

Autumn Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2023



Message from Mrs. Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe it is the 1st of December already! It's certainly beginning to look a lot like continued fun and excitement with our project outcomes and end of term celebrations and events.

I thought I would put some of those key events here as an extra reminder:

- Thursday 14th December – EYFS/KS1 performance – Time to be confirmed (TBC) and a uniform sale at the end of day
- Monday 18th December – School Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 19th December – End of Term Discos after school – details to follow

School Street Update:

As you will remember we began our consultation process to become a School Street on the 11th of September and this closed on 25th September. On the 21st of September there was the opportunity for families and residents to come and meet with myself and the Local Councillors at the Fairview Community Centre from 12.30-6.30pm to share any views on the proposal.

Our application is now going in so it can be received at Committee in January, to support this we will need support from residents, school and our families. I will share any further feedback once I hear back.

We all know how vital this scheme is for our school it will mean that during key school times cars will not be able to go beyond Bedford Road; making much safer for our children to walk down and much safer when they are trying to cross the road. Parking around the school is limited, and it is important we all continue to work together with our local community to keep each other safe.

Thank you.

PE Timetable – Autumn 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 4	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Helena	For making a huge effort to improve her writing.
Paddington	Miriam	For excellent personal progress in her Phonics and writing. Well done!
KS1		
Pinocchio	Luana	For making steady progress with her phonics.
Gruffalo	Priyanka	For fantastic progress in her phonics and reading due to hardwork and practice at home and in lessons!
BFG	Olaf	For demonstrating positivity, perseverance and patience in all lessons this week!
Matilda	Muhammad	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe.
KS2		
Rosen	Tegjot	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe.
Kinney	Kiara	For contributing to group discussions by sharing her own experiences throughout R.E lessons
Richards	Lily	For using fantastic oracy skills to contribute to class discussions.
Murphy	David	For making excellent and safe choices in class. Well done for being ready and respectful.
Avery	Teniola	For improving her confidence and keeping a positive attitude for learning
Zephaniah	Silvijus	For remaining determined and brave throughout the week
Draper	Sidhaan	For his progress in writing and continuously contributing thoughtful ideas to class discussions.
Lewis	Amaya-Renay	For demonstrating great determination in design technology this week.

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	563	2566
Terra	402	2357
Ignis	456	2635
Atmos	575	2719

Well done **ATMOS** house for achieving the most house points this week.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Oliver
Paddington	Miriam
Gruffalo	Nirvani
Pinocchio	Luana

BFG	Matei
Matilda	Musfirah
Kinney	Emilia
Rosen	Astera
Murphy	Adit
Richards	Layla
Avery	Keya
Zephaniah	Silvijus
Draper	Jenisha
Lewis	Hriday

Achievements outside of school

Name	Class	Achievement

Attendance

Our overall school target for the year is 96% - let's work together to be in school every day.

Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week, this is **not** accumulative from the beginning of the year.

	30.10.23	06.11.23	13.11.23	20.11.23	27.11.23	04.12.23	11.12.23
Reception	94.7%	83.9%	85.62%	91.76%	94.87%		
Year 1	94.5%	95.3%	92.72%	89.66%	89.66%		
Year 2	92.5%	94.7%	93.96%	91.62%	91.4%		
Year 3	89.7%	98.5%	95.21%	92.53%	91.73%		
Year 4	94.3%	97.7%	97.27%	98.25%	95.09%		
Year 5	96.7%	97.6%	98.17%	93.3%	87.19%		
Year 6	93.8%	93.3%	96.36%	96%	93.62		

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

We had another lovely week with exciting challenges and new learning opportunities. In maths we have been learning about representing 4 and 5 and learning how to use a 5 frames. We have also been problem solving with the children working out one more and one less. In phonics this week we have been learning to add s to words including cats, pins, dogs etc. We have been learning tricky words me, we and be. The children are trying hard to learn to recognise all the tricky words. In Literacy and Global Learning, we have been looking at the book 'Emma Jane's aeroplane'. The children have been making story maps all the children have a really good understanding of the sequence of the story. The children have also been drawing the main landmarks of the cities in the story and making areoplanes out of bottles and cardboard. Can you also please make sure you are logged on to Collins eBooks so you can access the books and tapestry to access the homework. If you have any problems logging in please let your teacher know.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

We have had an action-packed week in Year 1. In Phonics we have begun assessing each child's next steps and have also started revising reading the split digraphs in words (eg. o-e as in the word slope.) Additional information for this week's learning is included on a separate sheet that should be in your child's bookbag. This will be the last phonics handout this term. In PSHE we discussed ways of being a good friend at home and at school. In Maths we have worked on using part-part whole models to support the links between addition and subtraction. Next week we are moving onto shape so please discuss shapes you see around your home. We considered what jobs King Charles III knew about as a child. We learnt about train drivers, doctors and police officers in the past and compared these roles to the present day. It was a surprise to think there was no online shopping! In Science, we categorised animals into herbivores, omnivores and carnivores using a venn diagram. We have started making our umbrellas in DT. In RE we considered what was the most special gift we could give, relating it to the three kings that did this in the Christian nativity story. In Music, we are continuing to learn our Christmas songs ready for our production which we are really enjoying. Please remember to send completed homework books and reading records on Monday and library books on Friday.

Year 2:

This week in Year 2, we began working on our project outcome which is to create a blog about human rights. We started by focusing on features of a speech and exploring famous human right advocates such as Malcom X, Malala Yousafzai and Rosa Parks. Later, we worked in groups to choose a human right and started writing a script in preparation to perform speeches next week. In Maths, we completed consolidation lessons on shape and created 3D shapes using nets – this required lots of patience and perseverance! In Geography, we compared human and physical features of England to Scotland and tried learning a little Gaelic! For Computing, we discussed the importance of taking a good photograph such as clear subject, correct framing and positioning. We used iPads to take photos and challenged ourselves to draw a picture from the viewpoint of two photographers. We worked as a class to identify the better photograph – see our masterpieces below! In Science, we learnt about how animals and plants obtain food from plants and other animals. What a great week in Year 2 – well done!



Key Stage 2

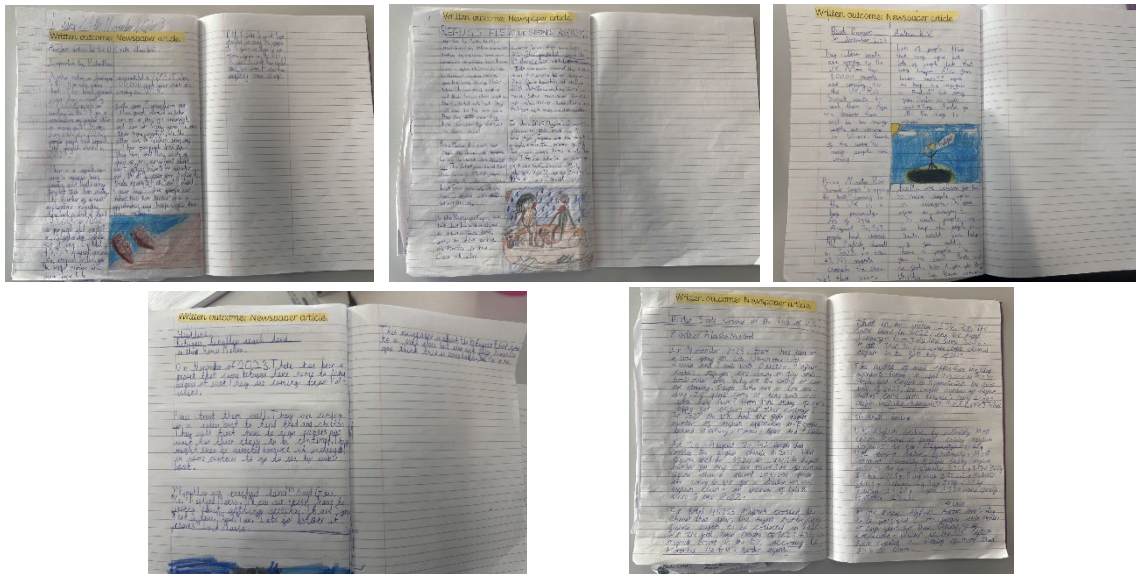
Year 3:

This week in English we have been exploring the features of a letter in preparation for writing our own persuasive letters. We have explored key features, persuasive and emotive language and the lay out of a letter. In maths we have continued with multiplication and division using images and arrays to support our learning. In science this week we have been looking at the muscles in the human body. We have explored why we have them and their functions. We moved our own bodies around to feel the muscles and to decide if they were relaxing or contracting during different types of movement.

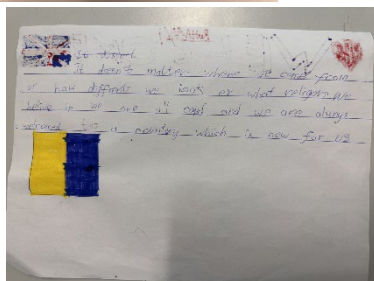
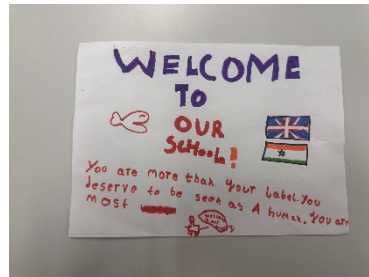
In D.T we continued to create and work on our pop ups using our own designs. We looked at different methods we could use to create the perfect pop up then added them into our designs.

Year 4:

In Year 4 this week, we have finished our newspapers on our topic on Global learning – as you are aware our Global learning has been Peace and Conflict and we have been reading in English “A story in the wind” about people escaping war torn countries. We have linked this with our Geography learning about certain populations in the world seeking asylum and how this impacts the country we live. We did a massive investigation into newspaper articles on this topic and also did PSHE around the human aspect of people seeking asylum. We created these newspaper articles after investigating the stories of people coming to the UK in boats and taking part in a dangerous sea crossing. These are some of the things we have created.



We have also been linking this to our other topics, especially in PSHE. We have also been creating these for our work wall the welcome and new people coming into Civitas Academy!



Year 5:

In year 5 this week we have been diving even deeper into our English writing genre – a public service announcement! We have been exploring the individual features that will make our writing even more persuasive such as formal language, repetition and emotive language. We have also been discovering new facts and statistics all about global warming to include in our writing next week. In maths we have been exploring pictorial and abstract methods for representing fractions larger than 1 and converting them from improper fractions to mixed numbers. We have also been using our knowledge of fractions to

compare and order fractions. In geography this week, we have been exploring the impact of deforestation on the Amazon rainforest and comparing the many effects to create a geographical hypothesis. In Science this week, we have considered the changes that happen to the human body as we reach the elderly stage of the human life cycle and speculated what this might be like for ourselves. It has been a great, explorative week for year 5 and we are looking forward to keeping the learning going!

Year 6:

After a number of weeks, we finished our maths unit of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by completing an end of unit assessment. We've now moved on to fractions recapping our knowledge of simplifying, finding equivalent fractions as well as comparing and ordering them. continued our division work in maths whilst looking at multistep word problems. For our next genre of writing, we will be producing a newspaper report on The Blitz. So far we have looked at the features of a newspaper report and examined a WAGOLL. Next week we will delve deeper into the skills required to write a newspaper report. In RE we learnt more about the qualities of Mary, Jesus' mother, in the Christmas story and why she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Our cushions are well and truly on their way as we have drawn our designs onto the fabric:



Communication to the school

Absence reporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below.

Reception: earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 1: year1@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 2: year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 3: year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 4: year4@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 5: year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 6: year6@civitasacademy.co.uk

Office News

Dear Parents & Carers,

We kindly request the following:

School lunches must be booked a week in advance. We are unable to facilitate food orders at the school office. If you need access to Scopay, please send an email to Office@civitasacademy.co.uk
All school meals must be ordered on Scopay, including children receiving free school meals.

Please use capital letters only when writing your child's name on the late register.

Bikes and scooters are stored in the bike shed, drop off for the bike shed is at the main school gate.

Please remember to label your child's uniform and personal belongings, as this helps us return the item.

If you are dropping items off for your child at reception, please pre-label them with your child's name and class name.

Where possible please always use email as the primary form of communication. Email can be used for info/questions, child pick up request, appointments, sickness, absences, lateness, absent from school request, lost property, etc. Email - Office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Looking forward to assisting you all,
Kind regards,

Maura Ammundsen & Kate Bevan

KEY DATES

7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – EYFS/KS1 – Productions – Details to follow followed by uniform sale after school

18th December – Christmas Dinner day – let's wear our jumpers again 😊

19th December – Wellbeing Day/End of Term Discos after school – Details to follow

20th December – Last day of term