



Civitas Academy

Summer Bulletin – Friday 14th July 2023 – Message from Sean English – Interim Deputy Headteacher

Dear parents/carers,

Hello to everyone and welcome to this week's bulletin. This has, yet again, been another very busy week within Civitas, with an entire range of activities in the penultimate week of the term!

Firstly, I would like to say how wonderful it was to meet so many of you all at the Family Fun Day. Thankfully the weather managed to hold up for the event, although that didn't stop some members of staff from getting soaked in the stocks! I'd like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and members of the community, including the Governing body for supporting the event and ensuring that it was a great success. I'd also like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents/carers and children, we certainly hope that you all enjoyed the event.

Alongside this, our Year Six cohort have been preparing for their end of year production, which I know the staff and parents/carers are excited to see on the 18th and 19th July. The performance itself has been shrouded in mystery, aside from the posters around the school, so we are very much looking forward to our Year Six pupils showing off their theatrical talents, in what will be an excellent way to end the term!

We have also had the pleasure of having representatives from the NSPCC complete a session with a number of our children within KS2. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to discuss a range of topics related to staying safe and who they can contact for support.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and hopefully we'll have some great weather for the final week of the Summer term. We look forward to seeing you all next week!



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer		
Paddington	Abhiram	For settling in so well and following our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe.
Paddington	Mohammed	For adapting so well to his routine.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Ismatullah	For making better choices inside and outside of the classroom.
Pinocchio:		
BFG:		
Matilda:	Antonio	For really trying to make better choices and being ready, respectful and safe.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Derrick	For having a brilliant attitude towards his learning.
Kinney	Sreshta	For being a fantastic role model throughout year 3
Richards	Ini	For settling in well and following our school rules of being ready, respectful and safe.
Murphy	Aadhya	For being resilient even when she finds work a bit tricky.
Zephaniah	Nicole	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe
Avery	Maia	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe and being a great role model.
Draper	William	Coping with his language and learning consistently.
Lewis	Jude	For doing so well in the play and being a team player in it!

- House Points – Well done **AQUA** house for gaining the most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	226	12324
Ignis	135	12148
Terra	172	12028
Atmos	141	12215

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Lumibebe
Paddington	Lila
Gruffalo	Danny
Pinocchio	Maya
BFG	Sahas
Matilda	Emilia
Kinney	Darius
Rosen	Romir
Murphy	Arfa
Richards	Lola
Avery	Daniel
Zephaniah	Erin
Draper	Jayden
Lewis	Maria



Virtue School of Gymnastics - OLAGBEGI Teniola (490)

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Congratulations to Teniola, Year 4 Murphy, who participated in a gymnastics British competition last weekend! Teniola competed against other children from all over the country! Everyone is super proud of Teniola who achieved a second-place finish. Here is the picture of her holding her silver medal! Well done Teni!!

Well done to Anthony Hutson-Whitney for achieving his first badges for respectfulness and discipline in the Boy's Brigade.

A big thank you to everyone who attended yesterday's family fun day. We fundraised a grand total of **£1,820** for our school stage!

Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - 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.

Year Group	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	07/07	14/07	21/07
Reception	90.8%	92.3%	93.6%	91.8%	92.7%	93.0%	
Year 1	93.5%	95.3%	97.1%	89.2%	93.9%	93.3%	
Year 2	96.6%	96.3%	95.8%	93.4%	94.9%	95.4%	
Year 3	92.4%	92.4%	89.0%	85.4%	88.9%	89.7%	
Year 4	95.3%	97.8%	94.7%	91.0%	95.0%	96.8%	
Year 5	92.0%	91.7%	93.9%	94.3%	96.6%	92.1%	
Year 6	97.5%	95.4%	94.9%	87.5%	93.5%	92.6%	

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

This week in maths we have been following and designing a map. We looked at the route that Little Red riding Hood took to get to her grandmother's house, and what other possible routes she could have taken. We also looked at obstacle courses and the children even created their own obstacle courses! In music, we listened to a piece of music called 'Fantasia' on a Theme' by Thomas Tallis and Ralph Vaughan Williams. We talked about what stories we heard in it and how it sounded like, as it was floating like a river. In literacy we read the book 'A Planet in a Pickle Jar' by Martin Stanev, which is about not judging people based on appearances, and how families can work together to help to save the planet. We have been using our phonics to write a list of objects that the children could see in one of the books' pictures. After this, we added adjectives to the objects. The children have been editing and improving their work and have been discussing what they would like to protect. They have been creating their own pickle jars artwork, based on what they would like to protect. In our writing area, we have been writing about what we like to protect. It was amazing to see so many children writing independently! We have been cutting out and sorting pictures of things that are good and bad for our planet. We wonder if the children are able to tell you at home what you can do to help to save our planet?

Key Stage 1

Year 1: In English this week, Year 1 have worked hard to create advertisements for honey and honeycomb ice-cream based on 'The Beeman'. We explored how to use persuasive language, exciting adjectives, catchy titles and fun slogans. In Maths, we have started learning about time. To begin with, we recapped the days of the week, months of the year and have now started exploring the difference between seconds, minutes and hours. If you have 'time', please explore the analogue clock with your child. In Science, we have continued to work scientifically, investigating the human skeleton and the importance of bones! As part of our DT unit focusing on cooking and nutrition, using our recipes from last week, we prepared and made our very own healthy smoothies: they looked and tasted delicious! In PSHE, we discussed how change can affect us and the coping mechanisms that we can use to manage changes. Year 1 wrote about their feelings about changing to Year 2 in a few months. What a wonderful end to our week – it was fantastic to see many of you at the summer fair, thank you for attending! As part of Diversity Day on Friday, we drew and coloured in flags to represent diversity at Civitas Academy and challenged ourselves to learn how to say

good morning/hello in our native tongue when doing the register.

We look forward to our final week in Year 1!



Year 2:

In English this week year 2 have written their letters to our MP Matt Roda. The children have written to Matt Roda asking him to support our local green spaces and asking to improve them. The children have spoken about how we keep our environment safe and clear up rubbish. In maths, the children have looked at statistics and have looked at understanding data through tally charts and pictograms. The children have been creating their own tally charts. In Science, children have been looking at herbivores, omnivores and carnivores. They have looked at the different animals and discussed what foods animals eat. In PSHE we have looked at changes and how change is a good thing. We have discussed what changes are happening after summer and how we might be feeling.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our summer fair, thank you for coming! As part of our wellbeing day on Friday, we drew coloured flags to represent the diversity at Civitas Academy and learnt to say hello/good morning in a different language. We are looking forward to our final week in year 2!

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

In Maths this week in Year 3 we have started our new unit of work: Statistics. Children have learnt how to interpret and draw pictograms, interpret, and draw bar charts. In English we have started revising grammar that we have learnt this year. We have revised, identified and used adverbs, expanded noun phrases, past tense and adjectives. We have started an open book revision of all science topics covered this year. In Design and Technology we started our car, using our previous planning and designs to help us. Some children worked with a partner if they did not bring in an empty bottle to work with. On well-being day on Friday, we drew flags to represent our own culture and ancestry. We also learnt to say hello and good-bye in another language. We spoke about our upcoming move to year 4 and the challenges, hopes and dreams we have. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Summer Fair, both in terms of items and attendance. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

Year 4: Year 4 have had a very busy week. In English we have planned, wrote, edited and published our own advertising posters to persuade people to move to England as part of the Windrush. In Maths, we have finished off our topic of statistics and have started the topic of position and direction. We have enjoyed learning how to plot coordinates and drawing 2D shapes on a coordinate grid. In Science, we wrote the conclusion for our experiment that we conducted. We found that drinks with high amounts of sugar or acidity can weaken the enamel in our teeth. We have started to create information leaflets to help teach people about teeth and how we can look after our teeth. On well-being Friday, we had a discussion about what the word 'diversity' means and why it is important to celebrate other cultures.

Year 5: This week year 5 has taken on the challenge of Mock SATS. Year 5 showed amazing resilience and strength tackling SATS papers for the first time. We have also used this as an opportunity to see SATS mark schemes, so we are prepared and ready for SATS next year. Through doing this every member of year 5 has shown fantastic respect for their peers and empathy for each other. We have also begun working towards our final project for the term – a mock criminal trial. We have used our peer's playscript for inspiration to do this. We look forward to putting our acting skills to the test next week.

Year 6:



In Year 6 this week we have been mainly focusing on finishing our Art projects for the year, finishing our book Holes and rehearsing for the play! It looks amazing and we are so excited for you to see it! We have an exciting last week in Year 6 ahead of us! On Monday we will have PE in the morning and last-minute rehearsals. On Tuesday we have our first performance in school in the day and then our first one in the evening. On Wednesday we will be doing our last evening performance and then all our hard work will have been seen by all the parents. On Thursday we have our Celebration assembly and leavers BBQ where there will be games, activities and photographs taken of all the children unless requested otherwise. On the last day of Primary school – the Friday- can I please ask that all students come in a white top they do not mind people writing on as we will be writing on shirts that day!

From Mrs. Wareham, Miss Frain and Miss Taylor we would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who have supported them throughout the students' time at Civitas. It has been a privilege teaching your children!

News items from this week

Hot weather: During this hot weather, please can we remind all families to provide a named sunhat and water bottle for their child every day. Where possible, please apply sunscreen before coming to school.

School lunches: A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have some severe allergies in school. This includes chocolate nut spreads. Lunches need to be ordered a week in advance via SCOPay. Menus can be found on the school website.

Summer activities in Reading:

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WEEKS
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WEEKS
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PE Timetable:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 am	Year 5 Avery am	Year 5 Zephaniah am	Year 3 am	
Year 6 pm	Year 1 pm	EYFS pm	Year 2 pm	

Dates for the Diary:

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday 21 st July	Last day of 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



