



Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. We are so pleased to see everyone return safely ready for a new term. Everyone looked very smart in their academy uniform.

Please remember to make sure that your child/ren have a coat, gloves, and a hat. The children do go out to play at playtime and lunchtime and we want them to be warm especially as the weather is getting colder next week.

Attendance

This week the overall academy attendance was **93.2 %**
Well done to who **Thor** and **Odin** who both achieved **98.3%**

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

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)



We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 2nd February 2024. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that is always there for children and young people whatever their problems or concerns. On average, a child contacts Childline every 45 seconds.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities, and we will be taking part in *Dress Up for Digits* and in return, we are asking that the children bring in a silver coin. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

We are looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we appreciate your support.

All the money we raise at DPA will help to support the NSPCC be there for children today and tomorrow.

Greggs Foundation Breakfast

The Greggs breakfast is getting more and more popular, and it is lovely to see so many children benefiting from something to eat on their way into the academy. Breakfast is handed out from the front of the academy so families who use the Preschool gate are missing out on something to eat on their way in. Please ensure you use the designated gates when entering the academy and do not use the Preschool entrance, as this gate is exclusively for Preschool children. Thank you for your support.

NHS Mental Health Service

Text HEAR 85258

NHS Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, in collaboration with SHOUT, has launched HEAR 85258, a free text mental health support service.

By texting HEAR to 85258, individuals in crisis can connect with trained volunteers 24/7. The service is confidential, anonymous, and offers real-time support, guiding texters to local and national mental health services. It's free, discreet, and accessible to residents, workers, and students in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, requiring no app, data, password, or registration

For more information about what mental health services are available in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, visit www.keep-your-head.com

Dates for Your Calendar

Thursday 18th January 2024 – Pabulum's Favourites Day – (Menu attached)

Friday 2nd February 2024 – Number Day

Thursday 8th February 2024 – Academy Disco

Tuesday 13th February 2024 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th February 2024 – Parents Evening

Thursday 15th February 2024 – Parents Evening

Friday 16th February 2024 – Half-term

Thursday 14th March 2024 – Yr.5 Trip – National Space Centre

Thursday 21st March 2024 – Yr.1 (Group A) Trip - Ramsey Heights

Friday 22nd March 2024 – Yr.2 (Group B) Trip – Ramsey Heights

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Yr.6 Trip – London Eye and River cruise

Thursday 28th March 2024 – Spring Term Ends

****Further details for the disco and Parents Evening follow****

"Fab photos. Ned had a great day. Thank you so much for taking them".



On Tuesday, Year 3 travelled to Creswell Crags in Nottinghamshire to explore the archaeological parks and caves. The weather was very cold but bright and sunny so we had a wonderful time exploring Stone Age survival skills; hunting bison, making shelters and trying to make fire. We looked at fossils and skeletons in the museum and met Eric the complete skeleton of a baby hyena who had lived at Creswell Crags. We put on white gloves and handled the bones of a cave lion, wolf and hyena that had all previously lived at Creswell Crags. We put on hard hats with lights and carried torches and took a walk through the magnificent gorge to Robin Hood's Cave; their deepest and biggest cave. Stepping into the cave was really exciting, to know that we were walking where Stone Age people had previously lived. We had to crouch down to go through a tunnel into the deepest part of the cave where most of us experienced all the lights being turned out to see how Stone Age people would have had to cope with the dark. It was a brilliant day, enjoyed by all the Year 3 children and was an experience they will remember for a long time.



This place looks amazing. Alfie enjoyed his day, especially 'Spearing mammoths'

"Riley has not stopped talking about the trip. He said he really enjoyed it, thank you!"



Thank you so much, Eesa had a fabulous day!

It has also been lovely to hear from some parents about how much their children enjoyed the trip and even how some are planning to go and visit as a family.



Toby has really enjoyed his day. As a family we are going to have a lovely day out there too, thank you.

Lilah-Rose hasn't stopped talking about it, she's had an amazing day. Her grandma will be taking her there again

