



DISCOVERY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Odd Socks Day

Well done to everyone who wore odd socks today to celebrate Odd Sock Day. This is a great start to the Anti bullying week which takes place next week in the academy. It is great to join together to celebrate everyone is different.

Children In Need Day

Please remember this year we will be celebrating Children In Need day on Friday 18th November. We will be taking part in lots of fundraising activities along with lots of other settings across Great Britain.

This is where we need your help!

You can help us make a memorable event that raises as much money as possible by supporting the fundraising activities in our academy. The children can come in dressed in something spotty for a 'spotacular' day bringing with them a silver coin for a donation. There will be a prize for the class that raises the most money - extra playtime!

We are asking you to donate coins which we will place in the shape of a Pudsey Bear's head.

The children will also take part in the live launch of BBC's Mood Boosters.

It will be a lot of fun. Let's make a difference to the lives of children around the UK. Thank you for your continued support.

Parents Evening

Please do not forget it is parents' evenings next week. Your child/children should come home with a slip indicating the time of the meeting. The year groups are Foundation, year 1, 2, 4 and 5. These will be face to face meetings with Pabulum in attendance providing samples of the fantastic food they currently serve.

Office

We are in the process of recruiting an additional staff member in the office. This means we currently not fully staffed in the office and are therefore rather stretched. Could you please bear with us over the next few weeks until we recruit. Thank you.

Vaping

The staff from Queen Katharine Academy and several parents have complained about adults vaping or smoking at the front or down the path between both academies. Can you please not do this at all as it sets a bad example to the younger and older children. Also, both adults and children do not want to have smoke blown into the air when they are next to people in the queue. Thank you.

Read, Read and Read

Don't forget one of the most important life skills is to be able to read. Please support the academy and your child by reading 5x a week together.

Maths Week England



We're celebrating Maths Week England by taking part in a friendly times tables (and division) competition. The competition runs from 07:30am on Monday 14th November to 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th November. It's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com or the TTRS app.

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the academy a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the academy and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player well-being, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 07:30am and 7:30pm on 07:30am Monday 14th November to 7:30pm Wednesday 16th November.

Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high-stress levels or impact on family plans.

Christmas Fair Date for Diary

On Friday 16th December we will be hosting a small Christmas Fair. Each year group will make a craft to sell to grownups. Alongside these we will have other Christmas stalls and festive music. We will confirm timings nearer the event, but it will be after the academy day.

Girls Football and Cross Country

Well done to the children who represented our academy in sports events this week. The Year 5/6 girls football team played two matches this week, whilst some children in Years 3-6 took part in a cross-country event at Arthur Mellows. Well done to all the children involved! **Discovery Primary Academy would like to purchase a football kit for the squads when they play in competitions. If anybody knows of a business that would be kind enough to sponsor the kit, please let us know.**

Walking to and from the Academy

Whilst we all want to encourage our children to be independent and start to walk to and from the academy on their own, we are becoming increasingly concerned by reports of children not crossing the roads safely. Can you please make sure that your child/children know their Green Cross Code so they cross in sensible places and cross safely.