



Friday 23rd May 2025

Newsletter

Term 5

The sun continues to shine and it really feels like summer is on its way! As we approach the end of Term 5, I want to thank the children for all of their hard work throughout this term. The children continue to exemplify our school values in all that they do and I couldn't be prouder of them all!

There have been lots of exciting events happening in school since the last newsletter: school trips, VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations, special assemblies, themed days and so much more!

Year 6 have had a particularly challenging term 5, with their Key Stage 2 S national SATs assessments. The children in Winston, Turing and Galileo classes deserve a special mention for their exceptional hard work and effort during SATs week, but most importantly, for their amazing team work and support for each other – we are all so proud of you.

There are also lots of lovely summer events to look forward to throughout Term 6 – the perfect way to end the academic year: the Summer Fayre, music events, Year 6 leavers' events, Sports Day and so much more. We look forward to enjoying these events with you!

Have a great half term break, everyone!

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Miss T Gobell - Headteacher



Super Star Corner

Well done to
Spica Tam in Curie Class, who recently played
at the Drumwise event – he absolutely
smashed his rendition of Green Day's 'Know
Your Enemy':

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/xqyhjiu8jfoad5vojwmu5/05-DrumWise-Student-Concert-2025-Spica-Tam-Green-Day-Know-Your-Enemy-v01.mp4?rlkey=cft6v6mtd54lw6g6g1rrehlilz&st=s2wm3p4n&dl=0>



Parking

It is such a shame that I have to remind parents again about the importance of parking considerably when dropping children off at school – some photos recently received show cars parked across the junction of neighbouring roads which is very dangerous and illegal!

www.discovery.kent.sch.uk



Super Star Corner

Well done to
Elisabetta Monda in Turing Class, who was
runner up at the recent Maidstone Table Tennis
girl's singles tournament – a great
achievement, Elisabetta!



Congratulations to Xander Hartridge, Teddy
Cushman, Bjørn Hiscock, Charlie Wilson, Joey
Warren and Oscar Robertson who won the
2025 Challenge Vase Cup playing for the KHFC
U8 Rangers team - well done to all of you!



Message from the Chair of Governors

I am delighted to write that we have four
fantastic candidates for our two Parent
Governor vacancies. You should have
received an email with an attached letter
detailing the election process and a personal
summary from each candidate. I really
encourage you to take the time to vote
(deadline is **4th June**) and show your support.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing half
term break.

Annabel Cornall
Chair of Governors



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates
set for June:

Monday 2nd June – **Term 6 begins**
Wednesday 4th June – Closing date for
Parent Governor election
Tuesday 10th June - Nightingale Class
assembly at 9am
Thursday 12th June – Curie Class assembly
at 9am
Tuesday 24th June – EYFS Sports Day
Wednesday 25th June – Year 1, 2 and 3
Sports Day
Thursday 26th June – Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports
Day

Value Points

Well done to Peridot House who have won this
term's Value Points – you will have a non-
uniform day next term (look out for the date!).

Egyptian Day

Year Five launched Term 5 with an incredible Ancient Egyptian Day! The children (and adults) looked spectacular in their pharaoh finery and as glamorous gods and goddesses. During our day, we learnt about Howard Carter and began to explore our Question of Discovery, 'Were all Ancient Egyptians like Tutankhamun?'

To learn about the importance of the transition to the afterlife, we studied funerary masks and created our own. We decided to imagine we were wealthy citizens or pharaohs, by using precious metals such as gold and silver to make our masks, rather than wood or plaster, which would have been used for less wealthy people's masks. We also practised using hieroglyphs and made decorative cartouches which displayed our names. We quickly came to the conclusion that we would stick to using our alphabet in future!

Despite it only being the beginning of our topic, we displayed an impressive amount of knowledge about this time period during our scavenger hunt quiz. What a way to launch our topic - we can't wait to discover more!





Online Safety: A Parent's Guide to Protecting Children from Harmful Content - Safer Schools

We know that lots of our children enjoy playing on Roblox and other games outside of school. However, it is important that the children stay safe online. Below are links that parents and carers may find useful, as they offer advice on protecting your children whilst they are online:

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age-restrictions/>

Online safety information for parents and carers

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school.

All of our pupils are taught how to be safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work together.

It's important that as adults, we take an active interest in our children's online lives and show a willingness to engage in the digital world with them.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 for police assistance.



Think U Know: www.thinkuknow.co.uk

The National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (NCA-CEOP) have a website which is suitable for children aged 5-16 and has a section just for parents/carers with advice and information.



NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

The NSPCC have produced resources for parents. Their website covers excellent advice for parents about issues such as online grooming, nude image sharing and cyberbullying, as well as specific advice for children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Childline: www.childline.org.uk

The Childline website has a wide range of information and advice on both online and offline safety for children. There is information about online gaming, grooming, and the Zipit App which helps children feel empowered when confronted with inappropriate chat online. They also provide a helpline for children to get advice over the phone: 0800 1111



UK Safer Internet Centre: www.saferinternet.org.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre provides a wide variety of advice and guidance to help you discuss online safety with your children. There are useful checklists for privacy settings on social networks and suggestions to consider before buying devices for your children.



Childnet: www.childnet.com

Childnet has resources, including videos and storybooks, to help you discuss online safety with your children. It includes advices on setting up parental controls, cyberbullying and setting up a family agreement for safer internet use.



Internet Matters: www.internetmatters.org

Internet Matters bring you all the information you need to keep your children safe online. It has a tool which guides you through how to set up parental controls on all the different devices in your home to protect your children.

Super Star Corner

Well done to Felita Kurian in Jackson Class, who won the doubles title in the Under-12 Girls category at the Kent Future Badminton Tournament. Felita and her partner have retained the championship for the second time - amazing!



Well done to Josiah in Winston Class, who has achieved his 1st Dan black belt in karate – great news, Josiah!



Varendonck College

On Wednesday 7th May, The Discovery School hosted a visit from students and teachers of Varendonck College in the Netherlands. The purpose of their visit was to learn about our school, develop their English speaking and listening skills and to share with us information about their home and school life. The morning started with a tour of the school, led by some of our Year 6 children, followed by a presentation from the Varendonck College students to the whole of Year 6. We learnt about their region in the Netherlands, as well as Dutch customs and culture. After break, our Year 6 children played board games with the Varendonck students to help them develop their English skills. Our children thoroughly enjoyed learning from our Varendonck visitors. They relished the opportunity to ask questions, make new friends and even learn some of their language! So, we say 'bedankt' to our Dutch friends for another year and hope to see them again next time!

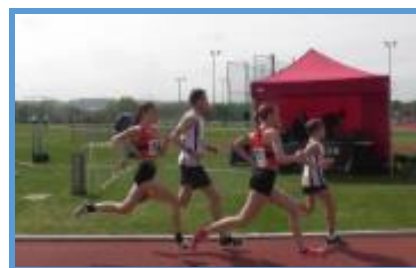


Road Safety

Now that the warmer weather is here, more of the children are riding their bikes and scooters to school. Some of the children are still building their road confidence, so please can drivers using the school site and surrounding roads in the mornings and afternoons do so with extreme caution. Thank you!

Super Star Corner

Well done to Matthew Ayres, who recently ran for Sevenoaks at Tonbridge School. Matthew came in 4th place in a closely fought 600m final against much older runners. Matthew also ran a personal best of 1:43 - the fifth best time in the UK this year for an Under 13 – an amazing achievement Matthew!



Well done to Ted Sharp in Gilbert Class, who was chosen to be the team mascot for Crystal Palace FC in one of their recent matches – come on you Eagles!