



# Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Spring 2 2022

## COVID update

As of 1st April, all COVID guidance was withdrawn. There is specific guidance relating to how to respond if your child is not well which suggests that children under 18 should remain at home if they have a high temperature. Otherwise, all attendance has returned to normal in school settings.

May we remind you that good attendance is vital to support children to make the best possible progress. Our pastoral and welfare team are here to support you with all attendance matters. Attendance is very important to us and we will continue to work with all families to ensure the best attendance for every child.



**Sian Lamb**



**Andrew Wilkinson**

## Coffee Morning

We will be holding our next parent **coffee morning on Friday 27th May 9:30am—10:45**. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents, talk to the pastoral team, have a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and ask any questions you have about support services available. The morning will be quite informal and Sian and Andrew will be there to answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there.

## Easter holiday

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to welcoming children back into the academy on Monday 25th April.

## Science

Across the academy, children have been transformed into scientists, exploring the world around them and observing the changes that happen in spring time.



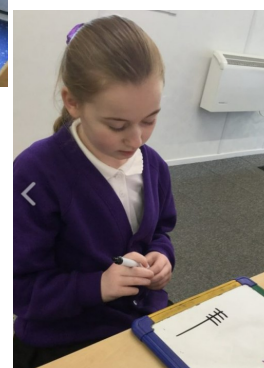
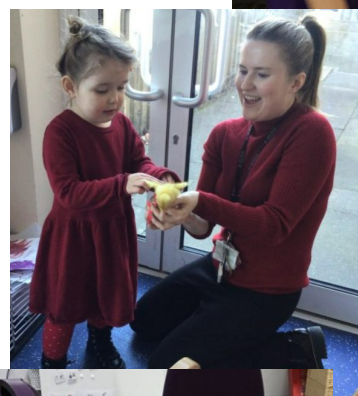
## Easter Service

Our choir were amazing at the Easter Service which took place at St Nicholas church in Guisborough. The church was packed full of families who came to support the whole trust and to celebrate this amazing event.





## Spring 2 amazing work



## Discovery Special Academy Secondary Phase Update



Funding Approved



Middlesbrough Council's executive has approved £6.2m of funding to support an extra 70 secondary school places for children with severe learning difficulties.

Mayor Andy Preston said that the Discovery Special Academy will be the "best facility of its kind for miles" and extending the site for older children will be "fantastic for the whole region."

Katrina Morley, chief executive of Tees Valley Education Trust, said: "It's wonderful news that, through our work with the council and Department for Education, we're able to extend to secondary aged children the same opportunity that we currently offer to those of primary age. During the consultation period, feedback from parents and carers was overwhelmingly positive and this key decision will support a range of families and the community across Middlesbrough and surrounding areas for generations to come."