



Newsletter

28th April 2023

Term 5 Week 2

I hope you had a lovely Spring break with your children and managed to enjoy some of the nicer weather.

The start of Term 5 always brings with it the start of the warmer weather and lots of opportunities for outside learning and other activities – starting with our Coronation Garden Party for the children next Friday.

Plans are already in place for some exciting events throughout the Summer term, including Coronation Week, Sports Day, our Mathematics Escape Room experience, a visit from a theatre group and much, much more. We look forward to sharing news and photographs of these exciting events in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everybody!

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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 21st March 2023 –
Topaz House

Winning House week ending 28th March 2023 –
Garnet House



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 95.8%, compared to 92.4% nationally.

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Goodall Class (week ending 27th March 2023) – 98.7%

Well done Johnson Class (week ending 17th April 2023) – 99.7%



Upcoming dates for your diary

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

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

4th May- Seacole Class assembly at 9:00 a.m.

4th May – Year 4 School Trip

5th May – Red, white and blue non-uniform day and Coronation 'Garden Party

5th May – Parents can visit their child's classroom at 3:15 p.m. to view the Coronation Week work

8th May – Bank Holiday (school closed for children)

9th May – Year 6 SATs begin



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Football News

Our school football team has been doing an amazing job in the Tonbridge and Malling District League.

The results so far are:

The Discovery School 4 - 0 Platt Primary

The Discovery School 5 - 0 Kings Hill

The Discovery School - 0 Mereworth

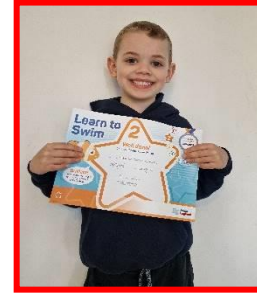
The Discovery School 10 - 0 Offham Primary

The Discovery School 6 - 0 Lunsford Primary

Discovery 1 - 1 Snodland Primary

Super Star Corner

Well done to Alexander Thomson-O'Connor in Einstein Class for passing Stage 2 in his swimming - a great job Alexander!



Animate Arts Company:

Over the next few weeks, the children in school will be working with Animate Arts Company on an exciting project. The children will be creating a sculpture made from recycled materials, which will take pride of place in our school library. The theme for the art project will be forests and trees, with a giant 3-D tree being created to take pride of place in the library. The 'tree' theme is linked to our drive to promote our 'reading trees' in each year group. We can't wait for the project to be completed so that we can share some photographs of the children's hard work. Watch this space...

Super Star Corner

Well done to Arhaan Pamnani, Reece Illingsworth and Arhaam Pamnani in Gilbert Class, who took part in a sponsored 2K run, to raise money for their football club - Watringbury FC. Despite the rain and mud, their spirits were not dampened. They all ran fantastically and had great fun!



Welcome:

Welcome to Ms. Emma Randle, our new Family Support Manager began at the Discovery School today. Ms. Randle replaces Mrs. Lihou who moved on to pastures new at the end of last term. If you would like to contact Ms. Randle, her email address is: erandle@discovery.kent.sch.uk. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Ms. Randle to The Discovery School.

Science Week

What an exciting week we had celebrating Science at the end of last term! Professor Lucy came back to visit us and taught us all about connections. The whole school took part in fascinating assemblies and workshops in which we learned about connections between different forces. As you can see, for some of us it was a hair-raising experience!



Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Oscar Robertson in Darwin Class. Oscar was the youngest player competing in the Kent Golf Invicta 10s – despite this, he won 1st place. Well done Oscar!



On Sunday Frank Dobinson in Attenborough Class. Frank recently completed a 2k run – aiming to raise £50 for his football team. However, due to Frank's hard work and perseverance, actually raised over £300! A great job Frank!





FODS (PTA):

A reminder about the FODS next exciting fundraising event. We will be holding a Quiz Night on:

Friday 19th May 2023 at 7.30pm.

There is an amazing selection of prizes such as;

- **Mereworth Winery Wine Tour**
- **Overnight Hotel Stay**
- **David Lloyd Gym Passes**

With more fantastic prizes to be won on the night! All adults over the age of 18 are welcome to book a table of up to 6 people; so grab your friends and family and form a team ready to battle it out.

[To purchase tickets and for more information click here](#)

Please hurry, as tickets are selling fast...

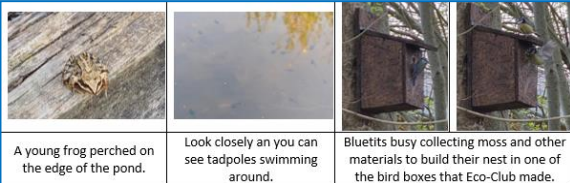


Eco-Club update:

Spring has sprung at The Discovery School and the biodiversity is expanding!

Frogs have been spotted in the recently cleaned out pond and there is now room for us to see the tadpoles swimming around. Although, hopefully there are still enough vegetation and hideaways from the tadpoles to hide from the hungry heron...

In addition, at least three of the nesting boxes have been sighted to have Blue-tits darting back and forth; busy building their nests, with possibly a pair of sparrows too!



Medication in school:

Recently, a Calpol 'fastmelt' capsule was found on our school playground; possibly dropped by a child or parent.

Medication in the wrong hands can be very dangerous, so please can you ensure that any medication for your child is handed to the school office and not given to your child to look after. Thank you.



Schools of Kings Hill Virtual Spring Market:

Our FODS has just received £185 from the Schools of Kings Hill Virtual Market. If you have any birthdays coming up, are looking for some health and wellness, something different, something for the children, something yummy or just a treat for yourself, then do take a look on the Virtual Spring Market site – all of the schools on Kings Hill benefit from the money raised. Many thanks to the organisers of the Virtual Market for their support of our local schools.



Social Media:

With so many children accessing the internet on their own phones, you may find the attached advice poster useful.

Egyptian Week: Year 5 had a fantastic first day or



term 5 with the launch of their new topic: Ancient Egyptians! The children loved dressing up; learning about hieroglyphics; taking a 'plane ride' to Egypt and learning a new Egyptian themed song and dance! Here is a photo of some of their fabulous costumes!



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