

# Friends of Discovery Academy School

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR DISCOVERY COMMUNITY!



As you know, we celebrated our first year of FDAS in January, 2026. Pictured is the birthday cake we enjoyed at our AGM! Between money raised at our Christmas Fun Day and two grants we heard about in December, we reached the grand total of **£12,766** in our first year! Thanks to every one of our Discovery families and all the staff for your amazing efforts and support!

## WHAT HAVE WE SPENT THE FUNDS ON?

As reported in the previous newsletter, a lot of the funds have been spent on developing the garden area. We are currently developing a mud kitchen, sand pit and a water play area for the younger children. A big thank you to Pagets Building Merchants who supplied the sand and some of the timber.

Also, 30 of our oldest children will be attending a two-night residential course to gain the Duke of Edinburgh Award and FDAS have donated £5,000, raised through grants from Sheffield Grammar and Sheffield Town Trust, to make it more affordable for Discovery families.



A big thanks again to the GRI group, who have sponsored our Easter Duck Race for a second year running to the tune of £2000!

The race finishes on Friday, 27th March at 2pm and lucky winners will receive a £50 Amazon voucher or one of three fabulous hampers donated by parents.

We appreciate everyone who purchased a duck and we wish you the best of luck in the race!



## SCHOOL LOTTERY!

In January we launched our new fundraiser, the School Lottery. If you have not already signed up for the school lottery, now is a good time to do so. Sign up before Easter to get automatically entered for the Summer Golden Draw of £10,000 and the next Super Draw Cash bonanza of £1,000 or home robot bundle, in addition to the weekly chance of winning £25,000. There is also our own small weekly prize of between £10 and £20, which a Discovery family has won every week so far. Find out more at:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/discovery-academy>



## JUMBLE SALE!

Our annual jumble sale is to be held on **Saturday, May 9th, 12-3pm**, in the school hall.

We already have some fabulous donations so do come along to buy pre-loved and vintage clothes, toys, books, bric-a-bracelet, and more. We will also have a Teddy Tombola and a wonderful refreshments stall with home-made cakes.

If you are having a spring clean and have items to donate, please contact us and we will arrange for someone to collect - email [friendsofdiscovery@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofdiscovery@hotmail.com).

We would also welcome volunteers to help us on the day, even if you can only help for a short while. Please email us if you would like to help out and of course you can then have an early look at the items for sale!



## Mega Raffle!

We have a range of exciting raffle prizes including:

- A Sheffield United shirt signed by the players
  - 4 tickets for the end of season game at Sheffield United
  - 2 tickets to a Sheffield Wednesday game
  - Steelers Family Ticket
  - 8 tickets for greyhound racing at Owlerton Stadium
  - 2 Free meals at Nando's
  - £10 Meadowhall voucher
- And even more prizes!



Only £5 a raffle ticket!



We are a group of parents, grandparents and volunteers raising funds for Discovery Academy, a special school for children who have a diagnosis of Autism.  
All proceeds from the raffle will be used to further the education of the children, providing valuable opportunities such as educational trips.  
We are also developing a kitchen garden and improving the outdoor play areas.

## MEGA RAFFLE

We were delighted to be given a Sheffield United signed football shirt and some free tickets for matches at Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday. So, we wrote to businesses in Sheffield and got some incredible prizes lined up for a grand raffle - see the poster here. We will be selling tickets at the Colour Run this week.

## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on **Friday, April 24th at 10.00am**. We will have coffee and cake as usual, and everyone is invited to come along. Bring along your fund-raising ideas or just yourself. Whether you have been able to attend before or not, you are very welcome.

**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL FROM THE FRIENDS OF DISCOVERY ACADEMY SCHOOL!**