



# Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

## An Exciting Week

Wow, what an exciting week culminating in World Book Day. The children have had a fantastic day wearing their pyjamas and listening to stories, sharing their favourite stories, swapping books and taking part in a masked reader competition. This involves different staff hiding behind a virtual mask and reading a story or poem. The children must guess the adult who is and the book or poem they have read. Thank you so much to all the staff that have been involved in organising the day. We are hoping to put some pictures on the website shortly so you can see all the fun they have had.



## The Stone Age

Year Three had a fantastic day on Thursday in the Stone Age Roundhouse. We met 'Twig' and 'Scruff' and they told us about what it was like in the Stone Age, and we handled artefacts - some were 2 million years old! As we chanted 'Fire brother coming' Twig demonstrated how they would make fire and then we cooked mackerel over it. Some of the children then tried some of it and declared it was delicious. We also researched the animals that were around four thousand years ago and found out about cave lions, woolly mammoths, and stone age hyenas. A truly memorable experience.



## Attendance

The overall attendance this week was a **93.77%** Well done to **Hercules** who achieved **98.3%** closely followed by **Crusaders** with **98.2%**.

## Clubs

Tuesday. Yr. 3 Drama Club. Lunchtime. Mrs Barnes.  
Yr. 5 & 6 BoxFit. Afterschool until 4pm. 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

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Virtual Parents evening  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Virtual Parents evening  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Normandy Parents evening (9-14:30hrs)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Finish for Easter

## PE Clothing

Just a little reminder that children need to wear PE clothing that is either navy, grey or black. Can we please keep it as plain as possible, so we do not have children trying to out brand other children. Sadly, we are beginning to have bright colours creeping in and brand names. Other children see this and then they think they can do the same. Please support us with this so the children are focused on the lesson and not what other people are wearing. Thank you.

## Safety

Please make sure to stay safe when crossing the road outside the academy. Please use the zebra crossings.

I hope you enjoy the phase leader update for year 2 at the end of this newsletter.

## Year 2

Year Two have been working very hard on their learning in reading, writing and maths this term, and it has been lots of fun too.

In R.E. the children have learned about Christian and Hindu creation stories, including looking after the Earth.

They have been learning about where money comes from, credit, interest and how we can spend it or save it in PSHE.

In Science they have learned that materials can be grouped in different ways according to their properties; materials have useful properties for a given job, e.g., materials can be waterproof, strong, hard, flexible, rigid, light, or heavy. The children have performed tests to find answers to questions that they have, and they found that a boat needs to be waterproof and float.

In Design Technology lessons they had to design a new car for Mrs Armitage. They had to find out whether a floating or fixed axle would make the car go fastest, so they planned and made their cars, and then had a race to find out which axle was better.

For Internet Safety Day, year two children learned about why it is important to be kind when you are online.

Grace Darling was the focus of History lessons, with children learning about how her brave rescue led to the forming of the RNLI.

We are looking forward to learning about painting in Art lessons next. Please keep reading five times a week so your class can win the Race to Read!