



Newsletter

Monday 13th November 2023

Week 3 Term 2

This term continues to proceed at pace – with 42 sleeps until Christmas!

Already this term, Year 6 have visited Horton Kirby a part of their learning about World War 2 and carried out field work around Kings Hills, the FODS (PTA) organised their annual Fireworks Display and Year 5 have participated in the Music@Malling workshops. We still have lots to look forward to for the remainder of Term 2 – not including the exciting Christmas events being planned.

During the week beginning 20th November, we will be holding our first set of parent consultations for this academic year. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so using the online booking system:

<https://discoveryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Have a lovely week everyone!

With kind regards,

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



Super Star Corner

Well done to Alexander Thomson O'Connor in Goodall Class who recently completed his Stage 3 swimming level!



Well done to Bella Herbert from Hawking Class who has been selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion. The combined efforts of the Brownies, the Scouts and the Girls' Brigade resulted in the children collecting a staggering £3247!



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Attendance

Schools nationally are yet to return to pre-Covid levels of attendance, and as such, the Government continues to make good school attendance a priority. The Department for Education (DfE) expects all schools to take measures to address low levels of attendance, including regularly communicating to parents and carers, current attendance levels. 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 2023/24: 95.5%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Gilbert Class (week ending 3 November 2023) – 97.7%

Well done Berners-Lee Class (week ending 10 November 2023) – 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 3rd November)
–Garnet House

Winning House (week ending 10th November)
–Peridot House



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for Term 2.

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.

- 13th November – Anti-bullying Week
- 17th November – ‘Odd Sock’ day!
- 20th November – Parent Consultations (Jemison and Hawking classes only)
- 21st November – Parent Consultations (not Jemison Class)
- 23rd November - Parent Consultations (not Hawking Class)
- 23rd November – FODS non-uniform day
- 24th November – INSET Day (school closed to children)
- 27th November – New Entrants Tour
- 29th November – Flu vaccinations
- 1st December – Year 4 visit to Kent Life
- 5th December – Year 1 Nativity
- 6th December – Christmas Dinner
- 7th December – Year 1 Nativity
- 9th December – Christmas Fayre
- 11th December – EYFS Christmas craft afternoon 12th December – Christingle Assemblies
- 13th December – Class Christmas parties
- 14th December – Carols on the playground (EYFS and KS1)
- 15th December – Carols on the Playground (KS2)
- 15th December - **End of Term 2**
- 2nd January – **Start of Term 3**

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Millie Tevfik in class, who recently competed in the Stoke on Trent Dance Festival. Millie did amazingly well and came 2nd with her Cha Cha Cha.



Congratulations to Ivan Kulik in Winston Class, who recently came first in his age group in the Medway Swimming Championships 2023 - Ivan broke three Medway records, one of which had stood for twenty-six years!



Well done to Aidan Henning in Nightingale Class and Damian Hemming in Seacole Class, who both reached the semi-finals of their first orange ball tournament; at aged seven, they were the youngest players taking part!

Netball team:

Following the great success of our school netball team last year, we felt the children needed their very own, special team kit – the children are very happy with their new outfits! Go Team Discovery!



Coats:

As the weather is starting to turn much colder – please can we ask parents to ensure that your children have a warm coat in school each day – thank you!



Post-box:

Please can we remind parents that you can drop post/paperwork etc. into our post-box, which is situated outside the main door. The post-box is kept locked for security reasons. The office team then open and empty it twice a day - Using it will save you having to queue in the mornings.



Parking:

Once again, can we please remind parents and visitors using the school site at drop-off and pick up times, not to park across the disabled parking bays or in the designated disabled parking bays without displaying a blue disabled parking badge. Parking across the bays is particularly problematic at the end of the school day. Some of our children and parents rely on these spaces to safely collect their children from school so please do not obstruct them.

Super Star Corner

Well done to Ethan Doyle in Jemison Class. Ethan recently came 2nd in the Kings Hill Tennis Tournament, which took place during the half term break.



Congratulations to Holly Doyle in Earhart Class, who achieved her Stage 5 gymnastics badge during the half term break. Great news Holly!



Lost Property:

We currently have a lot of lost property in school. On Wednesday 15th November, we will displaying all of the lost property – 13 boxes of it, all unnamed – in front of the school office from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Some lovely feedback from a member of the public:

"I just wanted to e-mail to congratulate all of the pupils who were out and about in King's Hill today carrying out their research about the control tower. Both my partner and I were approached by pairs of pupils who were extremely courteous and polite. A credit to the school." 😊



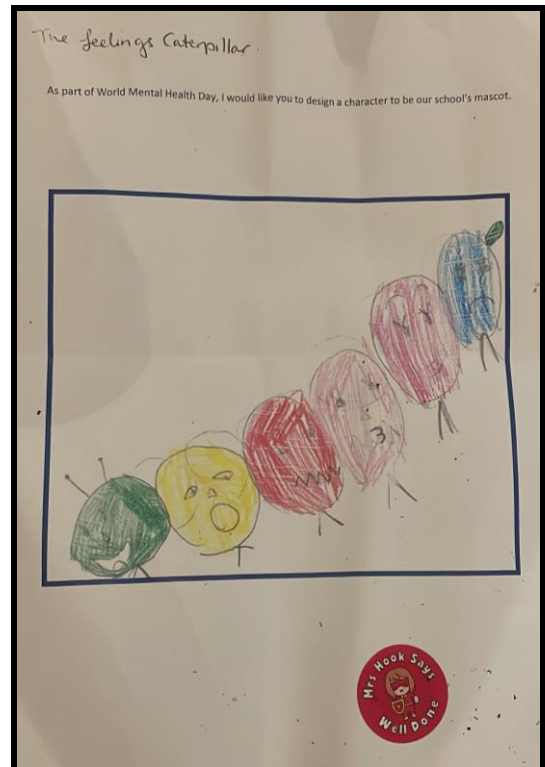
Football news:

On Monday 16th October, a group of Year 6 girls took part in the U11s Girls Champions League Tournament at The Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone. We did amazingly well, winning our group undefeated while only conceding one goal throughout the 5 group games. We then took part in the nervy knockout stages, where we continued to play brilliantly including a very pleasing 3-0 win over Kings Hill Primary in the quarter finals on our way to the tournament final. Unfortunately, we didn't quite manage to go all the way, with the other team needing extra time to beat us. Although we didn't get over the line this time, we all had a great day and we're proud of ourselves to have got so far.



Reported by: Bea Raywood, Georgie Scott and Lottie Dadswell.

World Mental Health Week



The children at The Discovery School recently marked World Mental Health Day. As part of the children's work, they were invited to design a school mascot to champion children's Mental Health. Well done to the following children, who were runners-up:

- Year 1 Max (Darwin) and Xanthe (Earhart)
- Year 2 Dante (Edison) and Halli (Gilbert)
- Year 3 Rayaan and Eden (Nightingale)
- Year 4 Freddie and Caroline (Jemison)
- Year 5 Ben (Hawking) and Zara (Jackson)
- Year 6 Elliot (Galileo) and Summer (Winston)

Congratulations to Halli Adcock who was the overall winner. Halli's design, 'The Feelings Caterpillar', will now be made into a mascot. Well done Halli!



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