



Newsletter

Friday 1st April 2022

Week 6 Term 4

Wow – the end of Term 4 has arrived already. It is difficult to believe that when the children come back after the holidays, we will be heading into the Summer Term! After the trials of managing COVID-19 for what feels like forever, it is a joy to see things settling into a period of 'normal' school life. Since the start of 2022, the children have been on school trips to Kent Life and Leeds Castle, they have visited space in the astrodome, enjoyed Chinese Dance workshops, been amazed by Professor Bubbleworks, participated in World Book Day and enjoyed British Science Week – culminating in a 'Science Extravaganza' on 25th March. We have also been able to welcome you into school for Parent Consultations, which has been lovely. We have had a fabulous term – and there is lots more to look forward to next term.



Attendance:



Attendance at The Discovery School has always been high but is currently being adversely affected by COVID-19 cases. Overall attendance so far for the year 2021/22: 94.1%. When excluding COVID-19 cases for our absence data, attendance is 96.2%.

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Hubble Class (week ending 25th March 2022) – 99%

Well done Hawking Class (week ending 1st April 2022) – 99.1%



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Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for Term 4.

- 1st April – **Last day of Term 4**
- 19th April – **Start of term 5**
- 20th April – Parent Consultations
- 21st April – FODS Meeting 7pm Spitfire Pub
- 25th April - Year 6 visit "Safety in Action"
- 3rd May - Year 1 to Kent Life
- 9th May - KS2 SATs begin
- 16th May - KS1 SATs begin
- 27th May - **End of Term**



FODS (PTA):

Thank you to the FODS (PTA) for organising the lovely Easter activities for the children to enjoy this week. On Wednesday, the children heard who had won the Easter raffle and on Thursday 31st March, all of the children took part in an exciting 'Easter Egg Hunt'. A special 'thank you' to the parent helpers (Amy Russell, Lauren Jill, Louise Douglas, Chloe Prescott and Jenni Miller) who came into school to organise the Easter Egg hunt.

Value Points

Winning House (week ending 25th March 2022) –
Scott House

Winning House (week ending 1st April 2022) –
Cook House

The winning house for this term is Cook House – well done! House will have a non-uniform day on Friday 22nd April as a reward for their hard work in upholding our school values.



Road Safety:

This week, class teachers have had to remind the children about the importance of road safety. Some of our older children that walk to school and home from school by themselves, have been observed looking at their phones whilst crossing the roads. At drop-off and pick-up times, the roads around our school are very busy, but some children are not checking the road is clear before crossing. We are sharing this information with you, so that you can also use the Spring holidays as a good time to speak to your children about the importance of road safety.



No Smoking:

Please can we remind parents and carers that smoking and vaping is strictly prohibited anywhere within the school grounds or at the school gates. There have been some instances of people smoking or vaping whilst waiting to collect children at pick-up time. This is not permitted under any circumstances.

Super Star Corner



Congratulations to Lucas Farley in Peake Class who earned his Black Belt in Karate on Saturday and congratulations to Oliver Farley in Bell Class, he achieved his Blue Belt – well done Lucas and Oliver!

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Well done to Tom Higginson in Hawking Class who achieved a Yellow Belt in a recent Karate grading - jumping up 2 more grades!



Well done to Maya Thomson-O'Connor in Peake Class who recently passed her grading to become a Black Belt 1st Dan in Shotokan Karate. Maya also found out that she has passed her Grade 1 clarinet exam with a Merit – great news Maya!



Have a lovely Spring holiday everyone and we look forward to seeing you all after Easter!

With kind regards,

T. Gobeil



Eco-Club News

The Eco-Club has been busy focusing on a variety of activities this term; as part of British Science week we set all classes a mystery seed growing challenge. I wonder who will grow the healthiest, tallest plant. We have also made bird cakes and started making bird boxes out of leftover wood, look out for the finished boxes...

To help with biodiversity and the school grounds, we have continued to weed the allotment area so that it is ready for the new crops next term. Finally, as part of Keep Britain Tidy and the Eco-School topic, Waste, we did a litter pick around the school grounds. We collected five bin bags. Most of the litter was snack packets or paper, but we also found a staff (part of a curtain pole) and a car radio!

Eco-Tip -



Reduce food waste

Help save Global Warming by reducing your food waste, it will save money too.

Here are some ideas to reduce your food waste...

- Only buy the food that you need
- Use all edible parts of fruit and vegetables
- Save leftovers and freeze or refrigerate for another day
- Eat leftovers as lunch or re-invent into another meal

More information and inspirational recipes can be found on

<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Super Star Corner

Well done to Florence Wheatley in Goodall Class who won a bronze medal at her Gymnastic School's Recreational Championship, which was held on Sunday. Flossie competed in 4 different disciplines and came 3rd against 40 other Year 1 children.

Congratulations Flossie!



Congratulations to Sofia Sodhi in Nightingale Class who has just passed her Level 6 Award in Trampolining. A great job Sofia!



Our Eco-club members!





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