



# Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Term 1 Week 2

I am sure you will join me in commending the children for their calm and happy return to school. All of the children have settled back into school life very well and are enjoying being with each other after the long summer holidays.

The Discovery School community was very saddened by the announcement of the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. There have been many commemorative events held to remember the life of the Queen. In this newsletter are details of two specific community events that you may be interested in.

After such sad news, we can all look forward to a busy and happy Autumn Term, with lots of exciting things to look forward to, not least our annual Firework Display on the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

We would like to say a big "hello and welcome" to our new children who started at The Discovery School this month. We are very happy to welcome you to our lovely Discovery School family.

With kind regards,

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell  
Head Teacher



## Amazing!

If you haven't yet seen the fantastic post-box topper outside of the School – do look out for it. The amazing work of art was created by Sarah Simpson.



## 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. With this in mind, we will be monitoring attendance very closely over the coming months. This will include unauthorised leave taken during term time. You can find a copy of our Attendance Policy via the following link:  
<https://www.discovery.kent.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Attendance-Policy-v3.pdf>

This policy includes details about the issuing of Fixed-Penalty Fines for taking holidays in term-time without authorisation for extenuating circumstances.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2022/23:  
97.18%

## Best Class Attendance:

Well done Gilbert Class (week ending 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022) - 100%

Well done Earhart Class (week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022) - 100%



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## Welcome

We would like to welcome Miss Precious Mones, our new Special Educational Needs (SEND) Assistant who joined us at the beginning of the new academic year: Miss Mones will be providing assessment and administrative support to Mrs Alcala, SENCo, in order to increase capacity following the departure of Mrs Pullen at the end of last year.



## Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates set so far for Term 1:

- 19<sup>th</sup> September – Bank Holiday
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- 28<sup>th</sup> September – SEND Coffee Morning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October – School Photographs
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour
- 18<sup>th</sup> October – Kent Test results day
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – New Entrants Tour
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – End of Term 1
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Start of term 2

## Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Milo and Luca Martin in Year 5 for completing their first mountain ascent on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Both boys successfully climbed Mount Snowden!



## Super Star Corner

Well done to Ivan Kulik in Jackson Class who recently took part in the national swimming event 'Sprint with The Stars' at the London Aquatic Centre. Having reached the finals, Ivan swam the 50 metre Freestyle with Jacob Whittle, 50 metre Breaststroke with Adam Peaty OBE and 50 metre Butterfly race with James Guy MBE - with Ivan winning the race!



Well done to Zachary Cossins and Nicolas Montero-Cammarano in Gilbert Class who both recently achieved their Water Skills Level 1 certificate – great news!



### Super Star Corner

We are delighted to recognise Yasmin Shoker in Einstein Class in this week's newsletter. After a two year and four-month fight, Yasmin finally finished her cancer treatment. This is an AMAZING achievement and we are thrilled for you!  
Well done Yasmin!



A huge well done to Rayaun Gul in Edison Class who has moved up to Swimming Stage 3 and to  
Aryaun Gul in Earhart Class who has moved up to Swimming Stage 2 – great news



### Tributes to HM Queen Elizabeth II

The Chair of Kent County Council, Lesley Game, has invited all Kent primary school children to send in Tribute drawings of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to give thanks for her life and service.

All drawings will be displayed at County Hall in Maidstone where the public have been invited to sign the book of condolence. The drawings will remain in place for a period of time.

If your child would like to participate, please can drawings be sent to the following address as soon as possible: **Civic Office, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ.**

### Book of Condolence

The Kings Hill community has been invited by St Gabriel's Church, in partnership with the Parish Council, to sign the Kings Hill book of condolence for HM Queen Elizabeth II. The condolence book is located in the lobby of the Kings Hill Community Centre, week days, 9.30am-7pm and weekends 10am-4pm until Tuesday 20th September. Additionally, if you wish to lay flowers, these are being placed at the Running Airman Statue and War Memorials.

### Value Points

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 9<sup>th</sup> September)  
– Shackleton House 😊

Winning House (week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September)  
– Scott House 😊

