



28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

# Newsletter

Term 5 Week 6

As the end of Term 5 arrives and we prepare for the final term of this academic year, there is much to share with you: The Coronation, school workshops and our mathematics Escape Room to name but a few. With Term 6 about to begin, we begin the countdown to the summer holidays. Term 6 is always our busiest term and we look forward to sharing some more upcoming events with you.

Have a great half term break with your children everybody!

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell - Head Teacher

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Citrine House

Winning House week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Citrine House

This term's House winners are Garnet and Citrine House – you will enjoy a non-uniform day on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Well done!



## Attendance

The Government expects all schools to promote the importance of good school attendance. Following the disruption caused by the pandemic, regular attendance at school has never been more important. Overall attendance so far for the year 2022/23 has been good at 95.2%, compared to 92.4% nationally.

## Best Class Attendance:

Well done Goodall and Jemison Classes (week ending 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023) – 99.3%

Well done Galileo Class (week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023) – 99.3%



## Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set for the next two weeks:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Term 6 begins
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 multiplication Check
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – Nightingale Class assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 BAE simulator experience
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – New Parent's tour
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June- KS1 Phonics Screen
- 13<sup>th</sup> June – Hawking Class assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – Johnson Class assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Jackson Class assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Safety in Action Workshops



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# Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole

Year 2 enjoyed meeting two famous nurses. Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. It was fun to learn about their similarities and differences. We also learnt about life and hospitals in the Victorian age.





# King Charles III Coronation



Throughout the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> May, the whole school came together to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Each year group studied a decade of King Charles' life, with the week culminating on 5<sup>th</sup> May in a whole school celebration of singing, art work, a picnic lunch and much, much more.



We have had so many amazing entries for our Coronation Garden designs. A photo of each one will be sent in a special book to His Majesty King Charles III. The breadth of design ideas has been wonderful to see. Thank you for your support. Here are a few examples.



Frank made his in the family allotment.



Nancy. Year 3

PIC•COLLAGE



Liam. EYFS

Amelia. Year 4

Floss. Year 1

Harry. Year 1

Bella. Year 2





## Football News!

On Saturday 20th May, we took an all-boys team and a mixed team to a Tonbridge and Malling District

League Football Tournament. Both teams played really well with our boys' team finishing in 3rd place and our mixed team finishing in 2nd place - losing in the final on penalties to an all boys' team.

Congratulations to our Boys' Football team who recently won the Tonbridge and Malling Schools District League. The team topped the league throughout the season, being presented with the winning trophy on 20th May.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Scotter and Mr Hill who helped to coach the teams on the day of the tournament, thank you to Kings Hill Sports Park for allowing us to use their 3G pitches for our league games and to Scott Mann from Twist Print whose company kindly embroidered the school badge on to all of the kits free of charge.

We are so proud of all of the children who have participated this season, showing great team work and sportsmanship!

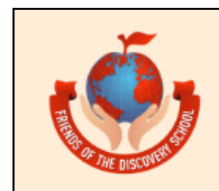


## Super Star Corner

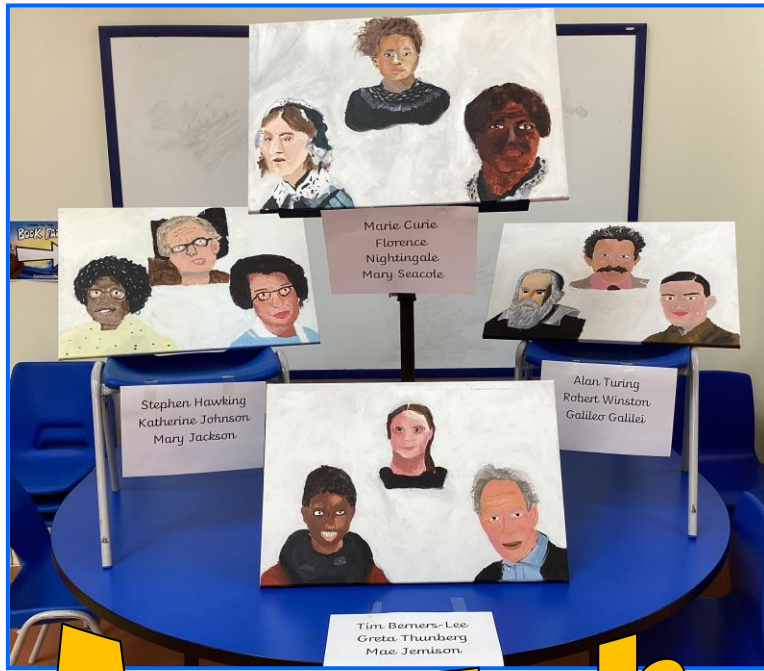
Well done to Dylan in Turing Class who has recently completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge - climbing Snowdon, Pen Y Fan and Cadair Idris. A great job Dylan!



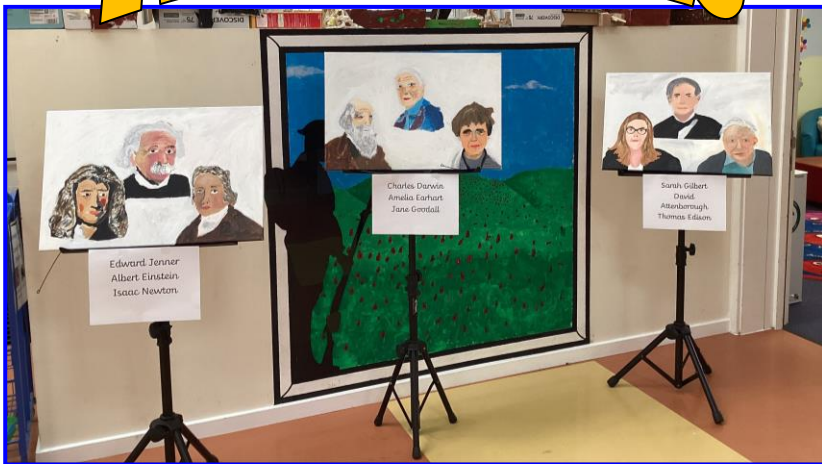
## FODS (PTA) Quiz Night



The Discovery School would like to say a very big thank you to the FODS (PTA) for organising the recent Quiz Night. They raised an amazing £785 for the School. Thank you also to the parent 'quizzers' who came along to support the event.



# Art Club



Well done to our AMAZING artists in Years 5 and 6. The children in our Art Club have recently completed their latest art project – painting portraits of our class namesakes. The finished pieces are incredible – well done to: Marianne Davis, Leighton Peacock, Nazar Kryvoruchko, Noah Lawson, Georgina Scott, Tom Higginson, Lacey Hudgell, Aimee Mallett, Isaac Beattie, Iris De Zoysa Gallagher and Amelia King.

## Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Lucas Carey in Edison Class who was recently awarded with two trophies at his Club's football presentation – Manager's Player and Parents' Player. Well done Lucas!



Well done to Olivia in Attenborough Class who recently came 2nd in the Floor & Vault gymnastics competition at her club Weald of Kent – an amazing achievement!





# Childnet Workshops

The Year 5 and 6 children were joined by Childnet on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May for a workshop about how to be respectful whilst using social media. The children also considered scenarios for how we can be safe online and who we can talk to if we feel worried. It was very informative and the children enjoyed getting involved with the discussions.



## Pre-loved Uniform:

If you are looking for an item of school uniform, why not take a look at our stock of pre-loved uniform. This is displayed each day in front of the school's main entrance.

The sale of pre-loved uniform raises much appreciated funds, with the FODS having raised an amazing £114 on the summer dresses alone. We are looking for some new stock and ideally would like: school jumpers, PE hoodies, PE tops, ties and coats.

All monies raised go to the FODS (PTA) which is helping to raise funds for our all-weather sports area.

## Super Star Corner

Well done to Luca, Albie and Aidan in Nightingale Class and to Freddie, Reuben and Ethan in Seacole Class who recently received their end of season medals at Aylesford Bulls Rugby Club. They have all worked really hard throughout the season, training through rain, wind and even hail and snow!



Well done to Bella Herbert in Berners-Lee Class for taking a part in a community project by helping in a food kitchen for the less fortunate in our society. We are so proud of you upholding our school value of 'kindness'.



# Escape Room

This week, all children had the opportunity to take part in either a problem-solving workshop or a maths style Escape Rooms! There was such a buzz throughout the school and all the children really enjoyed the activities. The children gave some amazing feedback:

"I loved that it was an adventure: you opened one part but then there were two or three other padlocks still to open!"

"I really liked that there wasn't one main type of challenge- there were lots of different types."

"It taught you about teamwork as we all had to work together to solve all the clues."



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 8 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Mathematics National Quiz Club championships first heat. The children all worked **incredibly** hard - some of the questions even had the teachers really thinking! Team 1 came in 70<sup>th</sup> place and Team 2 were 22<sup>nd</sup> out of a total of 104 schools nationwide, which is a fantastic achievement for all involved! Team 2 have now qualified for the next heat, details of which we will share with parents as soon as we have them. Maianna, Eisa, Leah, Erin, Anay, Ilvy, Aimiee and Austin, we are so proud of you! You are all superstars, and we wish Team 2 the best of luck in the next round.