



Discovery Primary Academy

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Friday 16th February 2024

Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents that attended parents evening over the last few days. The children really do enjoy sharing their books and progress with you. It is also an opportunity for extremely hard-working class teachers to share with you your child's progress and their next steps. Please help your child to really achieve their full potential by helping them with their next steps. Thank you for your continued support.

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **94.2%**
A huge well done to **Crusaders** who achieved **100%**

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

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)

Primary Dance

Several of our KS2 children performed in the show "Love is all around" at the Cresset last night. They were fantastic both on and off the stage resulting in an amazing show. We are very proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Torrens, for arranging the event for Discovery.



Theatre Visit

The children in year 2 were lucky enough to work with year 9 students from Arthur Mellows Village College. They performed a play called, "The Daft Family." Following the play the children worked with the students to understand that we do not drink dangerous liquids. The children worked really hard with the students, and they praised them for their wonderful listening skills and behaviour. Well done everyone.

Sight and hearing screening.

If your child needs to wear glasses following a sight test, please can you ensure they are bringing them to school each day. We have now started the hearing screening. If this screening has detected a potential issue, follow up appointments will be made and a recheck will be completed.

Dates for Your Calendar

Thursday 7th March 2024 – World Book Day
Thursday 14th March 2024 – Yr.5 Trip – National Space Centre
Friday 15th March 2024 – Red Nose Day **
Thursday 21st March 2024 – Yr.1 (Group A) Trip - Ramsey Heights
Friday 22nd March 2024 – Yr.1 (Group B) Trip – Ramsey Heights
Thursday 28th March 2024 – Yr.6 Trip – London Eye and River cruise
Thursday 28th March 2024 – Spring Term Ends

** More information will follow**

Old Uniform

Please could we ask if anyone has used academy uniform that no longer fits, please could they kindly donate it back to the academy. Thank you.

Phase Leaders Updates

Thank you to Phase Leaders for their updates on what the children have been doing this half term. Have a lovely half term break and we will see you on Monday 26th February.

An update from Foundation Stage

It's been another busy term in Foundation stage and the children have now reached the halfway point of their Foundation stage year.

This term our topics have focused around the question, 'What makes a house a home?' The children have enjoyed showing pictures of where they live and finding their houses on google earth. They have made houses out of recycled materials and thought about materials that are strong and waterproof. We have also thought about what it might be like to live in the Polar regions and Africa and this has led to lots of lovely artwork based around the animals that live there. We have also learnt about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated by people around the world.



The children are continuing to wow us with their progress in reading. In phonic sessions we have been learning digraphs and are working hard to read words containing these. The children are also practicing their handwriting and are now starting to write simple sentences as well as words. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home too.

In maths we have continued to practice our subitising skills. We have ordered numbers to 10 and learnt the names of 2D and 3D shapes. We are learning our number bonds to 10 and thinking about different ways to make numbers.

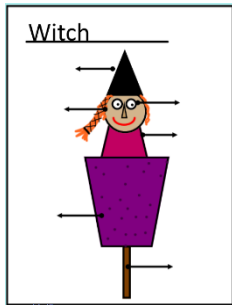
Year 1 and 2

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been taking part in lots of learning in Reading, Writing and Maths and they are also working hard on their handwriting with our Nelson Handwriting scheme.

The NSPCC Numbers Day was a success, and it was great to see so many different ways to wear numbers!

In addition, there has been lots of new learning and fun had in foundation curriculum lessons.

In Year One History, we have looked at toys that the children's parents and grandparents would have played with. They have found that toys have changed over time. All the children loved playing with the old toys such as dominoes, marbles, hoops, wind-up toys and even a china doll, to find out how they were made and how to play with them.



The Yr. 1 children have designed and made a pop-up puppet toy in Design Technology (DT) lessons. The design brief was to make a character from the popular story, Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. They will be bringing the puppet home after they have evaluated their design.

In Geography lessons they have learned about the 4 countries which make up the United Kingdom. We are looking forward to the year one trip to Ramsey Heights on March 21st and 22nd.

In Year Two the children have learned about DT in topic lessons where the children have been learning about wheels and axles.

They made a junk-model car and tested them to see which axle was best for the fastest car.

In science they learnt about materials and which ones would be best for a boat. They completed tests to see which materials were waterproof and which floated before making a boat.

Year 3 and 4 update.

As we have reached the February half term, we are now halfway through the academic year. This week, teachers have appreciated seeing many of you for Parents' Evening so that we can work together in supporting your child. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in, talk to teachers and share in your child's learning.

We continue to focus on reading 5 times a week and TTRS weekly sessions. Please support your child in completing their home learning as it really helps them in everything we do.

Year 3 have spent the winter months learning about somewhere much warmer – Egypt. They have learnt about the ancient Egyptians in History, compared the UK and Egypt in Geography and flexed their artistic muscles creating sculptures of Tutankhamen's death mask out of clay in Art.





At the beginning of this term Year 3 also went on their first trip of Key Stage 2. Our trip supported our learning on Prehistoric Britain, Settlements in Geography and Rocks and Soils in Science, which was very valuable. It was also very exciting to get on a coach and travel to Nottinghamshire to visit Creswell Crags. It is a day that will long be remembered.





Year 4 have been learning to tell the time and solve word problems.
This is a link recommended by the Year 4 Team:
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time>

In Design Technology the children have made torches. They have learnt about Electricity in Science and then applied it to their Design Technology.



In RE, the children have learned about caring for our world and the children wrote their own prayers/poems which they shared with the class.

Year 4 are working hard to learn their times tables and are really enjoying daily Mastery lessons. This term, Year 4 are focussing on rapid recall of facts and the children are all 'Going for Gold'; they have flashcards that they keep in bags in their trays and when they know a fact, they transfer the fact to their gold bag.



Enjoy half term. Keep safe and take care of each other.

Mrs Nightingale

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5

Year 5 began the year with a focus on Ancient Greece in History, learning about their civilisation, beliefs, Empire and the impact that they had on the modern-day world. We even recreated an ancient Greek *ekklesia*, where we experienced ancient Greek democracy in voting on issues for Athenian society.



This History work tied in beautifully with our writing unit on myths and legends, in which children created their own myths in role as an ancient Greek hero. The children produced some incredibly imaginative work (especially gruesome monsters!), using accurate dialogue and building authenticity through inclusion of facts from their history learning. Amazing work!

In Science, Year 5 have learnt about forces. They really enjoyed testing the forces of gravity and air resistance with different sized parachutes. We also learnt about how simple machines (like pulleys and gears) can help us to make jobs easier and created our own marble runs to experiment and test forces at work.



Year 5 were also very lucky to be invited to a table tennis competition at Arthur Mellows Village College this half term. The children had a great time developing their skills and trying a new sport. It was a great morning!



Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy half term, especially building on their maths, reading and writing skills. In maths, the children have challenged themselves with algebra, learning how to find missing values and calculate unknowns. They have also worked hard on ratio, including word and multistep problems.

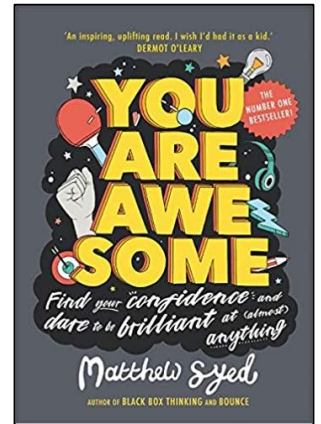


In writing, Year 6 have constructed autobiographies in role as David Attenborough. They researched the key moments in his life and structured this into an informative piece about the UK's foremost biologist and natural historian. Building on Attenborough's love of nature, the children have now begun to write persuasively about environmental issues. The

children are constructing a speech to discuss a key issue of their choosing, such as climate change or plastic in the ocean.

In curriculum work, Year 6 have begun their work on electricity. They had great fun identifying the different electrical components and creating working circuits. They are looking forward to continuing this after half term.

In PSHE, the children have really enjoyed reading the book *You Are Awesome*, by Matthew Syed. They have learnt about building self-esteem and a positive growth mindset through the text, with a view to building their personal skills ready for secondary school and beyond.



Another excellent half term, Year 5 and 6. Very well done! Enjoy your half term break, keep up the great work with TTRS and reading, and we look forward to even more exciting learning next half term.