



Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2021

Week 2 Term 2

Here we are – two weeks into Term 2 already, with only 44 sleeps left until Christmas! How did that happen...

Already this term, Year 4 have been on a school visit to Kent Life, our children have performed for Children in Need and the FODS (PTA) has organised their annual Fireworks Display! We still have lots to look forward to in the remaining few weeks before Christmas.

On 23rd and 25th November, we will be holding our first set of parent consultations for this academic year. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so using the online booking system:

<https://discoveryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



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 5th November) – Scott House

Winning House (week ending 12th November) – Cook House

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Lacey Hudgell who has just received The Young Carer Award 2021 from The National Children & Young People Awards.



Well done Lacey!

Attendance



The Government expects all schools to promote the importance of good school attendance. Attendance at The Discovery School has always been high, but is currently being affected by COVID-19.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2021/22: 95.45%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Dyson Class (week ending 5th November 2021) - 100%

Well done Pasteur Class (week ending 12th November 2021) – 99.3%



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Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for November. All of the dates below, and the organisation of any planned events, will be subject to any COVID-19 restrictions which may be in place and may be subject to last minute change.

- 13th November – FODS Firework Display
- 15th November – Anti-bullying Week
- 15th November – Year 6 trip to Horton Kirby
- 18th November – New Entrants Tour
- 23rd November – Parent Consultations
- 25th November – Parent Consultations
- 26th November – INSET Day (no children in school)



Online Safety Advice:

The National Online Safety forum has recently published the following parental guides to help parents to manage safe viewing for their children.

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device. In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as screen addiction, inappropriate content and hacking attempts.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/netflix>

Snapchat is a photo- and video-sharing app through which users can chat with friends via text or audio. In the parent guide below, you'll find tips on managing a number of potential risks for children such as visible location and strangers.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/snapchat-2021>

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Olivia Jones in Einstein class who has been awarded her Level 1 Pegasus Gymnastics Award.



Well, done Olivia!



Well done to Gabriella Jones in Nightingale class who has been awarded her Level 1 Pegasus Gymnastics Award.



Congratulations Gabriella!



– thank you!

Coats: As the weather is starting to turn much colder – please can we ask parents to ensure that your children have a warm coat in school each day



Children in Need:

The Key Stage 2 choir had a very exciting time on Friday 5th November. The choir was asked to perform for the national Children in Need campaign by the BBC. The children were filmed and recorded singing this year's Children in Need song by Tom Brennen and it was then broadcast on BBC Radio Kent. Our choir may also be included in the final cut of the national children's choirs, which will be broadcast on BBC1 on 19th November – we are very proud of you all!



Have a lovely weekend with your children and I hope to see lots of you at the fireworks tomorrow evening!

With kind regards,

T. Gobell

Miss T Gobell
Headteacher



Super Star Corner

Well done to Ethan Illingsworth in Hubble class for taking part in the 50 Junior Park Run. Ethan achieved his Ultra Marathon wristband and celebrated running a new personal best of 9mins 13seconds.



A great achievement Ethan!



Congratulations to Ivan Kulik in Archimedes class. Ivan recently won a gold medal in the first round of the Tonbridge Swimming Club Championship. Ivan (8) came first in the final of the 50m butterfly, despite competing against 12 to 13-year-olds. He also broke the club's all-time record for the U8 age group by nearly 6 seconds.



A fantastic job Ivan!



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