



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 3rd May 2024

EYFS outdoor area

We are delighted about how wonderful the Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor area looks following some improvements over the Easter break and how great it is to see the children really enjoying it.

Please can we remind all parents to keep their smaller children off this area whilst they are queuing or walk around the academy.

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **93.5%**
Well done to **Apollo** who achieved the highest at **99.5%**.

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

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)

Wonderful News. Well done Year 5 for being in the UK Top 30!!

Finish This... English National Opera invited children from schools all over the United Kingdom including our Year 5 classes to step into the role of an ENO Composer. They were asked to respond to, and resolve, a purposefully unfinished operatic piece titled 'Blue, Red, Yellow...'. Choosing a colour of their own and armed with paint samples: they immersed themselves into the Composers role, they embraced their imaginations and experimented with music, colours and text, to create their own classes bespoke response ending based on their chosen colour. The programme certainly has helped to develop the students' composition and performance skills, introducing them to opera and new cultural experiences, whilst promoting creativity, collaboration and self-expression....and it was great fun !

Read the judges comments about Discovery's compositions!

Dear Mrs Barnes,

We are delighted to let you know that your Finish This... submission Hello Is Anybody There? by Henry VIII Class, has been chosen to be made into an animation. Staff from across ENO listened to all the submissions and made a shortlist of favourites, and then Omar Shahryar, composer of Blue, Red, Yellow had the difficult job of making the final decision on which 30 pieces should be put forward to be animated.

Omar provided the following feedback to share with your class: Breathing sounds followed by rumbling - a very engaging opening followed by some impressive call and response percussion, and I loved the cliff-hanger ending.

Our team were also super impressed by your other submissions. Liv Butler, a Producer at ENO listened to Peaceful Paradise by Raleigh Class and wanted to share the following feedback: Wow, it was so unique to hear your monologue/poem (beautifully read) over the top of the 'paradise' soundscape brought alive by your choice of instruments.

Take me to that paradise! Liv also listened to Flames and Fireworks by Hampton Court Class and wanted to share the following feedback: This piece felt really happy and bright, just like I would expect 'orange' to be! I loved how you introduced the xylophone(?) then the string strumming, then brought them together to keep that happy tone but also added other instruments/sounds to give it the quirkiness of burnt orange.

If you would like to view Henry VIII's animation accompanying their creative music please click on the YouTube link. It is [here](#) **Well done Mrs Barnes and the Year 5 children.**

It is so lovely to share such wonderful news about our children in this newsletter. So many wonderful and exciting things are happening in our academy. Please ensure that your child is in the academy to attend and join in with all of these wonderful events.

We will shortly be sending home a poster that will help you to know what you need to do if your child is poorly and when your child can be in the academy. Please read it to help you to ensure your child is attending and able to join in with these lovely events.

STEM Competition

On Monday, a team of Year 5s and 6s went to Anglia Ruskin University to take part in Peterborough STEM Festival's Schools' Challenge competing against other local primary schools. They took part in four exciting problem-solving activities including den building, tower building and creating a giant tetrahedron! The children proudly came away with 3 trophies in total and were the overall winners of the competition. They were praised for their excellent teamwork and communication skills. A huge well done to the team!



Rocket Event

On Tuesday, Year 5 were invited to Queen Katharine Academy to take part in a rocket event and got to see a close up of the rocket, which was displayed outside. This rocket is one of Starchaser's rockets and has been used in their preparations to eventually launch a manned rocket.

The CEO from Starchaser also presented a show about their work, with some amazing demonstrations - including participation from some of our children. There were lots of loud bangs, and lots of fire! The children had a wonderful time and were really in awe seeing the science of rockets in the real world.



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