

Friday 26th April 2024

Another exciting week at Discovery Academy. Not only were years 3 and 4 treated to a wonderful musical art extravaganza but the whole academy had the opportunity to join the Paralympian, Sean Rose, for an assembly and fitness sessions. Thank you to Mrs Torrens for organizing this for the children.

Discovery Primary Academy

Attendance Matters!

This week the overall academy attendance was 94.5%

Well done to **Raleigh** and **Goliath** who both achieved over 98.5%

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

Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs

Reading and Phonics

I am sure that everyone learnt a lot about phonics and reading in year 1 this week. The children certainly loved parents joining them for these sessions. Thank you to all the year 1 staff, Mrs Bowman and Mrs Chapman for organising these workshops.

There is some further information below about phonics and reading if you would like to find out more.

Every Child a Reader

How can parents help their children with phonics?

Parents play a crucial role in fostering children's reading development.

You can support your child by reading stories that have been encountered in school and protecting time each week to go through your child's 1:1 phonics reading book brought home.

Parents can reinforce their children's knowledge of letter-sound relationships by asking questions such as:

- What is the beginning letter in this word?
- What sound does it make?
- What is the last letter in the word?
- What sound does it make?'

Please follow the video link to hear how to correctly pronounce pure sounds: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc</u>

Britten Sinfonia

On Wednesday morning students in Years 3 and 4 were treated to a very special concert called "Once Upon a Tune." The children listened brilliantly as they heard stories told by illustrator James Mayhew as he painted accompanying pictures to music provided by the orchestra from Britten Sinfonia.



We battled trolls with Peer Gynt in "In The Hall of the Mountain King"; grappled with a magic broom in" The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and sailed the seven seas with Sinbad the Sailor in" Scheherazade." What a wonderful morning of music and art!

Sports for Schools

Thank you to everyone who took part in our athlete event on Thursday. We had a fantastic day with Sean Rose. All the children (and adults) had lots of fun keeping active in the sponsored circuit!

There is still 6 days left to collect any sponsorship money for yesterday's event, here is a reminder of the great prizes you can get for your fundraising efforts in this short video: <u>https://youtu.be/jxEjxQuCrn4</u>

Remember that the money raised will go towards new sports resources to improve levels of physical activity in our academy! If you have not sponsored your child yet, now is a great time to reward them for their hard work. You can sponsor them online here: <u>https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing</u>, or bring the cash in with your sponsorship form.







May holiday camps are now live and available to book. Please see below *i*for further information.

Venue: Idverde Training Academy, PE2 7EA (will take place across the Dome and 3G pitch at the training ground) Dates: Tuesday 28th May- Friday 31st May Times: 9am – 3pm each day Price: £22 per person, per day

Places are limited and bookings have already started to come through so we would highly recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

To book please follow the below link: <u>Book Peterborough United Football Courses & Soccer School Sessions</u> (officialsoccerschools.co.uk)

Dates for Your Calendar

Monday 6th May – May Day Bank Holiday Wednesday 15th May – Foundation Stage Trip 28th May to 31st May – Half-Term Monday 3rd June – Training Day Tuesday 4th June – Academy re-opens Tuesday 4th June - Yr.6 Trip Wednesday 12th June – Yr.2 Trip Thursday 13th June – Academy Disco ***Monday 17th June*** – Foundation Stage Sports afternoon (Friday 21st June – Foundation Stage sports afternoon reserve date) Monday 24th June – Yr.4 Trip **Tuesday 25th June** – Yrs.1 & 2 Sports afternoon (Monday 1st July – Yrs. 1 & 2 sports afternoon reserve date) Wednesday 26th June – Yrs. 3 & 4 Sports afternoon (Tuesday 2nd July – Yrs. 3 & 4 sports afternoon reserve date) Thursday 27th June – Yrs.5 & 6 Sports afternoon (Wednesday 3rd July - Yrs.5 & 6 Sports afternoon reserve date) Monday 15th July – Yr. 6 Residential Trip

*** Please note we have had to change the date for the Foundation Stage sports afternoon. Apologies for any inconvenience caused. ***



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

Please see the **PDF attached** for further information and the links for booking.