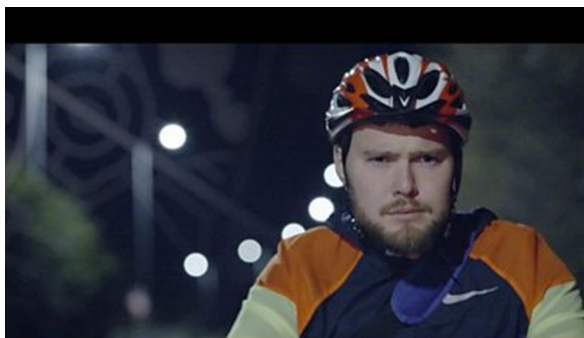




Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Spring 2023

Community at Discovery and Beyond

Inside our Autistic Minds



We wanted to say a huge well done and congratulations to Anton who was picked to be part of a BBC documentary this year. Anton has dedicated his adult life to being an advocate for autism and those diagnosed. He was absolutely brilliant in the film and we are all incredibly proud of him.

If you haven't seen it, it is available to watch on BBC iPlayer. Anton features on episode 2.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0bbnh47/episodes/player>

Anton will be appearing at a coffee morning or afternoon near you very soon!

Community Weaving Project

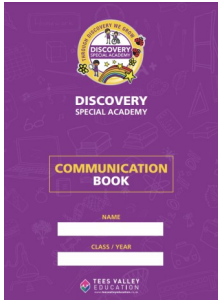


Our finished community weave is now proudly installed in the academy hall. Thank you to everyone who was part of this amazing community project.

Communication

A reminder of all the ways we can communicate with each other at the academy.

By phone: 01642 248333. If you ask a member of the office team to get a message to the teacher, pastoral team or senior leader you would like to talk to, they will ring you back as soon as they are able to. It might be a quick question that can be managed over the phone, or you might want to make an appointment to come in and see us.



Using the communication books. You can write a message in the communication book. These get checked every day and are a great way of keeping in touch with your class teacher.

Website. The website has lots of useful information and we use it to communicate each term and each week as well as adding all letters. If we add something we think you really need to check, we will send a text directly to you with a link to the page. Remember, we add a weekly blog that celebrates a class each week as well as having important dates and other information.



Showbie. This is another great way to keep in touch with your class teacher and to see the amazing work your child is completing in class. We do not use this for homework, we use it to celebrate your child's achievements and to share information about what they are learning in school. If you are not signed up to Showbie and would like to be, please contact your class teacher or the academy office and we can send you the details on how to do this.

Letters. We do still send letters if we think this is useful information we need to share on paper. The letters are also added to the letters page on the website too.

Newsletters. Each term, teachers add a newsletter to their curriculum page on the website. This tells you what the class is learning about that term.

School comms texting service. We will text with information we think is important for you, please ensure your mobile number is up to date.

Academy phone. You can text the pastoral team on **07718 584084.**

Spring at Discovery



Find lots more amazing pictures at.....

<https://www.discoveryspecialacademy.org.uk/celebrating-discovery/academy-gallery-2022-23/>

Summer Term

We have lots to look forward to in the summer term. We have many more trips, visits and experiences planned for everyone including more visits to Larchfield community, which has a great café open Monday to Friday if you have time for a trip out.



We are also planning some stay and share reading sessions for every class. Look out for more information coming.



And there will be coffee mornings and afternoons where you can catch up with us and each other to talk about anything you would like to. With opportunities to visit our thrift shop too.

Summer Term Dates

A reminder that we return for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

Remember, there is also a special bank holiday day on Monday 8th May to celebrate the King's Coronation.

May/June half term is Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June.

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