



May 2024

Newsletter

Term 5



We hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend with your children – even though the weather was a little variable!

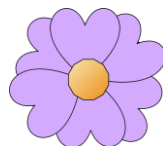
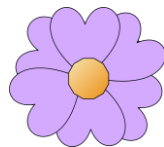
Since the last newsletter, there has been lots of activity in school: curriculum workshops, dress up days, class assemblies and much more. As we head into May, we start our busy assessment period. The children have all been working hard and I've no doubt they will all strive to be the best they can be.

We have welcomed four new teachers to our school, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Wood, Mrs. Price and Ms. Dunne and seen three of our teachers begin their maternity leave.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs. Hind gave birth to her first baby on 13th April. Baby Ashton arrived, weighing a healthy 7lb 3oz. Mrs. Hind was joined by Mrs. Repsch, who gave birth to a little girl, Layla, on 1st May. We send them both our very best wishes and huge congratulations!

Kind regards,

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



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Attendance

There has been much in the media recently about the Government's drive to improve school attendance. National attendance levels are low (93%) and have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. As such, the Department for Education (DfE) is focusing on ensuring that schools do all they can to address individual cases of low attendance. As a school, we want to work with families to ensure children can attend school when they are able to. If you need help with this, please do contact our Family Support Manager, Emma Randle (erandle@discovery.kent.sch.uk)

Overall attendance for The Discovery School so far for the year 2023/24 is 95.4% (below expected attendance of 96%).

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Curie Class (week ending 19th April 2024) – 99%

Well done Jackson, Gilbert and Newton Classes Class (week ending 26th April 2024) – 99%

Well done Newton Class (week ending 3rd May 2024) - 98%



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Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for Term 5:

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.

- Tuesday 7th May – Darwin Class assembly
- Monday 13th May – Year 6 SATs Week begins
- Friday 17th May – Wear it Green Day
- Tuesday 21st May – Year 6 PGL information session for parents at 9:00am
- Wednesday 22nd May -Year 5 11+ Secondary School Transfer Meeting for parents at 9:00am
- Thursday 23rd May – Year 5 Sleepover
- Friday 24th May – INSET Day – **school closed for children**
- Friday 24th May – **End of Term 5**
- Monday 3rd June – **Start of Term 6**

Value Points

All of the children have been working hard to uphold our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Friendship and Respect.

Winning House (week ending 19th April) – Garnet House! 😊

Winning House (week ending 26th April– Garnet and Citrine Houses 😊

Winning House (week ending 3rd May – Topaz and Garnet Houses 😊

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Harrison Minieri in Nightingale Class who recently gained his 2000 metre swimming badge - fantastic news Harrison!



Well done to Lottie Kemp who has been awarded a Blue Peter Green Badge. Lottie created a poster about how to care for the environment and also answered some questions about sustainability.



Deaf Awareness Week

As part of the children's learning linked to Deaf Awareness Week, we welcomed Tom and Priya from the Kent Hearing Centre, to The Discovery School on Friday. Dr Priya gave a very informative talk about the structure of the ears, what deafness can feel like and how to care for our ears. Many thanks to Tom and Dr Priya for a great assembly!



Year 1 Transport Workshop

On Monday, Year 1 took part in a 'Transport through Time' workshop. The children learnt about different types of historical transport, including Roman chariots, Viking longboats, hot air balloons, trains, aeroplanes and cars. The workshop was interactive and engaging, with the creating a Viking longboat, chariot racing and participating in a Wright brothers quiz.

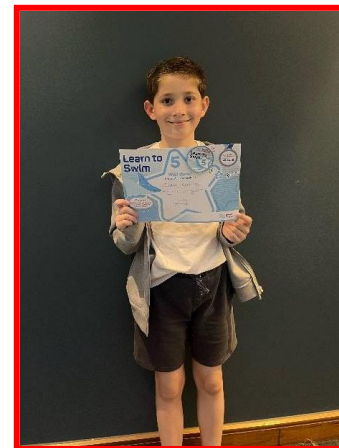


Super Star Corner

Well done to Joseph Gilroy in Galileo Class who took part in his first 5k race at the Whitstable and Herne Bay Spring Run 2024, coming joint 4th. Joseph also raised a fantastic £550 for the charity Mind – great news Joseph!



Congratulations to Zachary Cossins in Seacole Class for achieving his Level 5 swimming certificate - fantastic news Zachary!



Florence Nightingale Workshop

Year 2's recently enjoyed a visit from Florence Nightingale! The children took part in an exciting workshop with Florence Nightingale. They had an opportunity to create some historic arts and crafts, such as water colour greeting cards and clay candle holders. After this, the children identified the owner of different suitcases, depending on their historic contents. During the afternoon, the children then had a chance to be a nurse, a patient, a cook, a cleaner, a laundry worker or a gardener to really understand what life was like in Scutari Hospital! What fun!



Cooking Lessons!



Year 2 have also been busy making delicious healthy wraps this term. The children have learnt how to use a range of cooking utensils and have practised their skills in chopping, grating and peeling! The children definitely enjoyed eating their hard work afterwards!



Super Star Corner

Well done to Alfie Hart in Thunberg Class and Elliot Hart in Gilbert Class, who recently completed a 'sleep out' to raise awareness and funds for homeless veterans. The boys raised an amazing £110 for the RBLI charity!

