



# 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@victoriusacademies.org](mailto:infodiscoveryhyde@victoriusacademies.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 **93%**

Class	Average	Class	Average
Nursery	91%	Year 3	92%
Reception	93%	Year 4	97%
Year 1	96%	Year 5	95%
Year 2	86%	Year 6	95%

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

## Parent drop in

Miss Fitzgerald is launching weekly parent drop in sessions from 15<sup>th</sup> January. The relaxed, informal sessions will take place every Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm.

Parents are welcome to pop in – no appointment needed -for a friendly chat about anything that matters to you, including parenting, supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, your own wellbeing finances or any other support you may need.

## EYFS WEEK IN PICTURES



This week Nursery have been talking about winter. We talked about the changes in the weather and described how the snow felt.



In Nursery we have been exploring the Numicon and cubes in maths. We looked at the Numicon shapes and used the cubes to represent the same amount.



Reception built houses with the outdoor bricks. Ms Shenton showed us how to build the bricks in a pattern like the school walls



Reception went on a winter wellie walk. We looked for signs of winter and stomped our feet on the hard ground. We saw the sheep and horses in the farmers field.

## KS1 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 1 had a special visitor this week who brought a gift for us. A whole basket of his favourite marmalade sandwiches. Yum yum!



Year 1's DT started this week with a kite problem. We thought about why Paddington's kite had been broken and how we could help him find a better place to fly it.



In PE, Year 2 have been developing their throwing and catching skills. They improved their control and accuracy, showing good focus and perseverance.



Year 2 have learnt about human rights. We talked about why everyone has the right to be safe, listened to, cared for, and shared thoughtful ideas about how we can respect all.



## LKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



Year 3 have explored artefacts and vocabulary to support us in our learning of The Stone Age. We have started reading The Stone Age Boy in English too!

Year 3 have been exploring the 4 times table. They represented their answers in a bar model and used counters to prove that they were correct.



In English, we worked together to solve a jigsaw and then had to infer what the puzzle actually made linking to our Myths and Legends topic.

In History, we looked at different artefacts from the Ancient Greeks and made predictions on what they were.

## UKS2 WEEK IN PICTURES



In Art, we have been explored different types of media and how they can be used to create different effects.

Year 5 have started looking at the Vikings this half term. We started by looking at a timeline. We discussed things that we think we already know about the Vikings.



In English, we began by looking at the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We explored how we would feel if we had to pack up our belonging and leave at short notice.

In History, Year 6 are looking at: What made Baghdad a beacon of education during the 9th and 10th Century? We opened a letter from a scholar from the House of Wisdom and explored some exciting resources they provided!

## 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

**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



**Victorious Catering**  
Fuelling young minds

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

**Next week is week 2.**

## 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	Hezekiah	For always playing nicely with others and being polite
Reception	Matilda	For always being ready and following instructions to get to lunch on time
Year 1	Casper	For using his manners and standing nicely in the line
Year 2	Esme	For inviting another friend to join in when they were feeling sad
Year 3	Henry	For having lovely table manners and making good choices
Year 4	Cem	For always being polite and making an excellent captain in basketball at playtime.
Year 5	Brodie	For being kind and a good friend
Year 6	Addison	For always having lovely manners

## **Mealtime Megastar as chosen by the kitchen staff**

Reception	For being amazing after the Christmas half term when things aren't your normal routine at lunchtime
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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	Helena – Nursery	Helena always makes good choices in ASC and is a kind friend to others.
KS2	Nicholas – Year 4	Nicholas is always kind and polite and has lovely manners.

## 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>EYFS</b>	Gracie	For great listening skills and instruction following
<b>KS1</b>	Darcey	For much improved instruction following and supporting others
<b>LKS2</b>	Dray and Alana – Year 4	For brilliant cooperation and teamwork when working in pairs
<b>UKS2</b>	Addison	For good resilience and instruction following in tasks

### **CHILD OF THE WEEK**

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Nursery	Harlo	For improving. Harlo worked hard in maths this week and was able to subitise the number 3 when shown in different ways!
Reception	Tommy H	For achieving. Tommy challenged himself in his independent learning by making up a maths game with his friend.
Year 1	Demi	For achieving: This week Demi used her Science knowledge in a DT lesson. She was able to give advice to Paddington Bear on the best weather conditions to fly his kite so it wouldn't break.
Year 2	Lucas	For showing fantastic effort and determination when returning to school. You have settled back into routines so well, approached your learning with a positive attitude and tried your very best in every lesson. Well done, Lucas!
Year 3	Kari	For Discovering- Kari has joined Discovery Academy with a fantastic attitude towards learning and has been joining in with all out activities confidently.
Year 4	Noah Ba	For Discovering and Caring: Noah has adapted to his new school really well and follows all the routines. He comes in ready to learn, tries his best and is willing to discover new ideas.
Year 5	Nancy	For showing all values – Nancy started Year 5 this week and has settled into the new routines really well. She is already showing us what an asset she is to Year 5. Welcome to Year 5 and Discovery Academy Nancy.
Year 6	Alice	For achieving and discovering – This week, Alice has been a great person to have a discussion with in class. She has shared her ideas well and built on the ideas of other brilliantly. Keep it up Alice.

### **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	Harper	For coming into Nursery each day with a big smile on her face. Harper has settled really well and already making lots of friends in her first week.
Reception	Aria	For always being smiley and positive and a kind friend to others.
Year 1	Etiosa	For improving: Etiosa has been tasting new flavours and giving new foods a chance at lunchtimes this week. He even tasted a marmalade sandwich from Paddington Bear.
Year 2	Teddy	For showing exceptional kindness and empathy by supporting a friend when they were feeling upset. You listened carefully, offered reassurance and helped your friend feel calm and safe again. Your caring actions show our class values beautifully and make our classroom a happier place to be – well done!
Year 3	Kai-Luca	Kai-Luca has been speaking more openly about his feelings in the classroom and this has allowed him to make positive choices to support his well-being.
Year 4	Elliot	For Caring: Elliot is always being kind, polite, and respectful to everyone around school. Your actions show care for others and make school a happy and welcoming place.
Year 5	Emily	Emily has really helped the new member of our class this week. She has really made her feel welcome. It has been lovely to see Emily modelling our values. Well done Emily.
Year 6	Nieve	This week, Nieve has settled back into Spring 1 amazingly and has worked well to understand the changes in class. She has asked an adult if she has been unsure about anything so she can hit the ground running this term!



### 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