



Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2023

Week 7 Term 6

I cannot believe that it is already the end of another academic year – where have the last 12 months gone! This term has been busy with school visits, Sports Days, a Summer Fayre, workshops in school, Year 6 leaver’s events and of course – the Year 6 Prom later today.

As we end the year, I would like to congratulate all of the children on their hard work and resilience. The children really are a credit to our school and the values they exhibit on a daily basis a reflection of their supportive and loving families.

I would also like to thank the staff and governors for their hard work and commitment throughout the last twelve months and I would like to thank all of you for your continued support throughout this year.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break!

With kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell
Head Teacher



Attendance:

Attendance at The Discovery School has always been high, but has not yet returned to pre-COVID levels. The latter part of this year has seen a return to higher levels of attendance overall and next year we look forward to an even better year.

Overall attendance for the year 2022/23: 95.2%.

Best class attendance (week ending 7th July 2023)
– Jackson Class

Best class attendance (week ending 14th July 2023)
– Nightingale Class

Best class attendance (week ending 21st July 2023)
– Turing Class

Best Class Attendance for the year - Well done Galileo Class – 96.6%

Value Points

Winning House (week ending 7th July 2023) – Garnet House

Winning House (week ending 14th July 2023) – Topaz House

Winning House (week ending 21st July 2023) – Peridot House

Well done children to the children in Peridot House – the winning House this term!



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Thank you: The FODS (PTA) has donated over £15,000 to the School this academic year. We are very thankful to receive these additional funds to spend on the children; it would not be possible without the tireless efforts of our small group of volunteer parents. I would also like to express thanks to Mrs. Elworthy who stood down as Chair of the committee earlier this year. We are truly appreciative of the time and commitment you gave to our school.



Staffing news:

The time has come to say farewell to some of our staff. We thank the following staff members for their hard work at commitment during their time at The Discovery School:

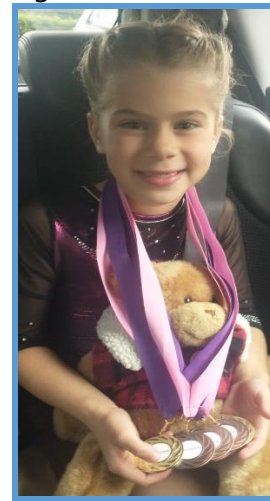
Mrs. Rose, Miss Cleaver, Mrs. Price, Miss Brown, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Healy and Mrs. Lodder. We wish them the very best for the future.



We also welcome some new additions to our staff team in September: Miss McNicoll, Mrs. Rayward, Miss Micoid, Miss Skinner, Ms. Dodd, Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Super Star Corner

Well done to Rosalie Sherrell in Edison Class. Rosalie competed in the Gymfinity Gymnastics Competition (covering the eight Gymfinity clubs across the country), on Sunday 16th July in Luton. She earned a medal on all the apparatus and a gold medal overall in the Level 7 category for gymnasts born in 2014 and 2015 – great news Rosalie!



Congratulations to Holly Butler in Attenborough Class who came first in her first ever gymnastics competition at Pegasus gymnastics - brilliant news Holly!



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Congratulations to Ivan Kulik in Jackson Class, who has broken all 22 club and championship records this year representing Tonbridge Swimming Club. Last week Ivan won eight gold medals and earned his first ever cash prize as an MVP in the Beachfield Open Gala. A week earlier he won four gold medals in the Monson Open Gala, where he competed in the 400 and 200 metres individual medley for the first time. Ivan's success continued last weekend, when he won the third round of the Medway ASA championship – fantastic news Ivan!



Super Star Corner

A huge well done to Ellie Bekker in Gilbert Class. Ellie recently won a first place medal for her age group at the Pegasus Gymnastics GFA competition – terrific news Ellie!



Well done to Bailey Duffy in Newton Class - Bailey received a certificate and medal for completing the first stage of 'La Jolie Ronde' French lessons.



Don't Forget...

1st, 4th and 5th September 2023 are INSET Days (no children in school), with the 6th September being the first day back to school for the children!

Super Star Corner

Well done to Erin Bennett in Turing Class and Lottie Kemp in Seacole Class, who will be appearing in a production of 'Cinderella in Hollywood', with the English Youth Ballet at The Orchard Theatre in Dartford between 18 and 19 August.

<https://orchardtheatre.co.uk/Online/default.asp>



Congratulations to Xanthe Kingsnorth in Newton Class who was very proud to receive a medal and certificate in recognition of her completion of La Jolie Ronde Reception Year French course – well done Xanthe!



Super Star Corner

Well done to Olly Farley in Seacole Class who achieved his Purple Belt in Karate at the weekend – great news Olly!



Well done to Teddy Hughes and William Cowen in Nightingale Class who took part in the Race 4 Life on 1st July. Both boys raised money for a great cause and loved every minute!





App of the Month:

Some of you may be interested in exploring the recently voted app of the Month – the 'NHS App– The Molehill Mountain.

The Molehill Mountain app is designed to help autistic people understand and manage anxiety: <https://bestforyou.org.uk/molehill-mountain-app-of-the-month-july-2023/>



Kent Libraries

Kent Libraries:

The Kent Library Service has asked us to share the flyers attached to this newsletter with you. The flyers detail the exciting Summer Reading Challenge scheduled for the summer holidays!

Good Luck!



Good luck to all of our Year 6 children as you prepare to move on to the next phase of your lives. Each and every one of you has played a special part in making our school a happy and exciting place to learn. We wish you all every happiness for the future – and always remember to be the 'best that you can be!'

Super Star Corner

Well done to Nancie Dadswell in Jackson Class who came 2nd in a Gymspire gymnastics competition on Sunday 9th July at the Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tonbridge – great news Nancie!



Congratulations to Emilia Cornall in Attenborough Class who recently competed in the Inter-County Trampoline Finals for Kent and Sussex, winning a silver medal in the 7-8 females. She was also part of the Kent team winning silver overall!



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A message from the Chair of Governors

As another school year draws to a close; on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to wish you and your children a wonderful summer break. I Hope that you have time to rest, relax and make memories.

It has been a fantastic year at The Discovery School with the staff and children working really hard.

To our Year 6 pupils, I would like to give you my best wishes for the next stage of your learning; the school will miss you very much!

Kindest regards,



**Mrs Annabel Cornall
Chair of Governors**

Super Star Corner

Well done to Harry Waller in Hawking Class. Harry competed in the National IDTA Musical Theatre Awards in Blackpool and came 2nd!



Congratulations to Myla Park in Seacole Class who has been cast to play Kate in the national tour of Annie - great news Myla!



Sports Day 2023



Sports Day

It was lovely to see you all at our recent Sports Day events. There were three Sports Days in total – one for EYFS, one for Years 1, 2 and 3 and one for year 4, 5 and 6.

The children had a great time participating in a range of team sports and sprint races.

The overall winners for all three events are as follows:

- 1st - Topaz
- 2nd - Peridot
- 3rd - Garnet
- 4th - Citrine

Well done to all of the children!



Netball Team News!

Our Discovery School netball teams have had an amazing season. The Netball Club started going only this year and already they have become an amazing netball squad and fantastic team mates to each-other.

Over the last few months, they have played a home match against West Malling primary school. With the year 6 team winning 4-3 and our mixed year 5 and 6 team winning 6-1.

They then played away against Kings Hill school, winning 12-6.

Finally, this week they played away against West Malling School. With the year 6's drawing an exciting match 7 all. The year 5's went on to win their match 9-1.

So, both years can end the season unbeaten!



EYFS visit the farm!



EYFS loved going to Godstone Farm! They met many different animals and became fantastic farmers for the day.

The children were able to feed and handle a range of different animals and learnt lots of important facts and information about them.



Year 6 Production 2023

This year, Year 6 put their incredible drama skills to the test and delivered The Greatest Show to school and their parents. Their story followed the Pickle family and their entertaining circus of performers. The evil shenanigans of some tricky villains put their future in jeopardy, but everything was saved by a wonderful invention. The Year 6 children put their heart and soul into their performances and they should be incredibly proud!

What a great way to end their Primary School adventure!



Year 6 Residential 2023



Back in June, Year 6 had an amazing adventure at Marchants Hill PGL in Surrey.

They started their weekend with a very competitive team game of Task Master before throwing themselves into a weekend of activities. They got to take part in archery tag, giant swing, Jacob's ladder and chanting the PGL songs at the top of their voices - so much so, many children lost their voices!

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and so did the staff!

