



Newsletter

Friday 27th May 2022

As Term 5 draws to a close, it is good to reflect on a busy and eventful few weeks. There have been school trips to Kent Life and Tenterden, history workshops, fieldwork in the local area, visits to Space in the astrodome, SATs weeks, a Book Fair and of course Jubilee Week.

This morning the children shared with each other the wonderful work they have completed about each decade from the 1950s to the present day. This afternoon, the children enjoyed a fun lunchtime together on the field, listened to music from the decades we have been learning about and performing to each other. At the end of this newsletter is a run-down of the songs that were presented. The day culminated with you visiting your children's classrooms to share in their achievements – it was lovely to see so many of you. What a lovely way to end the term!

For those unable to come into school, there are some photographs of the day on our school website and included in this newsletter. Finally, as a lasting memento of this piece of history, each child will bring home a commemorative coin to keep for the future.



Disabled Parking Bays:

Please can we remind parents again, not to park in the designated disabled parking bays or across the yellow hatched lines and dropped kerb. This is vital access to the path for our children who are wheelchair users.



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 96.7%.

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Earhart Class (week ending 20th May) – 98.7%

Well done Jenner Class (week ending 27th May) – 99.3%



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for the first few weeks of Term 6.

- 6th June - Term 6 begins
- 6th June - KS1 Phonics Check Week
- 6th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check begins
- 7th June – Year 2 mini-beast workshop
- 14th June - New Year R Parent's Welcome Meeting
- 17th June - EYFS visit to Godstone Farm
- 17th June - Year 5 visit to Hugh Christie Secondary school
- 20th June - INSET day (school closed to children)



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School Uniform Consultation:

Next term, we will be writing to you about our proposed changes to The Discovery School uniform.

Although these changes are not significant, it is right that the Governing Body consults with parents and carers before agreeing any changes. Any changes would not be implemented until September 2022 and would be phased in over an extended period of time, so that existing items of uniform are not wasted.

In the meantime, as we begin Term 6, we would like to advise that children will not be required to wear a school tie and that the top button of their school shirt can be undone for the remainder of this academic year. No polo shirts though please, as these can get very sweaty and uncomfortable for the children in hot weather. Please can you also ensure that your children have sun hats and a light jacket in case of rain.



Eco-Club update from the children:

Last week was Walk to School Week and the launch of our new walk to school scheme, Star Steppers!

It was great to see so many children and parents making the time and taking the opportunity to travel to school more sustainably. Whether it was walking, scooting, cycling, taking public transport or parking further away, then walking to school. Well done to everyone who took part.

Every Thursday is Star Steppers day, so by travelling to school sustainably, not only will it improve your health, concentration and well-being, but it will also improve air quality and the local environment. You can learn different star constellations too!

Therefore, what are you waiting for, let us all be Star Steppers!

Together we can make a difference, thank you for your support – from Eco-Club.



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Super Star Corner

Well done to Ava Miller in Galileo class – Ava won the Gold Cup Final this weekend with her team, Crystal Palace U11's. The only girls team in the Tandridge League! Great news Ava!



Well done to The Discovery School children and their football team – Rangers won the League Cup!



Have a great half-term break everyone!

With kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell - Head Teacher



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Value Points

Winning House (week ending 13th May 2022) – Scott House

Winning House (week ending 20th May 2022) – Cook House

Winning House (week ending 27th May 2022) – Scott House

Well done to Scott House who are this term's winning house. Scott House will have a non-uniform day on Friday 10th June.



Throughout Jubilee Week, the children learnt about the different decades of the Queen's reign. The children explored the music, food, toys, transport and fashions. On Friday 27th May, each year group sang their 'song of the decade' to the rest of the children. The children and staff also enjoyed a picnic lunch together on the field – the sun even shined!



Jubilee Extravaganza Life Through the Decades 1952 - 2022



Year Three



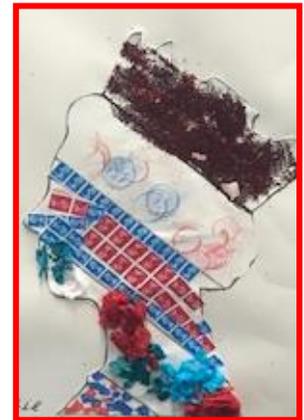
Year Two



Year Four



Year Five



EYFS



Year One



Year Six

