



Discovery Primary Academy

Aspire Discover Achieve

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

It had been another wonderful week at Discovery. Summer has arrived and the children have been enjoying the sunshine, especially a playtimes and lunchtimes!

Hot Weather Now that we are having sunnier, warmer days, please send your child in with a sun hat and wearing suncream. Please make sure they bring their water bottle with them.

Traffic Survey The children in Foundation Stage have been out and about this week, armed with clipboards and pencils, to complete a traffic survey! This was part of their learning to support their knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Science Lab Miss Norris has been successful in winning a bid so that we can create a Science Lab at Discovery! This will provide fabulous resources for our children to use and will enrich the Science curriculum. Well done, Miss Norris!

Read-a-thon There has been even more reading going on than normal at Discovery this week! Through sponsorship, lots of money has already been raised to help provide books and storytellers for UK hospitals. Thank you to Mrs Canham for organising this event and to everyone involved in raising money for such a good cause.

Mrs McGrath Mrs McGrath, our new SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), has been busy getting to know children and families across the academy, in the last couple of weeks. If you would like to say hello or introduce yourself, Mrs McGrath will be out on the playground, standing opposite the gate that leads down to the bike sheds, at the start and end of the day when children are dropped off and collected from the academy.

On Tuesday, children from Years 5 and 6 attended the Peterborough STEM Festival Schools' Challenge at the Anglia Ruskin University Campus. They had a wonderful time competing in various challenges linking to STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). The children built spaghetti and marshmallow structures, completed an escape room, built and operated various robots, and they even met 'Angela' - the robot dog! The children perfectly demonstrated our Academy Values of aspiration, determination and confidence, whilst working brilliantly as a team - well done!

Attendance Matters!



This week the overall academy attendance was 94.25%. Well done to Apollo who achieved the highest at 99.52%!

Dates for Your Calendar

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May – Half Term

Monday 2nd June – Training Day

Tuesday 3rd June 1:45-3:00 – Sports Day year 3 & 4

Wednesday 4th June 9:15-10:30 - Sports Day year 1 & 2

Wednesday 4th June 1:45-3:00-Sports Day year 5 & 6

Thursday 12th June 1:45-3:00 – Foundation Sports Day













Packed Lunches

Please remember that some common foods can be a choking risk. Round shaped food, that can become lodged in and block the windpipe, can be a risk, especially for children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. It is recommended that fruits like grapes, cherry tomatoes and blueberries are cut into halves or quarters lengthways – batons and long shapes are better than round shapes. Care should be taken with sausages – these should be cut lengthways to avoid round shapes that can cause choking. Please bear this in mind when packing your child’s packed lunch and cut up foods to ensure they are safe.

We know that our children have more energy, can concentrate for longer and learn better when they have a healthy lunch.

If your child has a packed lunch, here some things to think about.

Lunchbox Tips

 <p>Keep them fuller for longer</p> <p>Base the main lunchbox item on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can.</p>	 <p>DIY lunches</p> <p>Wraps and pots of fillings can be more exciting for kids when they get to make them. Dipping foods are also fun and a nice change from a sandwich each day.</p>	 <p>Cut back on fat</p> <p>Pick lower-fat fillings – like lean meats (including chicken or turkey), fish (such as tuna or salmon), lower-fat spread, reduced-fat cream cheese and reduced-fat hard cheese. And try to avoid using mayonnaise in sandwiches.</p>	 <p>Mix your slices</p> <p>If your child does not like wholegrain, try making a sandwich from 1 slice of white bread and 1 slice of brown bread.</p>	 <p>Always add veg</p> <p>Cherry tomatoes, or sticks of carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers all count towards their 5 A Day. Adding a small pot of reduced-fat hummus or other dips may help with getting kids to eat vegetables.</p>
 <p>Ever green</p> <p>Always add salad to sandwiches and wraps too – it all counts towards your child's 5 A Day!</p>	 <p>Cut down on crisps</p> <p>If your child really likes their crisps try reducing the number of times you include them in their lunchbox, and swap for homemade plain popcorn or plain rice cakes instead.</p>	 <p>Tinned fruit counts too</p> <p>A small pot of tinned fruit in juice – not syrup – is perfect for a lunchbox and easily stored in the cupboard.</p>	 <p>Swap the fruit bars</p> <p>Dried fruit like raisins, sultanas and dried apricots are not only cheaper than processed fruit bars and snacks but can be healthier too. Just remember to keep dried fruit to mealtimes as it can be bad for teeth.</p>	 <p>Switch the sweets</p> <p>Swap cakes, chocolate, cereal bars and biscuits for malt loaf, fruited teacakes, fruit breads or fruit (fresh, dried or tinned – in juice not syrup).</p>

Parent Webinar

County Lines in Cambridgeshire

Register today

www.ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars

7.00-8.30pm
17th June



The Ivison Trust (part of Cambridgeshire County Council) are holding two evening webinars for parents and carers in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough with a focus on County Lines and Criminal Exploitation. If you are interested in signing up for this webinar, please see the information on how to do so below.

Parent Webinar

County Lines in Peterborough

Register today

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7.00-8.30pm
18th June



This term we are placing a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure and encouraging all children to strive to read at least five times per week. We want our pupils to develop a lifelong love of reading, and regular reading at home is a vital part of this journey. As the skill of reading is so important we are making extra time in our academy day to encourage children to read. The library is now open during lunchtimes for children to read and borrow books. Each class holds Book Buzz sessions to give children the opportunity to read and talk about books they enjoy. We kindly ask that parents and carers add comments about what children have read at home. Teachers will check reading records weekly and acknowledge comments to support each child's progress. Additionally, during our Book Buzz sessions, children will have the opportunity to write in their reading records and share their enthusiasm for reading. Let's work together to inspire a love of reading every single day.


Library News

We're excited to share some updates about our Readers Retreat library!

- **Year 5 & 6** pupils have been **loving their library time**, visiting on **Monday and Thursday lunchtimes** to borrow and return books. It's lovely to see their enthusiasm grow and there's even been queues for certain books!
- **Year 4** children can now borrow books every **Thursday lunchtime**, which started **last week**.
- **Year 3** children can now borrow books every **Monday lunchtime**, which started **this week**.
- **EYFS, Year 1 & 2** – We'll open borrowing for these year groups in a few weeks, once Years 3 & 4 are settled 😊

In the meantime, **KS1 pupils** can join the lovely **Wednesday lunchtime Book Club**, run by three of our Reading Champions – Elza, Blake & Olivia.

When borrowing a book, the children have **3 weeks** and then they need to return it. So far, we've only had few late returns but with a reminder children have been bringing them back the next day! I am also very proud of how the children have been looking after our books, showing great care and responsibility.

 Every two weeks, **all classes spend time in the library during one of their reading lessons** – a special chance to explore new books, get comfy with a story and enjoy reading as a class, in a group or independently.

FREE Security Marking of Children's Bicycles



The Friends of Woodston Library are working with local police officers to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our community.

They will be holding regular sessions at Woodston Library to listen to any concerns and to offer crime prevention help and support.

Adults and children will also be able to have their cycles and other valuables security marked for FREE!

The drop in sessions are being held on Saturday mornings 10am to 12noon on: 26 April - 17 May - 7 and 28 June.

We'd be most grateful if you could share information about these sessions with parents and carers which are open to families from across the City.



The Youth Council and the Recycling Education team, in partnership with Education, are running two free school uniform events at Sparx Charity shop in Queensgate on the 1st and 22nd of August 2025 to tackle waste and pollution from the fashion industry, as well as support families with this annual costly investment.

Store your uniforms till the end of summer term and the teams will come and collect from your school and store for the event.

Get your Eco Green Team involved and work together for a good cause! (Secondary schools focus, but also collecting Primaries, if interested).

For more information, please email recycling@peterborough.gov.uk, attention Cristina Fernandez Hierro.