



# Newsletter

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

With Term 5 well underway, there is lots going on in school currently. Since the start of term, Year 1 has visited Kent Life, Year 6 attended a valuable 'Safety in action' workshop in Tenterden and Year 3 has undertaken some fieldwork around Kings Hill. In addition to this, Year 2 has participated in a workshop focused on Florence Nightingale and EYFS has visited space in the Astrodome...and we are still only part-way through this 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: 94.4%. When excluding COVID-19 cases for our absence data, attendance is 96.3%.

## Best Class Attendance:

Well done Galileo and Newton Classes (week ending 29<sup>th</sup> April) – 99.3%

Well done Turing Class (week ending 6<sup>th</sup> May) - 98.4%

## Early Collection from school:

If you need to collect your child from school to attend an appointment e.g. dentist, please can you build in additional time for collection once you arrive at school. It can take time to collect a child from class, particularly if it is playtime or lunchtime.

## Super Star Corner

Well done to Ethan and Reece Illingsworth who have both taken part in a British Athletics Sportshall challenge. The children competed in five Pentathlon events. Reece achieved an Improvers Award and Ethan achieved a Bronze Award – great news!



## Upcoming dates for your diary



Please find below a list of key dates for the remainder of Term 5.

- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Parents Talk about Secondary School applications
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Jubilee Week in school
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 2 Workshop about Edith Cavell
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 PGL Parent Talk
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – Excellence Assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Celebration
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - **Last day of Term**



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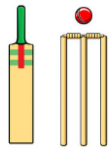
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### **Scooters and bikes:**

Please can we remind you that children should not be riding scooters and bikes within the school grounds, this includes younger children. It can be dangerous to other pedestrians, so we ask that your children dismount at the school gates and push their bike or scooter on the school paths. Thank you.



### **Cricket at The Discovery School:**

Currently, our Year 5 children are participating in cricket lessons with a Kent cricket coach. The children are really enjoying this and so we would like to make you aware of some local cricket clubs, which the children can attend. Below are the links to the England Cricket Board, which has all the information you need:

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscriccket>

All Stars is aimed at 5-8 year olds and Dynamos at the older KS2 children. The links give you the chance to input your postcode to see the range of local cricket clubs available in your area.



### **Tonbridge and Malling District SFA:**

Huge Congratulations to the following children who have reached round 2 of the Tonbridge and Malling District SFA trials – you should be very proud of yourselves!

Josh Cornall, Andreas Koffas, Logan Laird, Isaac Simmons, Luke Suli, Sena Smith, Finlay Barker, David Julius, Pierce Lorraine, Archie Lovell, Jack Moore And Harrison Scotter

### **Super Star Corner**

Well done to Jasmine Armfield who has been performing in Aladdin at the Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks. Jasmine has a lead role and even has to sing a solo in the performance – great news Jasmine!



Congratulations to Albie Clarke who recently ran his first parkrun - Albie smashed the 5k adult event (coming 66th out of 210 adults and first in his age group). Albie also did incredibly well in the children's 2k – well done Albie!



Well done to Reggie Hawkins in Attenborough Class. Reggie's football team, Aylesford, has just won the Under 7 League Cup Final – great news Reggie!



## A message from The Governing Body

### Meeting the Diversity Council

I was privileged enough to recently meet the School's Diversity Council to hear about the fantastic work that they have been doing at The Discovery School. I was joined on my visit by two other governors (Mrs Connelly and Mr Waller) and Mr Cornelius, our Parent Advisor for Diversity and Inclusion.

The Diversity Council presented to us their biggest project to date; the renaming of the classes. It was inspiring to hear of their hard work, ideas and passion. We asked them what their next steps were and were suitably impressed by their vision. We all agreed that the children were future leaders and truly believe there is a future Prime Minister amongst them!

The work that Mrs Pullen and the Diversity Council have been doing is so important to the School and we look forward to seeing their next project.

Annabel Cornall  
Chair of Governors

### Value Points

Winning House (week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022)  
– Franklin House

Winning House (week ending 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022) –  
Cook House

Winning House (week ending 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022) –  
Scott House

### Super Star Corner

Well done to Lucas Carey in Darwin Class. Lucas won the 'Man of the Match' trophy and scored 2 goals for his team on Saturday – a great job Lucas!



Well done to Georgie Holman in Winston Class who played in his first ever junior golf competition at the weekend (The Costelloe Spring Salver). Georgie finished the day with a double win, placing 1st in his division and 1st place overall – great news Georgie!

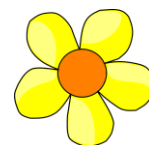


Have a great week everyone!

With kind regards,

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Head Teacher





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