



Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 24th November 2023



Success For All Partner School

We are thrilled to have been awarded Phonic Partner status with Fischer Family Trust and Success for All! This partnership is a testament to our commitment to academic excellence and pupil success. Through this partnership, we have implemented effective strategies to improve early reading skills, ensuring that every child has a strong foundation for future achievements on our journey towards creating a community of lifelong learners! Well Done Everyone!!

Attendance

This week the overall academy attendance was **93.2%**

Well done to **Pharaohs** who achieved **99%** and **Odin** who achieved **98.2%**

Ready to learn.

We are concerned about the number of children who are arriving late in the mornings. This means that the children have to come through the front entrance, walk to their classroom on their own and then enter the classroom when everyone else has started their work. None of the children like this. Arriving late means that children are not ready to learn, they are missing out on teaching and learning time and this has a knock on effect to their progress. We are now monitoring children who are late each morning and will be arranging meetings with parents of children who are persistently late. Please support your child's learning by making sure they are in and ready to learn, on time, each day.

Gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am. Anyone arriving between 8:45am to 9:00am is marked as late on the register. Anyone arriving after 9am, is marked as an unauthorised absence on the register. We offer a Breakfast Club from 7.30am for £3.50 per child per day.

Toys or Items from Home

Can we just remind all parents/carers that we do not allow children to bring in toys or items from home unless the teacher has sent a Class Dojo message asking them to do so. Not only do these items distract the children but they also can go missing or get broken which can cause upset. Please ensure children leave these items at home.

Mobile Phones

Can we just remind parents that it is only years 5 and 6 that can bring mobile phones into the academy. For them to do this they must have a signed a consent form which is available from the academy office. All phones are handed to the class teacher and collected at the end of the day.

Health and Safety

Could we please ask that all parents/carers remind your child/children not to put their hands in their pockets whilst walking or running. Some children tend to do this when their hands are cold. If they fall over doing this, they cannot protect their face or head very easily which can result in some very nasty injuries.

We are having the same problem with shoelaces. Once again, an untied shoelace can be very dangerous. Please share this video with your child to help them learn to tie their shoelaces.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_wuRz3TSno

It will save them from getting hurt!

Please see the Link below, with a list of our Afterschool Clubs

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)

Ukulele Concert

On Wednesday the pupils in Crusaders class (Year 4) attended a music concert organised by The Peterborough Music Hub. Schools from across the city were invited to perform and play instruments that they have been learning this term.

Crusaders played their Ukuleles and sang "Shotgun" (George Ezra).

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Fisher were extremely proud of the children, not only for their brilliant performance but also for the way the class represented Discovery Primary Academy throughout the morning.

Not content with just one performance that day... parents and carers were also treated to watching the children play in a special end-of-the-day showing!

A huge well done to everyone. Amazing work.

Well Done Year 4

Well done to year 4 who attended Arthur Mellows Village College and took part in a sports competition against lots of other schools from Peterborough. The children did extremely well and many came home with certificates. Thank you to the children for being true ambassadors representing Discovery Primary Academy and thank you to the Class teachers and support staff for taking them.

Peterborough Music Hub presents 'Live Premiere of Mimi and the Mountain Dragon.'

Mimi and the Mountain Dragon is an animated film based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, with a live orchestral accompaniment, narrator, and choir to be shown.

**New Theatre Peterborough on
Tuesday 28th November, 6:00 to
7:00 pm.**

The children may even notice a familiar face or recognise the voice of the narrator!!

Please click [HERE](#) to the theatre box office to buy your tickets!



Christmas Fair

Thank you for all the donations received so far for the Christmas Fair. It is not too late so, if you still have good quality toys, (not soft toys please) or nearly new books then please do send them in. Every donation counts.

Year 5 Bake Sale

As part of the Christmas Fair, Year 5 will be running a Bake Sale again this year. This is our year group fundraising event and was incredibly popular last year. If any parents, carers, family, or friends of Year 5 children are able to donate shop-bought or handmade cakes, biscuits or treats (nut-free please), we would be incredibly grateful. Please can these be handed in to the academy office on the morning of 8th December.

Thank you very much,

The Year 5 Team

Dates for Your Calendar

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 Fair
Wednesday 13th December 2023 – Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December 2023 – EYFS Nativity - **9:30am**
Friday 15th December 2023 – EYFS Nativity - **2pm**
Monday 18th December 2023 - Christmas Party Afternoon
Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Discovery's Got Talent

Parking Issues

Parking around the academy has always been challenging and now that the Queen Katharine Drop off zone is closed it is becoming increasingly more difficult. Can we all work together please to ensure that wherever we park we do so sensibly and with consideration to others. Thank you.