



Newsletter

Friday 20th September 2024

Term 1

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the children on their positive return to school. All of the children have settled back into school life very well and have started the school year in a really positive way. It has also been lovely, welcoming our new Reception children and their parents to The Discovery School.

It has been great seeing so many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' events – hopefully you found them to be informative and a good introduction to the year ahead.

There is lots to look forward to in the coming weeks and months – Christmas will be here before we know it...

Have a lovely weekend everyone!



Kind regards,

T. Gobell



Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



Attendance

No doubt you will have seen much reporting in the national media regarding the Government's drive to improve school attendance. The Department for Education continues to make good school attendance a priority, with schools expected to take ever more robust steps to reduce absence levels, including issuing Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) for continuously condoned parental absence and the taking of holidays during term-time. Attendance at The Discovery School has always been high, which is something to be celebrated, but we will continue to do all we can to improve this where we can.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2024/25: 96.57%

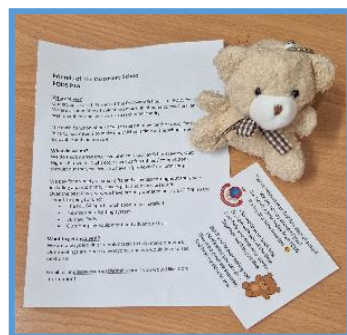
Best Class Attendance:

Well done Gilbert Class (week ending 13th September 2024) - 100%

Well done Berners Lee Class and Seacole Class (week ending 20th September 2024) – 99.7%

WELCOME

We would like to say a big "hello and welcome" to our new children who started at The Discovery School this month. We are very happy to welcome you and your families to The Discovery School.



Take a look at the cute gifts that were given to all of our new Year R children, when they started school – a gift from our FODS (PTA)!



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Super Star Corner

Well done to Lottie Kemp in Jackson Class, who has been offered a place as a Junior Associate at Central School of Ballet in London, which she will begin in October. Lottie has also successfully auditioned for the pantomime 'Cinderella' at The Hazlitt Theatre this Christmas.



A very special mention to Hermione who completed FIVE INTEREST BADGES this summer

Well done to Hermione Marshman in Seacole Class who worked really hard over the summer holidays, completing five of her Brownie Interest Badges.

Well done to Max Weatherstone who successfully completed his next level grading in Taekwondo and got a yellow and white stripe belt!



Goodbye and Good Luck

As you may be aware, since March, Mrs. Hind has been on maternity leave with her first baby. Mrs. Hind has now decided that she will not be returning to school when her maternity leave ends, preferring instead to stay at home with baby Ashton until he is older.

We also say farewell to Mrs. Halsey, our Deputy Lead Lunchtime Supervisor. We will miss them both and wish them every happiness for the future.



Parking and the Drop-Off Zone

Please can we remind parents not to park in the Drop-off Zone whilst waiting for the school gates to open. We have a number of before school activities that parents need to safely deliver their children to, as well as parents wishing to drop their children off, who cannot if the Drop-off Zone is being used for parking. With the new parking restrictions outside of the school grounds, it is more important than ever that the Drop-off Zone is kept free flowing. If you wish to park and wait for the gates to open, please use the designated parking bays or park outside of the school grounds and walk.

When parking outside of the school grounds, please be mindful not to obstruct private driveways.



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for Term 1. A full list of dates for the full year has been emailed to all parents and carers. Please contact the school office if you have not received this.

- 30th September – School photographs
- 1st October – School photographs
- 7th October – New Entrants Tour
- 16th October – New Entrants Tour
- 17th October – Kent Test results day
- 21st October - FODS Halloween Raffle
- 25th October – End of Term 1
- 4th November – Start of term 2

Super Star Corner



Well done to Elsie Gadsdon, who recently completed a 5k colour run - raising £105 for The Wisdom Hospice! Brilliant news Elsie!

Congratulations to Dr Wilce-Cordner who collected her PhD this week at Canturbury Cathedral!



Super Star Corner

Well done to Freddie Cranmer in Jackson Class who was recently in three performances of 'Strictly Rhythm' with the Italia Conti Performing Arts School. Freddie was also awarded the 'certificate of appreciation' for his hip hop class, for always coming to class with a smile and the huge improvements he has made over the last academic year!



Well done to Deacon Harvey in Thunberg Class who won the Parents' Player award for his match against Hollands and Blaire – Deacon's team won 5-0!





Green Flag Award

Huge congratulations to our School Eco-Council, which has once again been awarded Green Flag status. Achieving the Green Flag is the highest accolade which can be achieved, so we are extremely proud of the children – and Mrs. Chapman who works so hard in helping the children!

Value Points

All of the children have been working hard to uphold our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Friendship and Respect. In week one, all of the houses shared first place together!

Winning House (week ending 6th September
– Peridot House 😊

Winning House (week ending 13th September
– Citrine House 😊

Winning House (week ending 20th September
– Peridot House 😊

Super Star Corner

Well done to Halli Adcock in Seacole Class, who recently completed the summer reading challenge 'Marvellous Makers' over the summer holidays. A great job Halli!



Well done to Oscar Robertson who won 1st place in three golf tournaments during the summer holidays - Kent Invicta 10s, Kent Futures and U.S Kids Golf.



Well done to Oscar Mcguigan in Jemison Class who recently attended the Canterbury Dance Competition. Oscar performed really well, achieving 2nd place in his Tap, Song and Dance solos. Oscar also recently attended the IDTA Musical Theatre Awards Final, with his team becoming overall champions for the UK.



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