

Autumn Bulletin

Friday 10th November



Message from Jo Rapley, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral, People & Culture)



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week we have in school next week! We are delighted to be participating in Anti-Bullying Week 2023. This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Your children will continue to 'Make A Noise' throughout the week as they will be involved in a variety of anti-bullying activities.

In addition, Positive Noticing Day will take place on Wednesday 15th November. We will be spending an amount of time through the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical and highly effective. Being Positively Noticed by others builds self-esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health. We will be encouraging pupils to positively notice one another which might include:

We will be sending a blank positive label home for you to use. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure.

You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily Positive Noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. 'I noticed you washed your plate, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you'
2. 'Doing your homework without me asking shows real independence. I love the determination you are showing'

3. 'You are so good at sharing with your sister. You are such a kind person.'
4. 'I noticed that you were really kind to Theo at school. That made me really proud of you'
5. 'Thank you for putting your clothes in the wash basket. I notice you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'

We hope you enjoy the day and want to say 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, to engage them in learning and enrich our school community.

You can find out more about Positive Noticing and Positive Noticing Day at www.PositiveNoticingDay.com/HomeAdults

We will end the week with crazy hair day on Friday 17th November. We will be raising money for Children in Need. Children are encouraged to go wild with their hair, the crazier, the better! This could be a cool colour, a wild updo or even some amazing accessories!

If your child wishes to wear their crazy hair, please bring in a £1 donation for Children in Need. We look forward to seeing all your hair creativity!



Back in May, our Year 3 children (then Year 2) got the chance to write to the King for his Coronation celebration. The children worked with their teachers Miss O'Reilly and Miss Cole to write letters to the King to wish him well with his Coronation and making sure their presentation was of a very high standard in order to post to the King. To our surprise, the King and Queen Consort wrote back to the children to thank them for their wonderful letters. The children were over the moon to have received direct communication from Buckingham Palace 😊

Finally, Happy Diwali to all our families and friends who are celebrating 😊



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	Sai Shriya	For working hard to make excellent progress on phonics
Paddington	Yantra	For being a fantastic role model to her peers
KS1		
Pinocchio	Lumibele	For working hard to build her confidence.
Gruffalo	Dorian	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
BFG	Amira	For consistently making good choices inside and outside of the classroom.
Matilda	Maddison	For trying to use her words and making good choices.
KS2		
Rosen	Mridhula	For always being ready to learn and staying motivated to do her best.
Kinney	Emilia	Showing confidence during whole class reading. Reading text aloud to the class.
Richards	Siddhant	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe and challenging himself in his learning.
Murphy	Jhanvi	For coming into Civitas and settling in well.
Avery	Sienna	For showing motivation even in the most challenging times.
Zephaniah	Nevayah	For showing motivation in all her lessons and trying her best.
Draper	Jenisha	For her excellent attitude towards her learning
Lewis	Hadi	For his fantastic piece of artwork

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	951	1770
Terra	1136	1704
Ignis	942	1637
Atmos	902	1584

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

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Lakai
Paddington	Yantra
Gruffalo	Nirvani
Pinocchio	Anish
BFG	Shriyan

Matilda	Maddison
Kinney	Benjamin
Rosen	Jasmine
Murphy	Mysha
Richards	Louize
Avery	Victoria
Zephaniah	Ini
Draper	Emma
Lewis	Adiana

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%					
Year 1	94.5%	95.3%					
Year 2	92.5%	94.7%					
Year 3	89.7%	98.5%					
Year 4	94.3%	97.7%					
Year 5	96.7%	97.6%					
Year 6	93.8%	93.3%					

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

We have had another good week successfully completing our rainbow challenges. In maths we have been learning numbers 1, 2 and 3 and matching the numbers to objects. We have also been learning about what subitising which means when you say the number of objects without needing to count them. In phonics this week we have been learning j, v, w and x. We have learnt new tricky words including 'and, has, his and her' In Literacy and Global Learning about the book 'Naughty Bus'. The children have been learning about the landmarks in London and Reading, learning about what to wear when it's hot and cold, recorded their own weather report and completed their own maps of the local area. We also wanted to say happy Diwali to those celebrating.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

This week, we have continued exploring the features of a traditional tale. We have revised nouns and practised finding them in Little Red Riding Hood. We then thought of adjectives that we could use to describe the nouns. In Phonics we have continued learning some alternative sounds and new tricky words. Please look in your child's bookbag for detailed information about this and the opportunity to practice at home. Reading at home really makes a difference and consolidates learning in Class. In PSHE we celebrated the differences between one another and shared our ideas. We are learning about the past in History. We were very fortunate to receive a box of toys from the Reading Museum which we were able to look at and discuss. We compared old toys and modern toys. In Science, we learned about the features of mammals. It was very interesting to learn that we are mammals too! We explored the properties of various materials in DT, by conducting an experiment. This was to test which materials were waterproof in order to make a waterproof umbrella. Please remember to send homework books and reading records on Monday, library books are changed on Fridays.

Year 2:

In English this week, Year 2 explored the features of a narrative and focused on grammar and punctuation such as possessive apostrophes. In Maths, we continued exploring mastery tasks and started our new unit of learning – shape. We began by reviewing our prior knowledge of shape and recapping the number of sides and vertices on 2-D and 3-D shapes. In Science, we compared last week's learning about animal needs to human needs. For PSHE, we discussed and explored what things make us different such as colour of hair, hobbies etc. and how we respect these differences. In RE, our key question for this term is - "Why do Christians believe God gave Jesus to the world?". In Geography, we explored the human and physical features of United Kingdom and Wales. This week, we explored ways that we can help save the world. Finally, have a look at our fabulous displays to celebrate Diwali and Remembrance Day alongside our Science learning from Autumn 1.

Happy Diwali to those celebrating – we hope you have a lovely day of festivities!

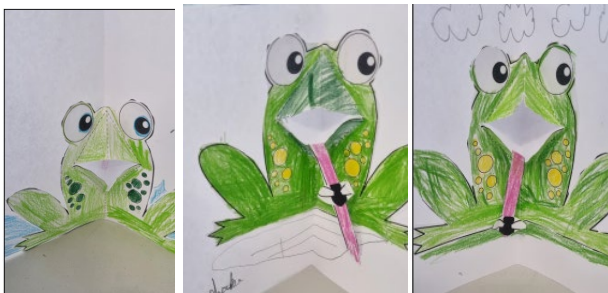


Key Stage 2

Year 3:

This week we have continued to explore features of a diary entry. We have looked at adverbs, paragraphs and feelings and emotions and explored why these features are key to writing a good diary entry. In maths we have been looking at complements of 100. We have used our number knowledge to partition numbers to help us understand the complements. We also used number lines to support our learning. In D.T this week we created our own pop up frogs. We had to follow instructions clearly in order for them to be successful. This is in preparation for us to design and create our own pop up's for a pop up book.

In Geography we explored and investigated land use in the UK. We looked at different types of farming in the UK and found out why each different type is so important to us. We also explored the differences between small and commercial farming taking into consideration the pro's and con's of both.



Year 4:

In Year 4 this week, we have been finishing off our Abominables book – we will be reading the last chapter today. We will be moving on to “A Roman Story” which will link to our history topic the Romans. We have been completing more of our Romans topic learning about the Celts and the Romans. In English, we have been starting to create a Newspaper report around our Geography topic and reading book “A story in the Wind”. It is about Asylum seekers looking for a safe place to live escaping from war. Pictures of our articles will be uploaded next week, and you can see how we have investigated information for our topic. We would also like to wish everyone who celebrates it a HAPPY DIWALI!

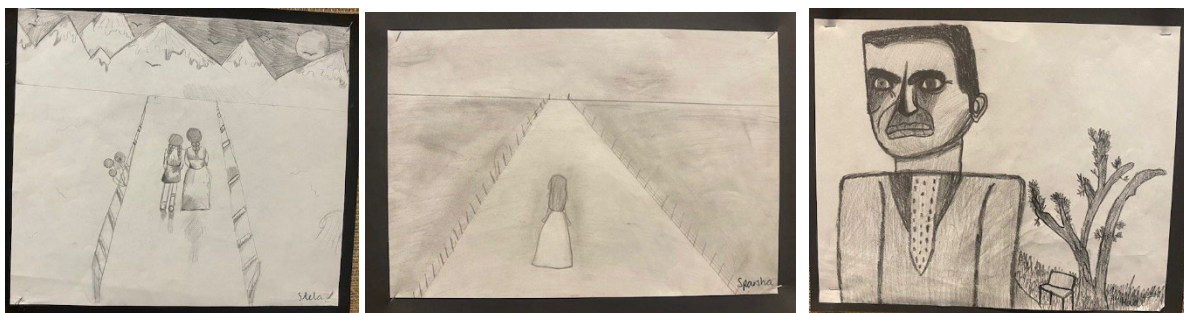


Year 5:

This week was full of exciting learning opportunities! In maths, we learned the amazing power of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, and 1000. We learned the importance of paying attention to the decimal point, which never moves even as the numbers change. In English, we started writing a narrative inspired by Ada's Violin and learned all about its different features. We wrote our first draft and are eager to edit our work and create an even better final piece. In science, we explored the fascinating topic of human growth and compared it to the growth of animals. Finally, in design & technology, we discovered the wonders of kinetic sculptures and began planning our very own marble run. We can't wait to build it and see it in action!

Year 6:

This week in English, year 6 started their new narrative writing unit. Over the next 3 weeks we will be writing our own narratives inspired by our guided reading text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. We began the week by exploring artifacts from a refugee's suitcase, we then imaged what our main character Willie would have packed in his suitcase based on our own previous knowledge of the text. In Maths we started a new unit on division and recapped our short division methods we learnt in year 5 which will support us using long division next week. In art we finished our perspective landscapes. The children have done an outstanding job at applying the different drawing techniques they have learnt over the last term.



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,

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