



Discovery News



A message from Mrs Windle...

Welcome all to our Autumn 1 newsletter.

We have had a tremendous start to the new school year and suddenly Discovery now feels very full and very busy as all schools do. It has been an absolute pleasure seeing our new pupils settle in so well despite the challenges they have previously had in their educational settings before Discovery and the way in which our existing pupils have welcomed them. Friendships have certainly grown between children over the past half term and children often speak so positively about our school.

We have enjoyed outdoor events with our partner schools this half term such as the adventure challenge. It was great to see so many of our children meet and join in with other schools and had such fun in their learning. It was also good to see the family cooking evening be attended so well also this half term. The lessons that Mrs Horner leads are absolutely fantastic at encouraging children to be skilled in the kitchen and independent in their learning. I hope you are enjoying the various meals they are bringing home also.

As a team we have worked hard to ensure children feel a sense of belonging in school, feel safe and know when things happen that they don't like or agree on there is always someone to talk it through with them. I'm pleased to report that our pupil voice often reflects this and we will continue to work with initiatives such as BOB our listen up system to make sure every child's voice is heard and represented.

I do hope you have a wonderful half term with your children and have the opportunity to get outside whilst the weather is still fit to do so.

As always thank you for your continued support and kind words.

31st of October – Halloween Fancy Dress Day, Disco AND Family pumpkin carving (after school)

8th November – Family Coffee morning

10th November – Diwali celebration

13th November – Anti-bullying week

17th November – Children in need disco

6th December – Christmas panto – Upper

7th December – Christmas panto – Lower

19th December – Christmas performance

21st December – Christmas dinner



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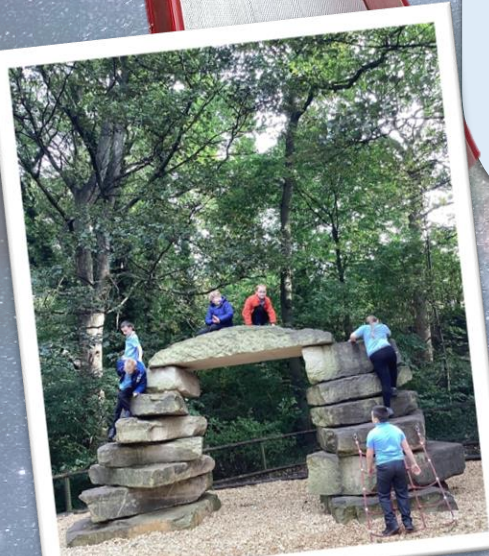
Discovery Crew Families

Dreamers...Believers...Achievers



This half term **L1** have been learning all about our community.

We have spent this first term working together and building relationships with new friends. We have loved getting to know each other and settling into our new class routines. We have been immersed into our new topic, 'Me and My Community' by taking part in the daily mile each day and visiting our local community. When visiting Norfolk Park, we have had opportunities to develop our friendships and engage in lots of imaginative play. We have loved sharing our similarities and differences with each other.





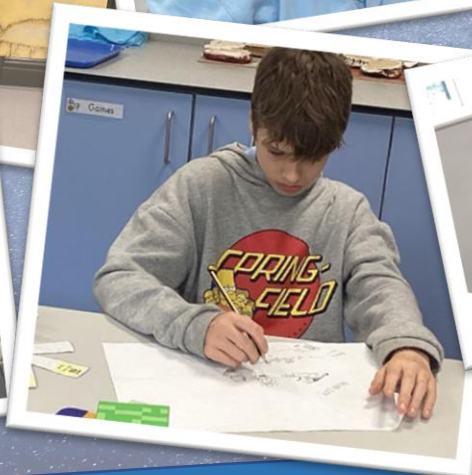
This half term **L5** have been learning all about the stone age...

What an amazing half term it's been as the new L5.

We finished on a high with an amazing Express Phase event.

Families joined us for a beaker pottery workshop and some masterpieces were created! Our students had the opportunity to share their knowledge of the Beaker People as well as their pottery skills.

We're already looking forward to the next event!





This half term **U4** have been learning all about space...

What an amazing start to the year it has been for Upper 4, new friendships have been made and the focus they have had on their learning has made me very proud.

Upper 4 have started to take more responsibility on a whole school scale with many of them having roles around school to support initiatives and each other.

This half terms topic focus has been 'Stargazers' and Upper 4 have been learning about the space race and the solar system via a range of lesson subjects.

I cant wait to see what next half term brings.





This term we celebrated

World Mental Health Day

It was a beautiful day organised by Miss Hamilton.

We shared biscuits, hot chocolates and made each friendship bracelets for each other

Children also talked about how to look after their mental health.



Swap Shop

A huge thank you to all the families and children who made donations to our **Lower School Swap Shop!**

It was a wonderful event. Children were being generous, kind and patient. Students in L4 and L5 ran the shop with very little support and it was amazing to see such independence.

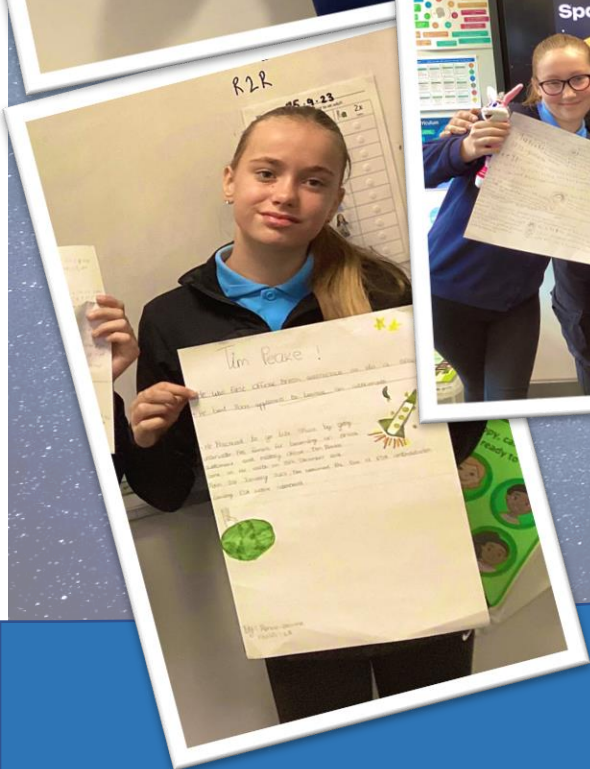




World Space Day

We love all things space themed here at Discovery so we made the most of World Space Day!

It was amazing to see the children so engaged. We saw planet modelling, solar system mobiles, some homemade rockets and some very impressive research. All in one morning!





Pupil Voice

93%
OF OUR CHILDREN
FEEL WELL
SUPPORTED BY THEIR
STAFF TEAM



100%
OF OUR CHILDREN
FEEL THAT THEY HAVE
MADE GOOD FRIENDS
AT SCHOOL



80%
TOLD US THAT THEY
ARE HAPPY TO COME
TO SCHOOL



Family Cooking Evening

We are so grateful to all the families who joined us for our family cooking evening. It was lovely to see our new families getting to know our existing families.

The scones you all baked looked and smelled delicious!



Dreamers...Be Achievers



Inspiring Voices

This term Miss Meyrick has challenged students to send her inspiring quotes! The responses have been beautiful. These posters can now be found around school so that children are inspired by their peers every day.



"If you be kind to people, they'll be **kind** back"



Seth Reed,
Discovery Acad

"You can do anything if you **dream** it. You just have to **believe** in yourself and you can **achieve** anything!"



Seth Reed, Discovery Academy Student

"Failure is necessary. It makes you feel proud when you **achieve**."



Hill,
Discovery Academy Student

"Don't stop your excellent work! Keep it up!"

The future relies on us!"



Liam Ellis,
Discovery Academy Student

Community Participation

We're extremely proud of Tyler this half term who has taken the big step to join a local football club.

Great to hear stories about him exercising, using up extra energy and making new friends. Superstar!

We love to hear about our young people joining in with clubs, teams and activities out of school - send us stories of your adventures to feature in our next newsletter.



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