



Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

Merry Christmas

As we approach the end of Autumn term 2023, we would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and commitment to Discovery Special Academy.

We have had some fabulous Christmas activities over the last two weeks and there are more to come next week, so please keep an eye on the website galleries and our academy weekly blog to see what we have been doing.

Next week, the children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers if they would like to. There is no pressure to, and we definitely don't want anyone to feel they have to do this or be pressured to purchase Christmas jumpers just for school. Some of our young people much prefer to stay in their everyday uniforms and jumpers.

Staff will also be wearing festive jumpers if they wish to do so.

Children and staff will be having Christmas dinner on Tuesday and there will be a special visit Wednesday, with Christmas discos to finish off the term Thursday.

A reminder that our last day of term is **Thursday 21st December.**

We return for the spring term **on Monday 8th January.**

We would also like to say a huge thank you for your support with attendance, we are managing to finish most weeks at about 94% overall attendance, which is higher than this time last year.

You will remember from the last newsletter, the importance of good attendance not only on progress, but on the mental wellbeing and happiness of children and young people feeling settled and with a real sense of belonging and community.

Intergenerational Project

This term, we have worked with Middlesbrough First to bring generations together to work on an art project. We look forward to more projects over the spring and summer.



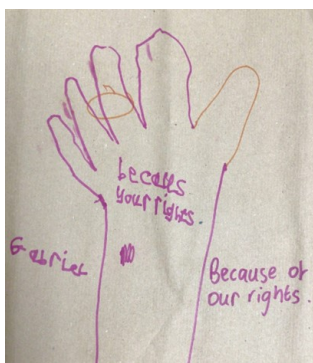
New Skills

We have been busy learning some new skills including how to look after ourselves and be independent.



My Voice Matters

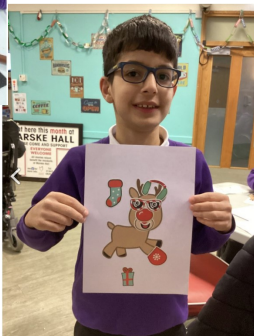
Our KS3 students have been involved in a Middlesbrough wide project that gives them the opportunity to have their voices heard on aspects of life that matter to them.



Look at what we have been doing this Christmas

Visit to Marske Hall

Lara's class had a fabulous festive visit to Marske Hall.



Carol Concert

The choir were fabulous at St Nicholas. It was a true celebration with the TVED and church communities coming together.



Christmas Enterprise

We had our Christmas Enterprise again this year, with fabulous singing and an opportunity to shop and support the work of all the Discovery pupils across the academy. We hope to make a small profit.



Finally, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Remember, there is lots of information on our website including more fabulous galleries, all of our letters, information about the curriculum and much more.



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