



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 1st March 2024

Parent's Evening

Class teachers will be following up with parents/carers who could not attend parents evening. If a class teacher contacts you please try to ring back or arrange another time to discuss your child's progress. It is extremely important that parents/carers are involved in how well children are doing and what are the next steps for them.

Some teachers have kindly agreed to write a comment on Dojo to update a parent, which is another option if this is easier for you. Please contact your child's class teacher if you would like use Dojo.

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **94.4%**
A huge well done to **Pyramids** who achieved **98.5%**

****updated March 2024****

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

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)



We would like to invite parents and carers into the academy to look at your child's maths books and letting the children share their maths work with you in their classrooms. The dates are.

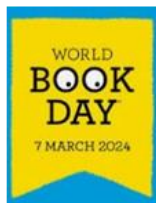
KS1 (Years 1 and 2) - Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 2pm

UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) - Thursday 21st March 2024 at 2pm

LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) - Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 2pm

Concerns About Your Child

Can I please remind parents/carers that if you have a concern in relation to your child/children or they have mentioned something that you are not sure about then please check with the class teacher or senior staff on the playground. Checking first will help class teachers to answer your queries and help your child.



World Book Day Reminder

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. Everyone is welcome to come dressed as a book character. Have a look at the attached list to give you some ideas. We can't wait to see who you all come dressed as! Pabulum have created a special menu to go with World Book Day which is attached.

Gate Extension

I would like to thank Mr Pinfold for arranging new gates to help open up one of the exits from the academy onto the QKA pathway. We are expecting a further new gate just as we exit onto the pathway from Discovery. This will help and ease the congestion even further. Thank you for your patience with this.

The Biggest Ever Football Session



To encourage everyone to take part in football, on 8th March we would like everyone to come into the academy in their football kits and take part in 30 minutes of playing football games. We appreciate not everyone will have football kits therefore PE kits / Sporty clothes are welcome too but no football boots please.

Politeness and Manners

We are **constantly** reminding our children about being polite and well mannered. They are doing remarkably well and we are consistently being praised by outsiders who visit the academy or when the children visit other places. Could we ask parents/carers to continue to support us by encouraging this at home. Thank you.



"RED to TOE" RED NOSE DAY

The theme for Red Nose Day this year is Red to Toe so on Friday 15th March, everyone is welcome to come dressed in anything red from a hair band to socks to full red outfits in exchange for a silver donation to support Comic Relief.

For many families, the biggest cause of arguments is often around screen time. From how much time their child spends glued to a device, to what they're watching, and age ratings of games and shows – it can feel like a battlefield for parents and carers! We've got 3 simple tips we've shared with families around screen time use.

Tip 1: Check out the ratings.

Check ratings and talk openly with your child about what they watch. Use websites like [Common Sense Media](#) for reviews and set parental controls.

Tip 2: Time is of the essence.

Gradually reduce screen time, starting with small increments. Create screen-free times, set timers, and be flexible with reminders.

Tip 3: Homework harmony.

Find a homework routine that works for your child, avoid using screen time as a reward or punishment.

For families looking for more information, please see the [Screen Time Collection](#). We also have an upcoming online class: [What Can I Do When My Child Feels Angry? Tuesday 4th June 2024, 8pm](#)

E-scooters and the law

An e-scooter, or electric scooter, is a powered transport device that operates using a motor. These scooters fall under the category of powered transporters, and they are considered motor vehicles according to the Road Traffic Act 1988 in the UK. This classification means that the same rules and regulations that apply to traditional motor vehicles, such as the need for a licence, insurance, and tax, also apply to e-scooters. If you're using an e-scooter in public in an antisocial manner, you can also risk the e-scooter being seized under section 59 of the Police Reform Act.

Legal use of an e-scooter

It's legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner. If you don't have a licence, or the correct licence, or are riding without insurance you could face a Fixed Penalty notice:

- with a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for having no insurance
- up to £100 fine and three to six penalty points for riding without the correct licence

You could also be committing an offence if you're caught:

- riding on a pavement (Fixed Penalty Notice and possible £50 fine)
- using a mobile phone or other handheld mobile device while riding (£200 and six penalty points)
- riding through red lights (Fixed Penalty Notice, £100 fine and possible penalty points)
- drink driving (the same as if you were driving a car, you could face court-imposed fines, a driving ban and possible imprisonment).

When riding an e-scooter, we would always recommend wearing safety protection such as a helmet and to keep to the speed limit. Some sobering statistics, year ending June 2021, nationally:

- there were 882 accidents involving e-scooters, of these 173 were single vehicle accidents, this is around 20% of all e-scooter accidents
- there were 931 casualties in accidents involving e-scooters, of these 732 were e-scooters users of the 931 casualties, 3 were killed (all of them were e-scooter riders)

Dates for Your Calendar

- Thursday 7th March 2024** – World Book Day
- Friday 8th March 2024** – Biggest Ever Football Session
- Thursday 14th March 2024** – Yr.5 Trip – National Space Centre
- Friday 15th March 2024** – Red Nose Day
- Wednesday 20th March 2024** – KS1 Maths Book Look
- Thursday 21st March 2021** -UKS2 Maths Book Look
- Thursday 21st March 2024** – Yr.1 (Group A) Trip - Ramsey Heights
- Friday 22nd March 2024** – Yr.1 (Group B) Trip – Ramsey Heights
- Wednesday 27th March 2024** – LKS2 Maths Book Look
- Thursday 28th March 2024** – Yr.6 Trip – London Eye and River cruise
- Thursday 28th March 2024** – Spring Term Ends

We have been lucky to secure a Stronger Starts blue token grant from Tesco. Please use your blue tokens when shopping in the following stores between April and June vote for DPA to help us to win the maximum grant on offer!

- 3011 Dogsthorpe Express – Welland Road, PE1 3SA
- 5647 Werrington PE4 6NA
- 6366 Chadburn Paston PE4 7DH
- 2875 Market Deeping PE6 8UD
- 4921 Stamford PE9 2BD

Starting from the first week in April until the last week of June.