



# Newsletter

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Term 2 Week 5

As we approach the end of Term 2 and head into December, we have lots of Christmas festivities to enjoy with the children. The Christmas season began on Thursday, when Reverend Mark from St. Gabriel’s church visited us to give a special Advent assembly. This week, we begin our celebrations in earnest with the Year 1 Christmas nativity performances and Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Included in this letter, is run-down of all the events planned for the remainder of this term.

Our next big community event will be the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – we hope to see lots of you there.

Only 21 more sleeps until the big day...

Kind regards,

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell  
Headteacher



### **FODS Firework Display:**

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent FODS Firework display – thanks to your generosity and the great work of our fantastic volunteer FODS committee, an amazing £5,173.31 was raised for the school to spend on the children.



### **Attendance**

The Department for Education (DfE) is continuing with its drive to improve school attendance and get it back to pre-COVID pandemic levels. Attendance at The Discovery School has always been high, which is something to be celebrated, but we will continue to do all we can to improve this where we can.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2023/24: 95.1%

### **Best Class Attendance:**

Well done Seacole Class (week ending 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023) – 99.4%

Well done Thunberg Class (week ending 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023) – 98.8%

Well done Edison Class (week ending 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023) – 99.7%

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### **Congratulations:**



Congratulations to Miss Harris who has welcomed her new baby boy into the world. Baby Rory arrived on 22nd November weighing a healthy 6lb and 13oz. We send mum and baby our best wishes.



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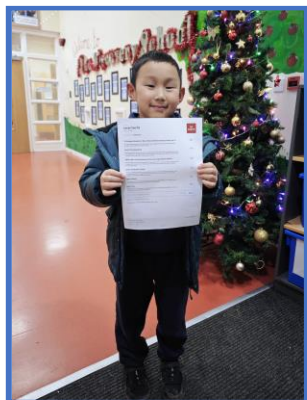
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## Super Star Corner

Well done to Lucas Yu in Gilbert class who has been awarded a distinction for this ABRSM Piano Grade 1 exam. Lucas has worked very hard with his piano teacher in school – great news Lucas!



Well done to Alexander Thomson-O'Connor in Goodall Class for passing his second Shotokan Karate grading to become a 10th Kyu, and for achieving his Level 4 award in gymnastics.



## Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set for the rest of Term 2. A full list of dates for the full year has been emailed to all parents and carers. Please contact the school office if you have not received this.

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas post-box open
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Book Fair (3:15 to 3:34 pm)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Nativity to parents (2:00pm)
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Music Concert (4:30 – 6:30pm)
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Nativity to parents (9:30am)
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – FODS Christmas Fayre (11:00 to 2:00pm)
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Carols around the Christmas Tree Community Event at Liberty Square (4:00pm)
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon (2:00 to 3:00pm)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – iRock Music Concert (1:30 to 3:00 pm)
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle services for children (am)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas Parties
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Carols on the Playground (2:15pm)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Excellence Awards assembly (am)
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Carols on the playground (EYFS and KS1)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Carols on the Playground (KS2)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December - **End of Term 2**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> January – **Start of Term 3**



## FODS Annual Christmas Fayre

The FODS will be hosting their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The Fayre opens at 11:00am and closes at 2:00pm. As well as a range of stalls, food and drink to purchase and fun activities, the KS2 choir will be singing around the Christmas tree at 1:00pm. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



## Remembrance Day:

Thank you to everyone who donated to the recent Poppy Day collection, which raises funds on behalf of the Royal British Legion. The School was able to donate £443.66 to this very worthwhile cause. Here is picture of Henry Martin, who represented The Discovery School at the wreath laying ceremony at the running airman memorial



## The Big Ambition Survey:

The National Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, is seeking to capture the voices of children and young people through running the annual Big Ambition survey. Dame Rachel is keen to hear the views of young people across the country, to ensure their voices are heard by the government. If you or your child would like to participate in the survey, it can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> November)  
– Citrine House 😊

Winning House (week ending 24<sup>th</sup> November)  
– Garnet House 😊

Winning House (week ending 1<sup>st</sup> December –  
Citrine House 😊



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