



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

# Newsletter

Week 4 Term 4

The children have been having a really exciting time in school since our last newsletter. The children in Year 5 have visited space in an Astrodome as part of their Science topic and this week, all of the children have enjoyed participating in British Science Week. The week was kicked up with the amazing Professor Bubbleworks workshops last week. This week the children have taken part in a whole host of Science based projects. Take a look at some of the photographs in this week's newsletter.



## **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: 93.84%. When excluding COVID-19 cases for our absence data, attendance is 96.1%.

## **Best Class Attendance:**

Well done Darwin Class (week ending 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022) – 99.3%

Well done Hawking Class (week ending 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022) – 98.1%

## **Value Points**

Winning House (week ending 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022) – Scott House

Winning House (week ending 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022) – Cook House



## **Upcoming dates for your diary**

Please find below a list of key dates for Term 4.

- 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Class photographs – all children to be in full school uniform please.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Non-uniform Day in exchange for £1 to fund the Easter Egg Hunt for the children.
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations
- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Raffle draw
- 30<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt
- 31<sup>st</sup> March Parents Consultations
- **1<sup>st</sup> April – Last day of Term 4**
- **19<sup>th</sup> April – Start of term 5**
- 20<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Consultations



## **Welcome:**

We would like to welcome Mrs. Oakley to The Discovery School who will be joining Darwin Class after the Easter break as the new class Teaching Assistant.



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### **Thank you:**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs

Haralambie who very kindly arranged for some special disinfectant equipment to be used in school this week, in our drive to keep COVID-19 at minimal levels in school. Her support is much appreciated!



### **FODS (PTA):**

Thank you to the parents who attended the FODS (PTA) Annual General Meeting this week.

The FODS do a tremendous amount of work for the school and our wonderful group of parent volunteers continue to plan exciting events for you and the parents and children to enjoy.

Thanks to their amazing fundraising last year, the FODS have just donated £10,000 to the school. This will be added to the other funds saved so far for the purchase and installation of a new outside MUGA (Multi-use games area) which can be used for sports all year round. The total cost of the project is £68,000 – we are already half-way there!



### **Bus timetable consultation:**

Kent County Council is currently consulting on changes to its bus timetable and bus availability, including proposals to reduce various bus services within Kent. This may affect some secondary school bus routes. If you would like to read more and respond to the consultation, please follow the link below:

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/bus-funding-reductions>



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### **Super Star Corner**

Well done to Harrison Johns in Bell Class who recently played in his first football match with his new team. Harrison managed to score a hat-trick for The Colts on his team debut!



Well done to Bertie Gregory in Hawking Class, who came first in the recent Green Ball tennis competition. An excellent achievement!



### **Five Star Rating:**

We are pleased to advise you that following a recent inspection by the Environmental Health Agency, our Breakfast and After School Clubs retained the 5-star rating.

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### **Safer Internet Advice:**

This year's Safer Internet Day explored the theme of 'All fun and games?'. It looked at the importance of children engaging in respectful child relationships online, including the sending of messages on messaging apps or games.

Below is a link to a useful resource for parents to use when discussing internet use with their children:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation/>

We hope you find this information helpful in supporting your child at home.

### **Super Star Corner**

Congratulations to Dhrithi Srivatsan in Dyson class. Dhrithi achieved second place in Grade 1 Piano at the Tunbridge Wells music festival on 5th March – fantastic news Dhrithi!



### **Super Star Corner**

Congratulations to Reggie Hawkins in Attenborough Class who was recently named 'Man of the Match' for amazing defending.



Well done to Ryley Chance in Peake Class who was awarded 'Parent's Player of the Match' for defending so well during the last game.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!

With kind regards,

*T. Gobell*

Miss T Gobell  
Head Teacher



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# British Science Week

This week we joined schools around Britain to celebrate British Science Week. The theme this year is 'growth'. We launched our week with a visit from the amazing Professor Lucy Bubbleworks who taught us all about how clouds and bubbles grow (a highlight was the fire tornado she created in our assembly!). Across the school we carried out experiments, investigations and observations all about the growth of plants, people and other living things. Year 5 even took a trip to Mars to see how things grow there! Our week culminated in a science extravaganza where we held a school-wide showcase of our learning. We are all very proud of the incredible scientists at The Discovery School!



