



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 10th November 2023

Peterborough Sings

Last night children from year 5 joined several other Primary Schools across Peterborough at The Cresset to sing together. Both parents and staff listened to the children sing Beetle Songs alongside two other Peterborough Schools. Not only did they perform on stage to an audience, but they also wrote lyrics for a new song that will be performed next year at Peterborough Sings.

Miss Daniels and I would like to say once again, well done to all our children, thank you to parents for coming along to watch them perform and thank you to Mrs Barnes and Mrs Armstrong for supporting the children on the day. Thank you, Mrs Barnes, for teaching the children the songs!



Children In Need

To support Children in Need on Friday 17th November, children can attend the academy wearing something spotty. A silver coin donation would be appreciated. We plan to draw an outline of Pudsey Bear in the atrium and fill it with coins!

The money raised will be split between Children in Need and the Anti bullying Odd Socks charity



Attendance

This week the overall academy attendance was a very low at **92.7%**

Well done to **Henry VIII** and **Diana** who both achieved the highest at **95.9%**

Clubs

Monday	Yr. 3 & 4 Netball and Football clubs – Lunchtime Yr. 3 & 4 Drama and Performance club – Lunchtime Yr. 1 & 2 Multi-sports - Afterschool with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm Yr. 1 & 2 Football with POSH until 4:15pm. Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Country Dancing with Mrs Stanley and Mrs Nightingale until 4pm Yr. 5 STEAM Club with Miss Norris until 4:15pm
Tuesday	Yr. 5 & 6 Girls Football club - Lunchtime Yr. 5 & 6 Drama and Performance club – Lunchtime Yr. 4, 5 & 6 Ukulele Club - Lunchtime Yr. 3,4,5 & 6 Running club with Mrs Torrens until 4:15pm Yr. 3 & 4 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm
Wednesday	Yr. 5 & 6 Boys Football club – Lunchtime Yr. 5 & 6 Multi-sports with Mr Burnham until 4:15pm Yr.5 & 6 Netball Club with Miss Hovell and Mrs Savidge until 4:15pm
Thursday	Yr.3 & 4 Choir Club with Mrs Armstrong until 4pm

Drumming and Piano

We are delighted that we now have children learning to play the Drums and the Piano. We are looking to start guitar lessons soon. Thank you to the office staff for your help with this.

Discos and Year 6 Prom Evening

We are finalising dates for a Spring and Summer Disco for the children as well as releasing the date for the year 6 mini-prom in the summer. We will also be holding the year 6 leavers assembly and celebration at Queen Katharine Academy in the theatre on Thursday 18th July in the afternoon.



Can our academy reach new heights with England Rocks? The online times tables competition will boost maths confidence alongside accuracy and recall speed!

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our academy, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 7:30am on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 19:30pm on Thursday 16th November 2023. It's all done online via play.trockstars.com.

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 7:30am and 7:30pm each day from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th November 2023. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play each 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 your child's behalf but encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.

Breakfast

We are becoming increasingly worried about children coming in without having eaten breakfast. I am sure this must be a worry for you if you are struggling to get your child to eat in the mornings. We will be talking to the children about how important breakfast is each day but in the meantime can we ask for your support in this matter. If you are struggling to get your child to eat breakfast, then please message the class teacher. I am sure they will support you by speaking to your child.

Playtime Snacks

There is an increase of crisps and chocolate being sent in as a playtime snack, please can we ask that playtime snacks are healthy, nutritious, and low in sugar.

Dojo Messages

Please could we request that parents do not use the class dojo to message Ms Siequien. If you do wish to contact Ms Siequien, please email the academy office.

Vaping

Unfortunately, senior staff have recently found themselves dealing with the issue of Vaping with some of our children. The issues have included children vaping on the way in in the mornings and whilst also bringing them into the academy to use them during the day. Obviously, this is unacceptable behaviour and parents will of course be informed if your child/children are involved. We will be talking to the older children about this issue alongside the health reasons why they should not vape. If you too wish to talk openly and honestly with your child about the potential health hazards associated with nicotine as well as the legal age for smoking/vaping being 18 years old, please do or there are some child friendly videos on YouTube that you could use.

Dates for Your Calendar

Monday 13th November 2023 – Odd Socks Days
Friday 17th November 2023 – Children in Need Day
Wednesday 29th November 2023 – Odin Parents Evening
Thursday 30th November 2023 – Odin Parents Evening
Friday 1st December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December 2023 – Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner
Monday 18th December 2023 – Christmas Party Afternoon
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Discovery's Got Talent



Next week (13th-18th November) it is Maths Week England. Some classes will focus on problem-solving and will be using the resources from this event. You can also use these at home:

https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/?page_id=8128

There are daily video puzzles, competitions, events, and useful websites available which are well worth a look. Why don't you check it out with your child?