



Discovery Primary Academy



Friday 24th May 2024

End of Term

We have had a fantastic term with so many things going on in each year group. I hope you enjoy reading the Phase Leader updates which give you a taste of what the children have been doing. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th June.

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was **94.3%**. Well done to **Diana** who achieved the highest **99.4%**.

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

[Discovery Primary Academy - Afterschool Clubs](#)

Y5/6 Careers Fair – Can you help us?

We are having Careers Fair on Thursday, 20th June 9:15-12:15 for our Y5/6 pupils at Discovery Primary Academy and we are looking for volunteers how would be happy to come in and talk about their exciting career! The format would be four 45-minute slots and half a year group (45 children) will walk round with a booklet and ask people about the daily life in their job. Volunteers wouldn't need to do any preparation beforehand, and we would send out the questions that the children will be asking in advance, so you know what to expect.

We have lots of volunteers, but it would be great if we could have some more. We are particularly keen to have someone from the NHS, a hairdresser, a nail technician, an electrician, and a plumber. If you can help, please let the academy office know as soon as possible and Mrs Alexander, who is organising the event, will in touch with more details.

Rounders Competition

A team of our year 5 and 6 children competed in a Rounders competition this week at Arthur Mellows Village College and came away with third place medals.

We are all very proud of the team, who were excellent academy ambassadors.

They worked together as a team, supporting and encouraging one another.

!!Summer has arrived!!

Now the weather is heating up please can all parents/ carers ensure their child / children attend the academy wearing sun cream and have a sun hat as well as a refillable water bottle.

Summer dress code is permitted, please see link below for the uniform guide which is on our website.

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Dates for Your Calendar

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
Friday 19th July – Summer Term Ends.

Nearly New Uniform

A reminder that we have a nearly new uniform that is available so you can purchase anything ready for September.

My family coach understand anger is not a bad emotion. Everyone can naturally feel angry at times. They believe children should not suppress these powerful feelings. Instead, they can learn better ways to cope when they feel angry and recognise the signs of anger before they feel out of control.

Their tips for parents/ carers include:

- Responding in a calm way.
- Giving space or taking a child away from a difficult situation to calm down, if it's safe to do so.
- Speaking more slowly, using fewer words (which gives them verbal space to self-regulate)
- Giving them enough time to feel back in control of their emotions – and as we know, it can take much longer than we might expect!
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Free parent/ carer online class available: [What Can I Do When My Child Feels Angry?](#) Tuesday, 4th June 2024 at 8pm.

Other resources which may help a child when they feel angry:

- For younger children: [How to Help a Child Who is Often Angry](#)
- For older children: [Ideas to Help With Your Teenager's Temper](#)
- Podcast episode: [Anger & Behaviour](#)

Reading, TT Rockstars and Numbots

Enjoy your half term break but don't forget to encourage your child/children to read and continue with TT Rockstars and Numbots.

EYFS Phase update- May 2024

It has been another busy and exciting half term in Foundation Stage. This half term we have started our weekly PE lessons, focusing on different ways of travelling and playing some team and turn taking games. Over the next few weeks, we will start to practise our races for sports day on the 17th June.

Last week, we went on our first academy trip to West Lodge Farm. During the day we were able to feed the goats and sheep as well as bottles of milk to the baby lambs. There were lots of animals we could pet and stroke, and we made sure we were gentle when stroking the rabbits and guinea pigs. On the tractor and trailer ride the Farmer told us about all the crops that were grown on the farm and showed us the cows grazing in the field. Before we came home, we watched a piglet race. The children all enjoyed cheering on their favourite as they raced round the field. We had such a lovely day and had lots of tired and happy children on the bus ride home. We hope you have enjoyed looking at the photos on class dojo.



In phonics this term, we have continued to learn new digraphs and trigraphs and the children have been practising writing longer sentences using their new phonics skills. Our focus next half term is to try and use a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and remembering to put a full stop and the end. We are also working hard on making sure we are forming all our letters correctly.

Year 1 and Year 2

There has been a lot going on for Year One and Two pupils in the last few weeks.

The children have been working hard on winning the reading race to achieve their class reward. They are also keen on earning Dojo points to spend in the academy shop or save in the academy bank.

The children enjoyed Sean Rose's visit and took part with enthusiasm. Thank you for all the sponsorship money that you raised.



In Year One the children have been learning how to use adjectives in their descriptions of the rainforest. This links with learning about the rainforest animals in Science and Brazil in Geography. Year One children are also learning how to do basic joins with the letters in Handwriting and are enjoying this. In maths they have been learning about fractions and are beginning to learn about multiplication by making equal groups of objects.

In writing they have been looking at instructions and we made a smoothie in class. The children are excited to make a smoothie at home after that! They are currently writing instructions for how to play snakes and ladders after playing the game in a lesson.

The parents of Year One children came into the academy to see how we learn phonics and use it to read. It was lovely to see parents and children learn together in our classrooms. The turnout was amazing - thank you to all the parents that came for your support.

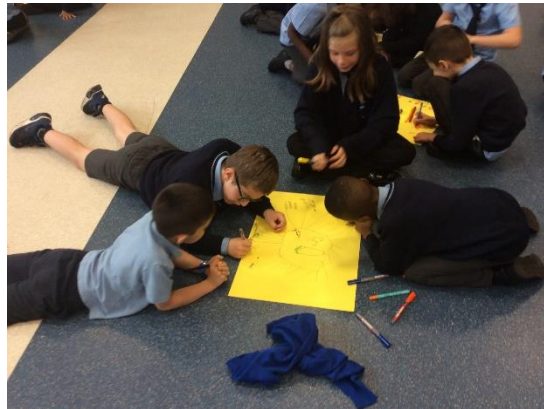
In Year Two Science the children have been learning about plants. They have investigated life cycles of plants and how to identify parts of trees. In Maths they have been learning how to use bar models to solve word problems. The children have been working on their comprehension skills in reading lessons.

In writing, their handwriting is beginning to be neater, and they are doing well with joining their letters. They are currently working on writing an alternative version of Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been working on using adventurous vocabulary and including conjunctions in their writing.

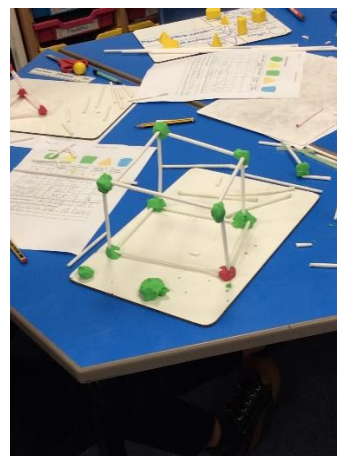
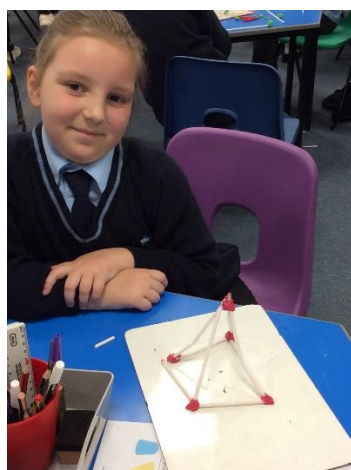
The Police van came into school with Police Officers to talk to Year Two children. They all looked around the van and it was very exciting when they heard the sirens and saw the lights go on. They even got to go in the back of the van and pretend!

Year 3 and Year 2

In Year 3 in History, the children learnt about why the Romans came to Britain, how great their army was and the amazing legacy that the Romans left behind. Whilst working on Geography, they were able to observe many different types of weather, learn about measuring weather, extreme weather around the world and climate change. In RE the children learnt why many religious people make pilgrimages.



In Maths the children have worked on angles and shapes and used their knowledge to recreate 3D shape structures.



Year 3 also had the absolute pleasure of working with 2 teachers from Tu Danse Studios learning to ballroom dance. They worked so well and now know the basic steps of waltz, cha cha cha and samba. It was great exercise too!



It's been a very busy half term in Year Four! The children have been working very hard this half term, practising their times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Check; they are determined to succeed. Well done to everyone who has been using Times Tables Rockstars at home!

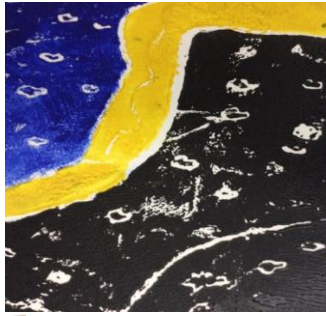
In Writing, the children are now writing longer pieces and have written an adventure story and an explanatory text.

The term was started by learning about the Vikings, the children made super links with the Anglo-Saxons and could talk about push and pull factors for settling in Britain. They were able to find places in the UK today that were named by the Vikings and learned about everyday life.

In April, the Education Officer came in from Anglian Water and the children learned about the water cycle and how water is cleaned. They loved creating their own sewage!



Year 4 have had mature discussions in PSHE lessons about how to keep themselves safe and in RE, they have been learning about Faith and Belief. The children have presented to their classes about a person of faith who has inspired them. In art lessons, we have been printing.



All the children in Year 3 and 4 were able to participate in a concert by the Britten Sinfonia along with the artist James Mayhew to really bring the stories behind music to life. This was a wonderful experience; enjoyed by all!



Everyone worked really hard on their HIIT Training when Olympic athlete, Sean Rose visited Discovery.



Goodness me, we have been busy with so many different opportunities! We can't quite believe it is half term already. Where did that 6 weeks go?

Enjoy the half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th June.

Year 3 and 4 team.

Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 and 6 have had a great start to a busy Summer Term.

Year 5

Year 5 began this half term learning about how the UK compares with Jamaica. We considered how their trade, natural resources and climate are different, and how their geographical position on Earth affects each country.

Following this, we began our final history unit of the year: The Tudors. The children have really enjoyed learning about this famous period of English history, including how the Tudor period began after the Wars of the Roses. We have learnt about the Tudor monarchs and have particularly focussed on Henry VIII, who we have written a biography about in our Writing lessons. Did you know that he spent almost £1million yearly on clothes? We also learnt about Tudor crime and punishment (which was very severe!) and how The Golden Age of Exploration led to new discoveries and knowledge during the Elizabethan era.



Year 5 are now learning about life cycles and living things. We have dissected flowers to identify the male and female parts, before understanding how each part is vital for pollination to take place. We have also learnt about metamorphosis and the life cycle of animals like frogs. Next half term, Year 5 will continue this science unit and learn about mammals.

Year 6

We are really proud of our Year 6 children for their commitment and effort towards their SATs, which they completed this half term. The children have worked incredibly hard all year and were fantastic during SATs week. Well done.

**SO PROUD
OF YOU**

This half term, Year 6 have also begun a geography topic about South America. We have enjoyed learning all about the Amazon rainforest and how vital it is. We have explored issues such as deforestation as part of our learning.

In writing, Year 6 have started to write an adventure story. We have been very creative with inventing their dragon characters and story settings. They are working very hard to ensure they are using a wide range of vocabulary and year 6 writing features.



We have an exciting half term ahead which will see the continuation of transition meetings for secondary schools and some transition activities for the children to take part in. We are also looking forward to upcoming trips to the Forest Facility Centre and the Peak District.

Another excellent half term, Year 5 and 6. Very well done! Have a lovely Half Term, keep up the great work with TTRS and reading, and we look forward to even more exciting learning next term.