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Newsletter 11th Feb 2022

This week we have been focusing on mental health in school and the children have been exploring this in their classes through a range of activities, including Internet safety. We are continuing to use our STEM skills in the classroom and the children have been using these skills in different areas of their learning. Please don't forget that World Book Day is approaching, after half term, on Thursday 3rd March. Please do not feel that you have to buy a costume for this. Homemade costumes are a lovely and creative way to spend some time with your child. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Goldsworthy class have been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock. They learnt how he used different techniques to create 'drip paintings' and discussed what they could see within Jackson Pollock's abstract art. They then used their creativity skills to make their own drip paintings, which they were all very proud of.



This week Mondrian class practised measuring and comparing weight using everyday objects. We used scales to measure and compare the weight of objects in our classroom. In English we have started studying diary writing and what do we need to include in a diary entry. We are planning to write a diary as explorers! Finally, in Computing we have been learning to type using both our hands. We have used a typing game to practise this and now we are becoming experts.



In Da Vinci class, for internet safety day, the children watched the 7-11-year-olds video and discussed topics covered in it. They also went through the visiting Gamer Alien PowerPoint and had lots of further discussions. This morning we created decorated door handle hooks which linked to the Internet 'Bullying and Who To Talk To?' module (Childline).



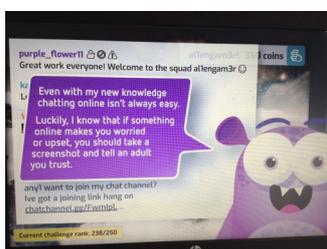
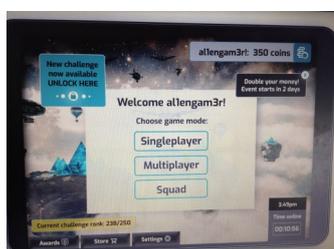
In year 5 this week, we participated in safer Internet Day by playing a quiz about different gaming scenarios and how to be respectful online. We collaborated with our friends and discussed these relevant issues that we may face when online. We then made fortune tellers, thinking about the topics from the quiz, so we could take these home and discuss safer internet with our families.



In Year 5 this week, we have also been extremely excited to get creative and begin our Design Technology unit, which will lead to our 'final destination': **To Create a Fashion Show in Anglo-Saxon clothing.** We began our design stage by researching Anglo-Saxon clothing, and then familiarising ourselves with some of the materials they used to make clothing. We worked collaboratively with our peers to decide the properties of the materials and which would be the best to create our tunics. We then put our skills to practice by attempting to sew in preparation to move on to the 'make' stage of our tunics next week. We can't wait to see how they will turn out!



Children in Y6 have explored what it means to maintain respectful online relationships when playing/using computer games. Children shared that it was important to create secure games with only children that you knew. We talked about how we could identify people who were our friends line, to make sure we were playing with those who we had arranged to play the game with. We discussed ways in which to confirm the players are who they say they are by calling beforehand or arranging game words to share in the game chat (and sharing these with adults) before playing. We also explored different gaming scams, ensuring that children did not engage with trust sharing – where children share gems from their game before receiving the gem they had been promised. Finally, we talked about making sure we knew what to do when relationships were not respectful – making sure we could take screenshots; report people, tell adults and block those who were unkind.





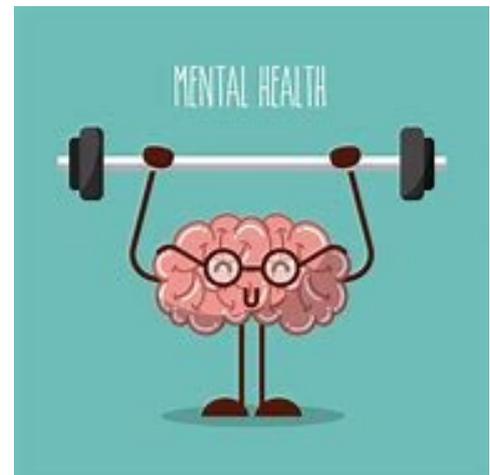
Craft Club

Craft club have been using their creativity skills to make their own pop art inspired self portraits which they then designed and crafted a wooden photo frame for.



Mental Health Week

Across the school this week classes have been engaging in a range of activities and discussions designed to raise awareness of, and promote understanding related to, the issue of Mental Health. As part of the national focus of the subject this past week, we have considered the subject from a variety of angles such as; What is mental health? What can have a positive impact on our mental health? What support is there if we need it? What are our hopes and dreams? This theme linked well with Safer Internet day during the week and we also considered how a mindfulness-based approach can be beneficial.



Y4 Times Table Workshop

Just a quick reminder to the Year Four parents / carers that Mr Mann and Mr Poole will be running their workshop live via Teams on Mon 14.2.22 at 14:15. This will cover our approach to teaching times tables, how you can support and the Y4 Multiplication Check which will happen in May.

The workshop can be accessed live here:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_MzhmMmRIZDEtZWl2OC00ZjA5LThlMzAtMDY3ODY1MjU4ZTk5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%2224f6cd17-4e57-4ea5-954a-f1464ed9d150%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2274a25c5d-0bba-4543-905d-a0a31b1e0af4%22%7d

Or accessed via the recording at a later date on Teams.



ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 7th—11th Feb 2022

The expected percentage is 96%.

Well done to this week's winning classes: **KEILY & MONET**



GOLDSWORTHY	94.23
MATISSE	85.56
MONDRIAN	88.08
KEILY	94.96
KAHLO	89.09
DA VINCI	83.98

MONET	97.41
PICASSO	91.67
GAUDI	96.27
HADID	91.43
HOCKNEY	92.27

A New Ladies Only Gym Class Coming Soon!

The sessions are specifically for women who are living with anxiety, who are new to exercise or looking to return to training after a period of time off. Those who are struggling with the challenges and stresses in life and/or are looking for a support network and to make new friends. These will be starting this month at Ford Community and Mindset Gym and will be fully funded. The sessions will focus on women getting stronger (physically and mentally) improving confidence and self-esteem and creating a network of support. Wolseley Trust will be working in partnership with Brydie with the offer of additional support through signposting and referrals.

People can book through Mindset's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheMindsetProjectCIC> or contact me for further details.

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WOMEN'S ONLY GYM CLASS

STRONG WOMEN

A class to:

-  improve confidence & self-esteem
-  increase strength & fitness levels
-  bring women together and provide a support network
-  improve all-round health (physical & mental)

with Brydie

CONFIDENCE

STRENGTH

EMPOWERMENT

SAVE THE DATE: Community Information and Support



Monday 14 th February	9pm- 2pm	Community Kitchen: Free frozen and ready cooked food available to those most in need.	Keyham Green Places 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
	12pm	Free soup, crusty bread and a chat	Keyham Green Places 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
Tuesday 15 th February	9am-2pm	KPG foodbank	Keyham Green Places 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
	1:30pm - 3:30pm	Craft Group	Keyham Green Places 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
	4:30pm- 6pm	Well-being warriors youth group (7yrs-13yrs)	Keyham Green Places 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
	5:15pm- 6:45pm	Wolseley Wanderer's Youth Group (AGES 8-13)	Wolseley Trust Community Building
Wednesday 16 th February	10am-2pm	Café Connect: A place for people to make friends, sponsored by Starbucks, therefore donations for coffee is available! At the Café they have food which has been collected for families to take home to try and reduce food wastage from supermarkets across Plymouth.	The Barnardos Building, The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent, PL5 1EJ.
Thursday 17 th February	9am- 2pm	KPG foodbank	Keyham Green Places – 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT
Friday 18 th February	9am to 11am	KPG foodbank	Keyham Green Places – 163 Renown Street, PL2 2DT

VACANCIES

DISCOVERY

BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT VACANCY

PERMANENT

BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT POST

GRADE A POINT 1 (£9.50 PER HOUR) 5 HOURS PER WEEK

FOR 38 WEEKS PER ANNUM

We have a permanent Breakfast Club Assistant post available to start as soon as possible. This position will initially be based at Oakwood Primary Academy, but the successful candidate may be deployed to work at any of the schools that form Discovery MAT, where required.

We are looking to appoint a Breakfast Club Assistant to work within our Trust who –

- can work as part of a successful team
- is able to organise play activities
- is enthusiastic and patient
- has a range of behaviour strategies
- has a good sense of humour

For an application form please visit our website – www.discoverymat.co.uk
Applications should be returned by email to oakwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk

Closing date: 28th February 2022 12 Noon
Interviews: 8th March 2022

Discovery Multi Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect all staff to share this commitment. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; pre-employment checks will be carried out, references will be sought for all shortlisted candidates and all shortlisted candidates will be requested to complete a questionnaire about any convictions or adult cautions that are unspent. Guidance will be given to those shortlisted.

January 2022

DISCOVERY

Mealtime Assistant (MTA) Vacancy

Discovery Multi Academy Trust

Permanent Mealtime Assistant

Grade A, Scale Point 1, £9.50ph

7.5hours per week, 38 weeks per annum,

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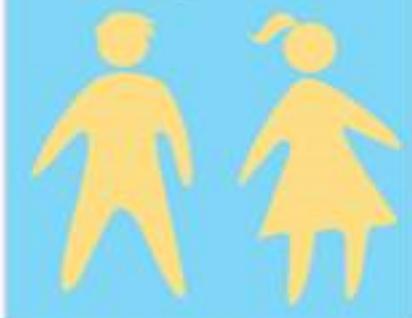
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Young Carers



Lots of
children look
after someone
at home who is
ill or disabled

Don't forget to let us know if your child is a young carer. If you have any questions about this please call Mrs Wilkinson on 01752 365250 or email c.wilkinson@discoverymat.co.uk

Children Arriving at School Late

When a child arrives after their allocated entrance has closed at 8.55 and they come in via reception, they will be marked as late. This can affect their overall attendance percentage. Please ensure you bring your children to school on time.

Thank you



Reporting Absence

Please ensure you call school and leave a message on the absence line before 9.30 every time your child is off school 01752 365250. This will save us calling and emailing you when you may well be busy. If we get no reason for your child being off school, we will have to mark your child as having an 'unauthorized absence' and this, over time, can trigger the Education Welfare Officer's involvement.

Thank you

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

FREE Adult Learning Courses

5 week adult learning course to start Monday 7th March 2022. The course will take place every Monday in the school dining hall from 9:10am –11:10am. Course details are still to be confirmed, but it will start with soft skills like soap or bath bomb making. During the first session, the course facilitator will find out what the group would like to learn, and the course will be tailored to your suggestions.

If there is enough interest, we will be able to put on another 5 week course, with a focus on functional skills like Maths, English and IT or other lifestyle skills– it's entirely up to you!

Paediatric First Aid Workshops to start Wednesday 16th March 9:10-11:10am. If you would like to attend but cannot make this date, then please don't worry, there will be 3 other workshop dates.

Please look out for my FSA NEWS letter for more information, including the link to sign up to the courses.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

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