. Keep it up Caleb!
Year 4	Oliver	For Inspiring: This week, Oliver has been a team player. He has completed his own work and then kindly inspired others to help them complete their work. He has acted as a super role model with his work.
Year 5	Bobbie-George	For improving and achieving – Bobbie-George is showing great determination in class. He is working hard on fractions and asking for help when he needs it. Well done Bobbie-George!
Year 6	Kaya	For improving and achieving – This week, Kaya has been applying herself to all of her learning and is raising to the challenge. She is working through complex calculations with care ensure she has not forgot any steps.

### 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	Helena	Helena has shown our caring value this week. Helena has helped her friends in the writing area to write their names. She has been a good friend and always listens and helps.
Reception	Matilda	For being kind to her friends and always making her teachers smile.
Year 1	Jaxson	For caring: Jaxson is an excellent table monitor and always makes sure the equipment is well looked after and tidied away after each lesson.
Year 2	Timothy	For showing our Caring value by always being polite, helpful and thoughtful. You consistently use beautiful manners, offer help to adults and friends, and set a brilliant example for the whole class. Well done, Timothy!
Year 3	Lily	Lily regularly shows the caring value, supporting others to get ready for lessons, giving out resources and being a ray of sunshine in every lesson.
Year 4	Sebby	For Caring: This week, Name has shown excellent kindness towards her class peers and adults. He has took inspiration from lighting up the world and spread his kindness throughout school.
Year 5	Tommy	Tommy has been a good talk partner this week, he worked really hard with his partner in Geography and listened to others. Well done Tommy.
Year 6	Dolly	This week, Dolly has come across a tricky situation and spoke to an adult about it. She offered a solution first, then listen to advice from others. Keep it up Dolly!



### December calendar dates

EYFS Christmas Performance	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9:15 am	EYFS Parents
SEND drop in session with Mrs Mayer	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	2:45	Drop in
Christmas Crafts Morning	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9 am	Whole school Parents invited
KS2 Church performance	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Year 1 and 2 parents
Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch time	Whole school
Last Day – Party day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Whole school Own clothes

### January and February calendar dates

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