



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

# Newsletter

Week 3 Term 1

I am sure you will join me in celebrating the children's return to school. All of the children have settled back into school life very well and are enjoying things being more 'normal' than they have been for some considerable time.

For many of our children, they have never experienced 'normal' school life – the way they have coped has been amazing. We are all so proud of each and every one of the children – they are a credit to you!

Provided that the government doesn't announce any new restrictions in light of growing COVID-19 cases, we can all look forward to a busy and rewarding Autumn Term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.

The first big school event is this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The FODS PTA have organised an Autumn Fair. The fair will be open from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. – we hope to see as many of you as possible on Saturday.



### **Farewell and Good Luck:**

After six years at The Discovery School, we bid farewell to Mrs Flint. We also say farewell to Mrs Farrington, one of our lunchtime supervisors, and Mrs Mason, Senior Lunchtime and Breakfast Club Supervisor, who is taking up a brand-new job in an office. We thank them for their hard work whilst at our school and wish them great success in their new roles.



### **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: 96.39%

### **Best Class Attendance:**

Well done Jenner, Bell, Curie, Armstrong and Archimedes Class (week ending 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021) - 100%

Well done Armstrong and Edison Class (week ending 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021) - 100%

Well done Curie Class (week ending 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021) – 98.3%

### **Value Points**

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 17<sup>th</sup> September) – Scott House 😊

Winning House (week ending 24<sup>th</sup> September) – Franklin House 😊



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### Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for the remainder of Term 1. 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.

- 25<sup>th</sup> September – FODS Autumn Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> October – School photographs
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – School photographs
- 15<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Kent Test results day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – FODS – Halloween Raffle
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – End of Term 1
- 1<sup>st</sup> November – Start of term 2



### Adventure Play Equipment:

Please can we remind parents that children are not allowed to play on the adventure trail after school, at pick up time. Children are only permitted to use this equipment in school time when they are being supervised by a member of staff. Thank you.



### Lost Property:

We already have quite a lot of lost property, with many items of school uniform not being named. Please can you also ensure that packed lunch boxes are also named. This is to ensure that the right lunch is eaten by the right child!

### Finally....

**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 to our lovely Discovery School family.



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### Super Star Corner

We are excited to recognise Caroline Deng in Bell Class. During the summer holidays, Caroline successfully completed six Lyfta Time lessons, showing advanced critical thinking in topics such as respect, friendship, and perseverance.

Well done Caroline!



Don't forget – if your child achieves something special outside of school, please let us know 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](mailto:office@discovery.kent.sch.uk)

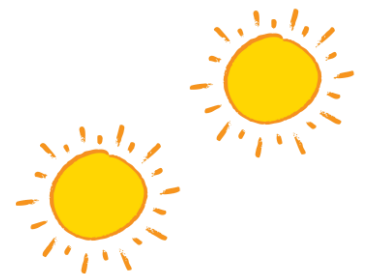
Let's hope the sun continues to shine for our Autumn fair on Saturday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

With kind regards,

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell  
Headteacher



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# Year 6 Leaver Celebrations!

As we start a new academic year, we would also like to reflect on the end of the last one. Like children all over the country, the children at The Discovery School had to face many challenges due to the pandemic, but we were so proud of the resilience and optimism they showed throughout last year.



## Enterprise Day

During July, our Year 6 children showed off their entrepreneurial skills during their Enterprise Day. The children were tasked with running an environmentally friendly stall in order to raise funds for their Leaver's Day party. The children carried out market research, pitched their ideas, planned, budgeted and marketed their products and then sold their items from a COVID safe stall! The children raised over £900!

## Welcome Back!

We were also able to welcome back our Year 6 Classes of 2020! We promised these children that when we could, we would welcome them back to school to enjoy the 'Year 6 Prom' that they couldn't have in July 2020. With a lot of help from our fantastic parents, old and new, we were at last able to hold a belated Prom for these children.



## Fun and Games

The end of the term saw us able to move back towards something a little more 'normal'. Despite the restrictions still in place, the children were still able to enjoy lots of fun activities: Sports Day, virtual music concerts, a Year 6 performance, a Year 6 Leaver's Assembly, an EYFS Fun Day, a Year 6 Leaver's Fun Day and a Year 6 Prom to name just a few.