

Discovery Multi Academy Trust
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Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of our third year as a Trust and I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and share with you the many successes that we have had over the last year.

As leader of the Trust, it has always been important to me that every child leaves us at the end of Year 6 ready for the next stage in their learning, having achieved their potential. We aim for all our children to leave with wonderful memories of their primary years.

Across our schools, we have seen year on year improvement in outcomes for our children and this represents not only the hard work of all of our staff, but the commitment, resilience and passion of our children. The good work of our children, staff and governance was confirmed by inspectors this year in successful Ofsted inspections for Oakwood and Weston Mill:

(<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/143305> - Oakwood)
(<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/21/143310> - Weston Mill)

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the schools on a such a positive outcome, and will support Beechwood in their inspection, when the time comes. We cannot achieve any of this without your support and on behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank you for allowing us to educate your child.

Over the last year, our children have been able to participate in a wide range of sporting, academic and personal development activities, from residential trips to Nethercott Farm and London to goblin go-kart racing and trips to the beach, art projects in the community as well as many outstanding performances in half marathons, concerts and assemblies. This helps our children to develop their understanding of the world in which they live and their place in it for the future, encouraging them to be good citizens and members of our communities.

We say goodbye this term to the following staff:

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Beechwood

Mrs Cleverley (Foundation Teacher)
Mr Johnson (Year 3 Teacher)
Mr Stainfield (Year 1 Teacher)
Mrs Riseborough (Foundation Teaching Assistant)
Mrs Taylor (Assistant Head of School and Year 3)

Oakwood

Miss Larcombe (Year 1 / 2 Teacher)

Weston Mill

Miss Byrom (Year 5 teacher, Y3, 4 and 5 Team Leader)
Mrs Katy Dow (Family Support Worker)
Miss Ruby Lovell (Foundation Teacher)
Miss Young (Year Two Class Teacher / KSI Team Leader)

These staff members have all made a much-valued contribution to our schools and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success and happiness as they move on to their next adventures.

As a result of this, we also welcome the following new joiners to Discovery:

Beechwood

Miss Mole (Year 6 Teacher)
Miss Law (Year 6 Teacher)
Ms Machray (Year 4 Teacher)

Oakwood

Ms Sherrell (Year 3 / 4 Teacher)
Mrs Baker-Tearney (Year 2 Teacher)

Weston Mill

Ms Aquilina (Year 1 /2 Teacher)
Mrs Wallace (Year 3 Teacher)

I am sure that you will welcome them and support them as they get to know you and your children.

The Trustees and I are keen to ensure that we provide the fullest range of support to our children and in the Autumn we will be sharing with you how we will be developing support for our pupils' wellbeing. At Oakwood and Beechwood we will be implementing additional pastoral support to help our children to fully access their learning and as a Trust, we will be working towards becoming a mentally healthy organisation, as per the Trauma Informed Schools Network.

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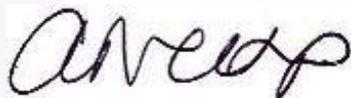


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Finally, we are excited to have been granted permission by Plymouth City Council to adopt the nursery provision at LARK in Plymouth. Due diligence is currently being undertaken, and we hope that this will provide provision for 0-11 year-olds, extending the current arrangements. The nursery will be renamed Nightingale Daycare. We will provide further information to those interested parents and carers in due course.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy summer break and I look forward to seeing the children back refreshed on Thursday 5th September.

Kind regards,



Mrs Alison Nettleship
Chief Executive Officer
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