



# Discovery News



## *A message from Mrs Windle...*

This year has absolutely flown by and reflecting on the year as a whole with the staff has been an absolute joy. I am so pleased that so many children are now in full time education and thriving in an environment that is right for them. Yes there have been some wobbles along the way this year but each and everyone of your children has progressed in so many ways. Thank you once again for choosing our school and being such a positive and caring set of parents and carers.

It would be remiss of me to not use this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff who have gone above and beyond for your children on a daily basis. I am privileged to work with such a talented and dedicated team who always turn my crazy ideas into a reality.

I do hope you have a wonderful summer with your children and you take time to celebrate even the smallest steps of progress they have made this year.

Finally, I am looking forward to seeing you in the new school year alongside 30 new students and some new staff crew members too! I am so excited to grow our school community.

See you all in September.



**First Day back:** 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Family Coffee Morning:** 12<sup>th</sup> September am

**Family Cooking Evening:** 28<sup>th</sup> September



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Discovery Crew Families

**Dreamers...Believers...Achievers**





This half term **L1** went to the beach...

We started off with a water fight and we absolutely loved being able to drench each other. We then discussed the different oceans and designed and created our own boats in small class teams with the aim of making them float. We have enjoyed learning about the seaside and everything that comes with it.

We've explored different textures you find at the beach such as sand and shells. We have spent lots of time looking at what we might see underwater in rockpools, in the ocean and on the seashore and we loved learning interesting facts about these.

We have loved spending the last term together as L1 and celebrating with ice creams together at the park.



**L1 you have been an absolute dream this year. I feel so proud of the journey you have been on and feel so lucky to have been part of it. I am very excited to see you continue to grow as we move into our next chapter together. – Miss Meyrick**







This half term **L2** have been superheroes!

L2 have been learning all about Superheroes this half term, and have all been 'Super' in their own ways.

The highlight for most was going indoor rock climbing at The Foundry. They over came their fears, and used their own superpowers to climb right to the top! Oh... and then let go! They loved the experience and really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones.

In ICT students enjoyed making their super-hero movie trailers which they loved sharing with their families during the Express Phase.

Charley has been a 'Superchef' this half term, cooking and trying new things for the first time! Well done L2!



**L2 you have blown us all away this year. Seeing you learn how to make good choices, be brave and step out of your comfort zones has been incredible. I am so proud of you. – Miss Meyrick**







This half term **L3** have been to Rio and back!

It has been an exciting half term for L3! We kicked our new topic off with a trip to Las Iguanas for a taste of Latin American food. Students practiced their life skills, including use of public transport, safety in the community, restaurant etiquette and despite a few nerves, everyone ordered their own food. The level of independence and maturity was amazing to see!

As part of our express celebration, we also had the opportunity to collaborate with a class from Abbey School. This included lots of planning, virtual calls, sending invitations, then we got the chance to meet at last for our picnic carnival in the park! It was another proud moment and some beautiful new friendships were formed.



Seeing this class grow this year has been a rollercoaster ride! So many highs, and a few lows...not to mention the loop-the-loops! I am incredibly proud of every single one of them. I am excited to see how they continue to grow into themselves next year – Miss Meyrick







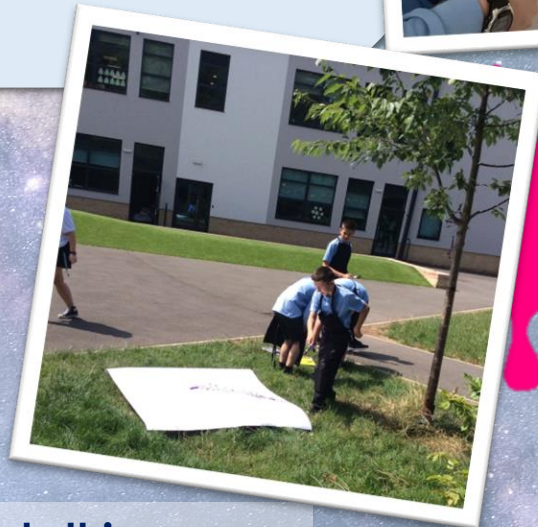
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It has been such a busy term. Students in Upper 1 got creative and made their own tie dyed t-shirts and even created some giant abstract art.

They didn't stop there, they also made their own wax crayons and tried out sewing on the sewing machine.

In Science students learnt how to make protein bars and custard slime!

In ICT the class worked together to make some truly amazing stop-motion movies.



I am really proud of U1's efforts this year as their grown maturity is a sign that they feel safe and secure within school. From shy underconfident Year 7s to outgoing, friendly Discovery Crew members I cannot wait to see where their journey takes them next year. – Mr Shirazi-Nejad







This half term **U2** have got involved in muck, mess and mixtures!

Upper 2 started by looking at abstract art and learning all about shape and colour.

We then created different pieces of art work using all sorts of materials i.e., lino printing, flicking paint, tie-dying and many more.

We have even made our own natural dye using different kinds of vegetables and spices. All of the children agreed the chemical dyes were better as the colours were brighter.

In DT we have been designing and making bug houses. We have used different equipment including a tenon saw, a chisel and hammer and a disc sander. The children have really enjoyed this topic half term as they have all been able to show off there creative skills.



**Wow! What a year it has been. Full of adventures, tough moments and proud achievements. You have all blossomed in your own unique ways and next year is set to be even more exciting and will take you down new exciting paths. Always remember keep your head held high and take on any challenges that come your way. – Mr Shirazi-Nejad**







## This half term **U3** travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt

In Science they learnt all about organs and made their own canopic jars!

In DT they've used a range of skills to build their own pyramids.

"What a journey this school year has been for Upper 3!! So many memories made, new friendships discovered and amazing learning achieved. I can't wait to see what next year will bring for everyone and I will miss being your class teacher. Have a great summer." Mr P



Upper 3 are my science superstar. From your incredible experiments to your wonderful investigation skills. I have really enjoyed seeing you blossom as learners this year. I know you will be successful in your new classes. Keep up the good work crew members.



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# Sports Day 2023

This summer we hosted our first ever Sports Day! The children had a wonderful time competing in a range of different activities. We felt so supported by our amazing family community and cannot wait to have more family-focused events like this next year. Mr Pleass would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended and supported us. The students were amazing and they should be so proud of themselves.

He is already looking forward to planning our next one!



## RSE Day 2023

In June we celebrated RSE Day. This year's theme was "Launch into Kindness".

It was an amazing opportunity for us to celebrate the love and kindness we have grown together this year.

Students got involved with sewing, animation projects, teamwork puzzles and even engaged in some water based play.

It was a joyful day and one we all loved.







# Pupil Parliament

This term we celebrated the work of MP Korben who designed an amazing mascot for our Ask, Listen, Do campaign. We have loved seeing his design come to life on the library walls.

We talked about Ask, Listen, Do and are thinking about setting up our own 'worry club' for peers to meet together and share concerns.

We also contributed to the DC shop and discussed new prices and rewards to add.

Finally, we discussed ideas for fundraising in the new academic year, talking about Halloween extravaganzas and winter wonderlands!







# Community Participation

Earlier this year L2 learnt about what it is like to be a refugee as a child.

One member of the class was so moved she decided she had to act.

She created her own campaign and many of you made donations of food, toiletries and clothing.



This term she took three huge boxes to Ship Shape, a local community hub. They were so grateful for her hard work and generosity.

What an amazing young citizen!



## How can you help?

As we enter our second year together I'm keen to reach out into our wider community. I'm looking for local businesses, care homes, community centres etc. who might want to work with us to offer our young people new and varied experiences.

If you know anyone who might be interested in forming a community link please let me know via SeeSaw or by emailing me: [kmeyrick@nexusmat.org](mailto:kmeyrick@nexusmat.org)