



Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

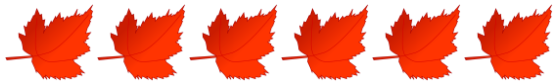
Week 7 Term 1

It seems unbelievable that we are already at the end of the first term of this academic year!

Let's hope that the weather stays rain-free for the half-term break so that the children are able to get out and about and enjoy the fresh air.

When we return to school after the holidays, we can look forward to the next big FODS (PTA) event – the Annual Firework Display on 13th November. The display was sorely missed last year and I know that the PTA has been working hard to ensure that this year's event is a great success.

After the fireworks, we will be rapidly entering the countdown to Christmas (it's only 64 sleeps away!). Where did the last year go...



Good Luck:

At the end of this week, we will be saying goodbye to Ms. Brown, Teaching Assistant, Ms. Meadows and Mrs Cope, two of our lunchtime supervisors, who are moving onto pastures new. We thank them for their hard work during their time at The Discovery School.



We also say a temporary farewell to Mrs. Healey who is starting her maternity leave. We send her our very best wishes for a safe and happy delivery of the newest addition to her family.



Attendance

The Government expects all schools to promote the importance of good school attendance. Attendance at The Discovery school has always been high, which is something to be celebrated.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2021/22: 96.66%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Goodall Class (week ending 15th October 2021) – 99.7%

Well done Peake Class (week ending 22nd October 2021) - 99%

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 15th October– Shackleton House



Congratulations to Shackleton House which was the winning House for term 1. The children in Shackleton House enjoyed their non-uniform day yesterday in school.



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Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for the first few weeks of Term 2. All of the dates below, and the organisation of any planned events, will be subject to any COVID-19 restrictions which may be in place and may be subject to last minute change.

- 1st November – Term 2 begins
- 2nd November – New Entrants Tour
- 5th November – Year 4 trip to Kent Life
- 5th November – EYFS Firework Dance Fundraiser
- 8th November – New Entrants Tour
- 13th November – FODS Firework Display



Squid Game:

We are sure you will have heard of the latest craze sweeping the nation. Squid Game is not suitable for primary age children and some parents have contacted us to make us aware that some children may be accessing it online. The link below will provide you with advice about this:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>



Welcome:

We would like to say a big “hello and welcome” to Miss Rebecca Sales, our new EYFS Teaching Assistant, who will be joining us after half term. We also welcome Mrs Hilton, Mrs Squires and Mrs Noniari to our Lunchtime Supervisor Team. We are looking forward to welcoming them all to The Discovery School!



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Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Jasmine Armfield in Archimedes class. Jasmine is performing in 'Peter Pan' at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks this weekend.



Well done Jasmine!



Don't forget – if your child achieves something special outside of school, please let us no so that we can celebrate this in 'Superstar Corner'.

Just e-mail the school office with your child's name and class and details of his or her achievement: office@discovery.kent.sch.uk

A message from the School Council

This year, The Discovery School Council has chosen two charities for fundraising, which are Spadework and St Gabriel's Kings Hill Foodbank.

Both of these charities are local to our area and provide valuable support to our community.

The School Council is planning a number of fundraising events for these charities - more details to follow.

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The Computing Curriculum:

Across the School this term, the children have been engaging in lots of exciting learning involving computing skills and computing science. The children have developed their knowledge in a range of key areas and have really enjoyed the projects as well.

We have started to 'blog' about the exciting computing taking place within the school on the computing page on the school website. If you would like to see what has been taking place, visit: <https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/computing-and-e-safety/>

The 'blog' is updated weekly so remember to check it regularly to get updated on what is taking place within the school.



The Born Free Foundation:

In school, we have been building links with the Born Free Foundation, Black Torrington CE Primary School in Devon and Olmoti Primary School in Kenya. Together, we are creating opportunities for our children to get involved with environmental and conservation projects, both in the UK and in Kenya.

The work planned involves joint online assemblies, school council projects, as well as curriculum projects across the three schools. The Born Free Foundation is helping us with these projects.

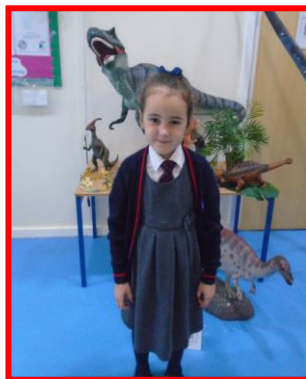
Currently, the School Council is creating a 'mini-movie' about our school and our locality to share with the children in Devon and Kenya.

We are so excited about the opportunities that this partnership is creating. We would also like to thank Mrs. Walsh, one of our parents, for her help in building the school partnership with The Born Free Foundation.



Dino Workshop:

The Year 1 children have recently taken part in a dinosaur workshop where they learnt about a range of different dinosaurs. The children also made fossils, searched in the sand for bones, created dinosaur skeletons and much more! They had an amazing day and started their Dinosaur topic with a real bang!



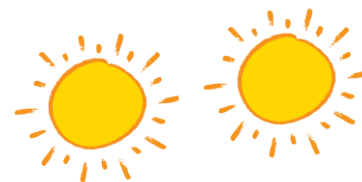
Let's hope the sun continues to shine for our Autumn fair on Saturday.

Finally...

Thank you for your continued support this term – have a lovely half term break with your children.

With kind regards,

T. Gobell



Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



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