



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2

I hope you all had a great half term break with your children and that you managed to have some precious family time together!

We are already two weeks into this term – the year is flying past! Already, the children in Year 2 have enjoyed a workshop about the Great Fire of London and this week we have been celebrating World Book day. The week’s activities culminated today with a non-uniform day, where the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character. It has been a fun-filled week for everyone!

Have a great weekend 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Topaz House

Winning House week ending 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Peridot House

Well done to Peridot and Garnet Houses for being the Term 3 winners!

## 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 92.6% nationally.

## Best Class Attendance:

Well done Gilbert and Berners-Lee Classes (week ending 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023) – 96.6%

Well done Seacole Class (week ending 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023) – 98.4%

## Upcoming dates for your diary



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

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations (Johnson and Jackson Classes only)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations (all classes)
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Edison Class assembly
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Consultations (all classes, except Johnson and Jackson classes)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Attenborough Class assembly February



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## Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Mrs. Moore and her husband who unexpectedly welcomed their first baby on 22<sup>nd</sup> February – over six weeks early!

Baby .....Moore arrived weighing in at 5lb 5oz. Mother and baby are both healthy and well and I'm sure the children in Jenner Class can't wait to meet him!

## Football News!

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, our football team played at away against Kings Hill Primary School.

Both teams played really well and showed great team spirit!

The Discovery School – 5  
Kings Hill Primary – 0



## Super Star Corner

Well done to Reece Illingsworth in Gilbert Class who recently achieved his Stage 3 swimming certificate and badge.



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Well done to Henry Bailey in Darwin Class, who has just achieved his white/yellow striped belt in Ji-Jitsu – an excellent job Henry!



## Earthquake in Turkey



I am sure that you will have all been saddened by the terrible news about the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. The School is happy to pass on a message written by one of our parents on behalf of the victims of this terrible natural disaster:

*"As you are aware there has been an awful earthquake in Turkiye. The affected area is as big as the entire UK. Many people died and so many injured people have been pulled from under the rubble and many survivors are now homeless. They need urgent help. In case you wish to support the victims, please see the attached flyer with some information and web-site links for donations to the Government's own official rescue teams."*

Donations can also be made via the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC):

[https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal?gclid=EAlalQobChMIm76Ugve6\\_QIVd4BQ\\_Bh13DweDEAAYASABEgKgbvD\\_BwE](https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal?gclid=EAlalQobChMIm76Ugve6_QIVd4BQ_Bh13DweDEAAYASABEgKgbvD_BwE)



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## Girls Mini World Cup Tournament

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we took a group of Year 5 and 6 girls to take part in a Mini World Cup tournament at The Gallagher Stadium in Maidstone. There were 32 schools who took part. The girls played brilliantly and made it through to the quarter finals.

The team should be incredibly proud of themselves; they worked amazingly as a team and demonstrated all of our school values. Well done!



## Community Garden Club

**Do you like gardening?  
Do you like a natter?**

If so, please come along to our Community Garden Club. This invitation is open to parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles – everyone is welcome!

The next session will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, from 9 to 11am.

Attached to this newsletter is more information about the Community Garden Club.

For more details, please contact Mrs Kate Chapman: [kchapman@discovery.kent.sch.uk](mailto:kchapman@discovery.kent.sch.uk)

## Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Kiana Mullings in Edison class. Kianna has just achieved her swimming level 4 badge. Well done Kianna!



Well done to Hudson Sargent in Einstein Class. Hudson recently ran nearly 5km. He was very excited when he came to the finish line and all the people clapped and cheered him on. He was especially proud as he 'beat his daddy'!





## Lunchtime Zones

We are very excited to be introducing some new ideas to make lunchtimes even better for our children.

We have begun to introduce new playground 'zones' for our KS2 children. They have been able to enjoy activities such as football, table tennis, swing ball, and other ball games in designated zones.

Over the next few months, we will be introducing a range of other activity zones to include: Construction Zone, Make Believe Zone, Music Zone, Gymnastics Zone and Mud Kitchen Zone! We will also have a quiet zone and spaces for children to enjoy talking and drawing.

Once our KS2 children have experienced and are confident with the new zoning system, they will be teaching our younger children in KS1 and EYFS how to use them.

We are also looking forward to having AstroTurf installed on a section of our playing field. This will mean that children will be able to enjoy Scott's sporting activities at lunchtime all year round without getting too muddy! A huge 'thank you' to the FODs who have worked so hard to raise money for this.



## FODS (PTA) reminders

On Thursday 30th March, we will be holding our annual FODS Easter Raffle. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.peoplesfundraising.com/fods](http://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fods)

The FODS will also be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 10th March in exchange for a donation of £1 to enable them to purchase chocolates eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 31st March.

## Super Star Corner

Our Key Stage Two Choir recently took part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena. The children sang as part of a huge 'wall of sound' - a choir of 10,000 children! It was so exciting for the children to perform in an event of this scale. The most memorable moment was when the children sang 'Proud' with pop legend Heather Small—it was amazing!



Well done to Amelie Alciauskas in Johnson Class. Amelie recently won the Kings Hill Rotary Club's Young Artist competition in the 8-10 years' category. Her painting of Sunrise will now be going to the regional competition in Ramsgate.



## **Positive feedback from the community:**

This week, we received some amazing feedback from one of the swimming instructors at Larkfield Leisure Centre:

*"Every week when the children turn up for their swimming lesson, their behaviour is exemplary. They are always very well-behaved and well-mannered."*

*The staff who bring the children swimming are extremely helpful and highly organised and this is reflected well in the children during their lessons.*

*This makes running the swimming lesson so much easier for our teachers as they are able to just get on with teaching, rather than dealing with all the other admin' that comes with many other schools who swim with us. So, well done and thank you!"*

## **Former Discovery School Pupil**

We wanted to share with you, the success of a former pupil at The Discovery School. Harrison Ashby was recently signed to play for Newcastle United. As a former pupil, we are all very proud of his achievements in professional football!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/64467302>



## **Parking – again!**

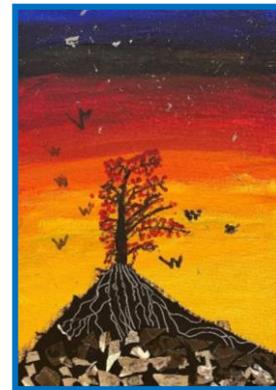
We recently had a resident from Holly Way call to ask if we can remind parents of our school not to block driveways and block cars in. This has happened to this resident twice recently, preventing her from attending appointments.

## **Super Star Corner**

Congratulations to Finlay Barker in Turing Class. Finley has just achieved his red belt (2 kup) in Taekwondo.



Well done to Alisa Alciauskas in Seacole Class. Alisa recently attended Kings Hill Rotary Club's Young Artist competition and got a special mention for her Sunset painting in the 8-10 years category.



Well done to Lacey Hudgell in Hawking Class. Lacey recently participated in the semi-finals for the Royal Ballet School. She is now down to the last 30 for 15 places. This is an incredible achievement as there were 1400 applicants from around the world. An incredible achievement Lacey!