



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

As you are aware we have had a team of Ofsted Inspectors with us for the last two days. The Ofsted report that they will write will be available for parents in the coming weeks. As soon as I am able, I will send it to you.

Can I just say a huge thank you to all the parents who completed the online forms. Also, a huge thank you to the children and staff. We are really very proud of you all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Siequien

Attendance

The overall attendance this week was a **95.5%** A massive well done to **Pyramids** who achieved **100%** closely followed by **Crusaders** with **98.9%**.

Family Coach can help.

Talking about relationships can feel daunting but it's an important conversation to have. With technology, children can see all kinds of information about relationships, some of which may not be age-appropriate or accurate. We can work together to help teach them what healthy relationships look like. Visit [MyFamilyCoach.com](https://www.MyFamilyCoach.com) for links and free online classes hosted by the experts.

Clubs

Tuesday. Yr. 3 Drama Club. Lunchtime. Mrs Barnes.
Yr. 5 & 6 BoxFit. Afterschool until 4pm. Starting 7th March Mrs Torrens
Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Girls Football. Afterschool until 4:15pm. Mr Wright.

Wednesday. Yr. 5 & 6 Netball. Lunchtime. Mrs Hovell.
Yr. 3 Drama Club. Lunchtime. Mrs Barnes
Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 multi-sports. Afterschool until 4:15pm. Mr Wright.

Thursday. Yr. 5 & 6 Recorders. Lunchtime.
Yr. 5 & 6 Boys Football. Afterschool until 4:15pm. Mr Wright.

Dates for Your Calendar

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day
Wednesday 8th March – Virtual Parents evening
Thursday 9th March – Virtual Parents evening
Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day
Friday 31st March - Finish for Easter

Our World Book Day is on **Friday 3rd March**. We would like to invite the children to come in dressed in their **pyjamas/nightwear** for the day. Look out for news and updates on the class Dojo.

Friday 3rd March 2023
Special Pabulum menu to celebrate
World Book Day
Take a look at the menu attached to see what's on offer!

I hope you enjoy the phase leader update for year 1 at the end of this newsletter. An update from year 2 will follow in the next newsletter.

Year 1 News January and February 2023

We began the new year by learning about the geography of the country that we live in. We found out that we live in Peterborough which is in the United Kingdom (UK). The children were introduced to the term physical features. We used photographs, maps, and atlases to investigate physical features around the UK such as Loch Ness, the Giant's Causeway and Mount Snowdon. We found out that the River Thames flows through London!

We learned that the UK is made up of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, and we learned the capital cities of each country. We also learned that the UK is surrounded by the North Sea, Irish Sea, English Channel, and the Atlantic Ocean.

In History and Design Technology (DT), the children have been learning about toys. We have found out how toys were made in the past and played with lots of different old toys on our special Toy Day. We found out that some toys get lost and we can find them by digging them up. We also found out that people made a lot of toys at home and had a go at making some for ourselves. In DT we learned about joining materials and how to fulfil a design brief to make a puppet toy from Room on the Broom.

In PSHE the children have been thinking about how and why it is important to work as a team. They have learned that if you work together, you can achieve more than one person on their own, as we all have different skills to help with a job.

In Maths, the children have been working on addition and subtraction to 20, and 2D and 3D shape knowledge. They use a number line to add and subtract. Using Numbots at home for 10 minutes per week will help them to get ahead with their maths recall and develop essential maths skills.

They have written poems, a letter, and a recount. We are pleased that their sentences have full stops and capital letters now!

The children are becoming more independent, and we encourage them to read to you five times in a week to help develop their reading skills. The more you practice, the better you get. Please make a note in your child's Reading Record when you hear them read, so we can count them up each Friday and give out rewards. Every child that reads 5 times in a week gets a square on the Race to Read chart for their class; a raffle ticket to win a new book and a biscuit. Their photograph is also displayed in our academy.