



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 14th July 2023

Special key dates are listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

*****Our last day is Wednesday 19th July 2023*****

A Great Week

We have had a great week in the academy. Four of our year 6 children attended Queen Katharine Academy to take part in a school maths competition. They participated in several rounds of some very tricky mathematical questions. They came 2nd out of nine schools. Our mathematicians were all presented with trophies and certificates! Well done everyone for taking part. Thank you to Miss Farrell for taking the children

Year 6 Bikeability

Several of our year 6 pupils have been learning how to ride their bike safely so they can cycle to and from the academy. Well done to all those children who passed their cycling tests.

Attendance

The overall attendance this week is **93.1%**.

Well done to **Poseidon** who achieved **97.9%** and **Pyramids** with **97.2%**



Many parents/ carers are trying to figure out how they will cover childcare over the long summer holiday. Asking grandparents and other relatives to help sounds like the perfect solution, but differences in parenting approaches can make it a challenging time for everyone.

My family coach have added a Quick Read blog post to their website discussing ways to help different generations find compromises and work together: [Childcare During School Holidays: Using Family Support.](#)

They also have a new parent/carer class on **Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm**. Which is free to register and attend. [Building Stronger Communication with Your Child](#) – Perfect if every conversation seems to become an argument, or if you feel your child ignores everything you say.

Clubs

Tuesday. Yr. 3 Drama Club at lunchtime. Mrs Barnes.
Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Girls Football. Until 4:15pm. Mr Wright.

Wednesday. Yr. 4 Drama Club at lunchtime. Mrs Barnes

****Wednesday Multi Sport and Thursday Boys football has now finished for the year****



Book Look

The **year 3 team** would like to invite the **year 3 parents** to attend the academy **on Monday, 17th July at 2:30pm** to have a look at the children's books from the year.



If your child is 2,3 or 4 years old, the pre-school has funded and paid places available in September, pop into pre-school at the end of our building for more information.

Survey Results

We have looked at the results of the survey. Most parents do not want the queuing system before the gates open. Instead, parents would like to wait individually or in small groups, outside the front of the academy until the gates are open. Everyone likes the one-way system so it will stay in place.

We would like to try this from Monday 17th July for the last few days to see how it goes. Can I remind all parents/carers that you will need to be careful as you walk down the passageway by the pre-school and near the exit of the academy. These parts of the site are narrow so small groups may have to be careful.

Can I also remind all parents/carers that your behaviour and language as a visitor on the academy site, must meet the academy's expectations. This will ensure all visitors have a pleasant experience whilst dropping off and collecting each day.

Dates for Your Calendar

Tuesday 18th July – Leavers Assembly 2-3pm
Wednesday 19th July – Academy closes

Phase Leader updates this way.

Hope you enjoy!



Itter Park Summer Fun Day 2023

Stalls, Music, and rides

Sunday 20th August
from 11am till 7pm

<https://www.facebook.com/events/912286786536617/permalink/912286806536615/>

Foundation Stage Phase update

It has been another very busy half term in Foundation stage.

In June the children took part in their first sports day. We were really proud of how hard they tried in all of their races. We had been practising hard during our PE lessons and the children really enjoyed showing their running, jumping, and balancing skills to the parents that came to watch.

We have been working hard to prepare the children for year 1. The children came back very excited after their move up day and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We have also taken the children to assembly in the hall for the first time as a practise for when they are in Year 1. We have been practising writing and letter formation over the last few weeks, especially writing on lines, and making sure our letters are all a similar size.

It has been a wonderful year and we are very proud of all the progress and hard work we have seen in Foundation stage this year and wish everybody a wonderful summer holiday.

Year 1 and 2 Phase update

We are extremely proud of the hard work that children in KS1 have achieved in the final term of the year. They have taken part in a full range of activities across the curriculum in Reading, Writing, Maths, History, Geography and Science.

In Year One the children have worked hard on learning their phonics. The children walked to Itter Park for a fun morning of activities and a nature hunt. They also used the forest area to explore and make habitats for hedgehogs. They have been learning how to join materials to make a chair for baby bear. Next week they will be learning about sculpture in Art and making sculptures from clay.

In Year Two the children have been learning about plants. They were keen to know about the different parts of a plant that we can eat. Next week they will be learning how to join materials in design and technology. The children will be making a puppet and sewing part of it.

Year 3 and 4 Phase update

Well, we have made it to the end of the year! I think we are all ready for a holiday.

In Year 3, the children have continued to work hard. The children loved learning about the weather in Geography; they recorded our weather (although it was a week where it was hot, sunny and with blue skies every day), looked at clouds, found out about weather around the world and were fascinated exploring extreme weather.

In Science the children explored light; looking at light sources, how light travels, how light is reflected and how shadows are formed.

Recently the children have thoroughly enjoyed painting, creating their own versions of Tiger in a Tropical Storm by Henri Rousseau. They worked brilliantly and created some real masterpieces!

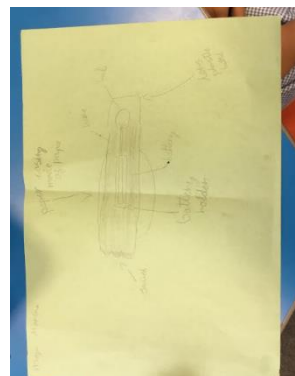
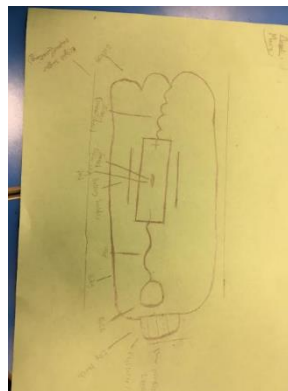
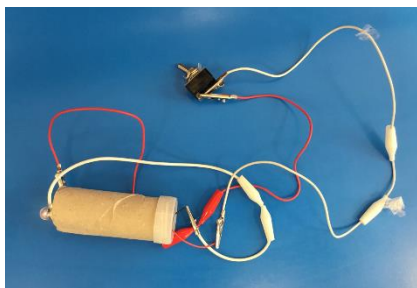


In Writing, the children have worked on Performance Poetry. It was great to see how the children had grown in confidence since the beginning of the year and how keen they were to perform to each other.

On Wednesday 12th July, Crusaders class participated in the Music Hub Sharing Concert, at the Salvation Army Citadel. The children's performance was outstanding! Their behaviour was impeccable, and they were true ambassadors for the academy. The children were very patient; having to wait until the very last performance to showcase their skills, but they certainly left the best until last. Absolutely amazing!



In DT, Year 4 have been designing and making their own torches; using what they have learned in science earlier in the year. They even made their own switches! Fantastic work Year 4!



It would be wonderful if all the children could keep practising TTRS and reading regularly over the summer holidays. This will help the children to build on all their progress from this year and be fully prepared for the new year in September.



Year 5 and Year 6 Phase update

Year 5 and 6 have had a fantastic end to the year.

Year 5

Year 5 began this half term continuing to learn about life cycles and living things. We had the joy and anticipation of watching our caterpillars grow, change and eventually metamorphose into butterflies, which was amazing to see!

We then continued our science work by learning about human life cycles and the incredible changes fetuses go through in the womb. Following on from this in our PSHE work, we discovered the developments that bodies go through as we grow and enter puberty.

In art, we have enjoyed learning about the movement of cubism. We considered cubist still life work and portraits, focussing on bold lines, colours and unusual perspectives. We then created our own cubist self-portraits, using paint skills to add colour and detail.

In writing, we have completed another myths and legends unit, this time learning about native American legends. We created our own version of a Wabanaki tribe myth about the mighty Glooskap, using dialogue, description and lots of imagination! We have ended the term by creating our own products and writing formal, persuasive letters to an investor. The children have really enjoyed this and have come up with some amazing new inventions!



Year 6

We are very proud of all of the Year 6 children for such a successful year. This half term, the children have worked on Sketch Up in their Computing lessons to create their own building designs, using maths, design and IT skills combined.

In PE, the children have been practising their athletics and tennis skills, as well as also enjoying some additional free-choice PE sessions, too. This week, Year 6 have also held their Young Enterprise sales day. The children created a huge range of imaginative products, from keyrings, to sketches, to crocheted octopi! All of the children repaid their business loans and made a profit - clearly, we have some budding entrepreneurs in Year 6!

As an extra treat for their hard work this year, Year 6 were also lucky enough to enjoy end-of-year trips to FlipOut, Hollywood Bowl and Planet Ice. The children have also enjoyed our after-school leavers' get together, which has enabled us to end the year with lots of celebrations and time together.

What an amazing year of learning and experiences, Year 5 & 6! You have worked really hard this year and produced some outstanding work. We are really excited to welcome our Year 5 children back in September as our new Year 6 cohort and we wish all of our current Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to secondary school.

The Year 5 and 6 team wish you all a lovely summer holiday! 😊

Thank you for reading!
We hope you all have a lovely Holiday!!