



Newsletter

Monday 18th September 2023

Term 1 Week 3

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 have started the school year in a really positive way.

It has been lovely 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.

We’ve been blessed with some lovely weather since we returned to school – it’s such a shame the summer holidays weren’t as bright! Nevertheless, it has been great being able to enjoy some late sunshine before the gloomier weather begins. Long may it last...

Have a lovely week everyone!

Kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



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: 97.51%

Best Class Attendance:

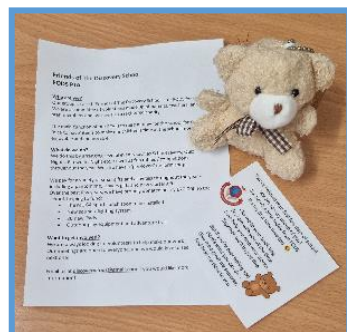
Well done Einstein, Earhart, Edison, Thunberg, Jackson and Turing classes (week ending 8th September 2023) - 100%

Well done Gilbert Class (week ending 15th September 2023) - 100%

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 Esmail Patel in Darwin class. During the summer, Esmail joined her local library and signed up to the summer reading challenge - she read a total of 30 books over the summer holidays!

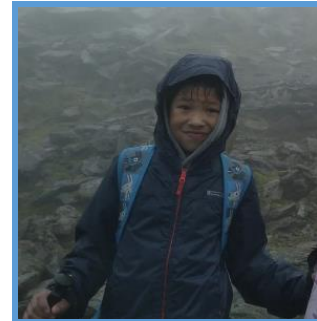


Well done to Hermione Marshman in Gilbert Class who has received a Blue Peter badge for submitting her drawings of Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart – excellent news Hermione!



Super Star Corner

Well done to Josiah Tsang in Hawking Class - Josiah hiked to the summit of Mount Snowdon during the summer. This was an especially difficult climb as there was heavy rain and high winds for most of the hike, but he persevered and achieved his goal!



Well done to Ivan Kulik in Winston class. During the summer, Ivan was selected to attend an Olympic camp for young athletes organised by the National Lead Coach for swimming, Mel Marshall, MBE. Ivan spent a week at the camp, working hard, swimming and exercising every day. Great perseverance Ivan!





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.

- 18th September – Year 1 Meet the Teacher
- 22nd September – 20th Anniversary celebrations
- 2nd October – School photographs
- 3rd October – School photographs
- 13th October – New Entrants Tour
- 18th October - Kent Test results day
- 19th October – New Entrants Tour
- 20th October – End of Term 1
- 30th October – Start of term 2



Thank you to the talented Mrs. Simpson for our wonderful post-box topper!

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 15th September – Topaz House 😊)

Super Star Corner

Well done to Eleanore Bekker in Seacole class who has achieved her Level 1 award in classical ballet & a distinction in her Modern Jazz exam.



Well done to Zoe Rimmer in Winston Class and Jessica Rimmer in Berners–Lee Class, who recently raised money for the RSPCA by making and selling homemade lemonade and cupcakes to local residents – they raised over £200!



Well done to Elsie Gadsdon in Gilbert Class who completed the 5K Colour Me Purple charity run on Sunday 10th September. Altogether, Elsie raised £105 for the Wisdom Hospice.

