

Summer Bulletin – Friday 15th July 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to our whole school and local community that came together to support us at our first ever Summer Festival! The atmosphere was remarkable, laughter, togetherness and a real feel of community enjoying time together. A great big thank you to Mrs Aram who is our key organiser making sure we are all in the right place, doing the right thing at the right time; that is when the magic happens, and our children are happy!



It is also at this time of year where I occasionally have to say some goodbyes to some of our staffing team and this year, I am saying goodbye to two very special people that I have worked with for many years across many schools.

Firstly, we need to say a sad farewell to Mrs. Witkowski who has been teaching in Gruffalo class this year. Charis started with us at Civitas in 2018 and has led across our Early Years as well as supporting the transition of our children into Year 1. She has been a great music lead encouraging our children (and some adults) to seek interests they may not have considered before. Our singing assemblies will not be the same. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the very best as you settle into the next chapter of your life.



I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Bond across all our REAch2 schools where I have been the Executive Headteacher in Reading and it has been a fantastic partnership, not only has Aaron been my Deputy, but he has also been a close confidant and friend. Aaron and his family are moving out of the area and therefore he is unable to remain with us here at Civitas, however, he will remain within our Academy Trust and will be working in one of our other schools in Essex. We cannot thank him enough for the impact he has had on the children and staffing team here at Civitas and wish him and his family great happiness for the future.



Celebrations and Achievements

Weekly Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 96+% - let's work together to be in school every day. The attendance shown is weekly for each year group.

Year Group	10/06	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	15/07
Reception	92.7%	94.6%	93.0%	88.1%	86.4%	86.8%
Year 1	92.8%	93.0%	97.2%	88.1%	92.1%	93.5%
Year 2	97.4%	90.5%	94.3%	94.3%	90.2%	89.2%
Year 3	95.6%	94.3%	94.5%	96.1%	97.0%	97.4%
Year 4	94.5%	95.2%	95.2%	94.4%	95.3%	88.6%
Year 5	96.9%	95.7%	96.4%	98.8%	96.3%	94.0%
Year 6	94.4%	95.6%	98.2%	91.7%	93.4%	95.0%

House Points - Well done **ATMOS** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	341	17206
Terra	303	15381
Aqua	226	17126
Ignis	273	16758

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

We had such an excited week in Reception! The children have met their new teachers and had a great transition session. They will have another moving up session on Monday. This week in Literacy we have been exploring the story 'The Proudest Blue' by Ibtihaj Muhammad. The Proudest Blue is a story about the first day of school – and two sisters on one's first day of hijab. The children have been writing speech bubbles for the characters of the story. In Maths, we have been learning about maps. We looked at Little Red Riding Hoods map to go from her house to granny's. The children have been drawing her map, but also created their own maps, like our class map. In Art, we have been exploring the different shades of blue using paint. The children have also drawn characters from the story, using crayons. On Thursday, the children were so pleased to be invited by Year 6 to watch part of their end of year performance, as they sang some of the songs from Aladdin to us! Our children loved it. Thanks Year 6!

Key Stage 1

Year 1: This week in English we have been planning and writing our own acrostic poems using the letters in our names. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time to the hour and half hour. In Computing we learnt about the different functions on the tool bar and practised using different fonts when typing. We had lots of fun for Children's Art Week this week acting out different playscripts. In Art we learnt to use a needle and thread and practised sewing a running stitch. In PSHE we talked about the things that we have learnt to do that have helped us to grow. The children were very excited to visit their new classes and teachers on transition day this week and we loved watching the Year 6 production.

Year 2: Matilda class helped write the bulletin this week!

In English we learnt about plastic and how we can help the world. We looked at the book 'A Planet full of Plastic'. We wrote adverts linked to recycling. The first advert was about a refuse collector job. The second was about how to recycle. We published our work from our English books. In maths we did fractions including halves, quarters and thirds. We loved the daily 10 this week. In PSHE we wrote down our worries for year 3 and put them in our worry box. Most of the worries were about mixing classes and making new friends. Some children found transition morning scary, but others found it exciting!

Key Stage 2

Year 3: There was a lot of excitement meeting our new Year 4 teachers and we had a fun time being very grown up in Year 4! This week we acted out our final play scripts in front of our class. It was great fun when stage direction was used as this added a bit of extra 'drama'. In

maths we finished learning about 3D shapes and created a poster with 3D shapes on it! We found the intervals on a variety of scales and measured objects in grams and kilograms. We made final changes to our speech 'Why you should vote for me as Civitas Prime Minister'. Everyone went to the hall, and we heard each other's speeches. We then democratically voted and placed our choices in the Ballot box. We did not tell anyone about our choice as it was confidential. In Rosen class Arfa was selected and in Kinney class Abhijay was selected. Well done to everyone on your motivational speeches! We completed our cars in DT and added our final touches to them. In PSHE we identified what we are looking forward to about Year 4, what excites us and worries us. We finally finished 'Secrets of a Sun King', all 282 pages. The ending revealed that many of our predictions were indeed correct.

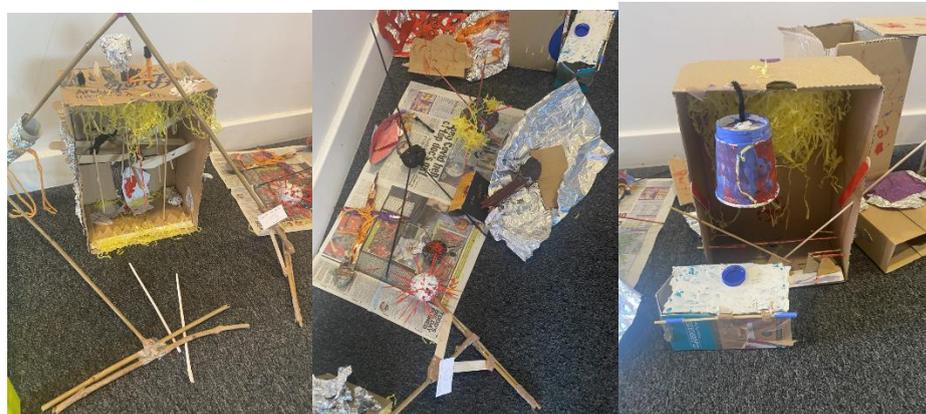
Year 4: This week has been a super busy and hot week for us all in year 4! We have been working hard to finish all our posters, videos, PowerPoints and activities for our Well-Being workshop for Friday! The workshop was so fun, and it was great to see the children articulate themselves and discuss many different feelings to their parents. As well as spending lots of time ensuring everything was good-to-go, we have also been reading the end of our explorer book – it was such a long book, but we made our way through it and enjoyed the mini-twist towards the end! We also came to the end of our maths unit for year 4. We completed our statistics and had a sneak peak of what maths life in year 5 will look like! In English, we finished writing our own play-scripts and even got to act them out to the class! If that wasn't enough excitement, we met our new class teachers for year 5 on Tuesday and we look forward to meeting them again on Monday morning. Year 4 has been a great year. Mr Williams and Mrs Hargrave Hammond are very proud of how hard the children have worked and will certainly miss them as they move on to year 5! We want to both wish you all the greatest of success in year 5 and have a lovely summer!



Year 5: This week we have continued our work on poetry and have created our own poem including our feelings and thoughts on transitioning into Year 6. We were excited to find out whose class we were going to be in next year and spent Tuesday morning with our new teachers and classmates.



We have completed our end of unit assessment on Position and Direction in maths, it was great to see the students really get to grips with the information after missing some of this due to the pandemic in previous years. In guided reading, we finished our book 'The Giant's Necklace' by Michael Morpurgo; it was not the ending we expected! We have finally made our prison devices and we were blown away by the creativity of the Year 5 students, here are just some of the devices.



Finally, we got to perform some of our playscripts in a mock Victorian criminal trial. Watch this space as we are being filmed. It will be live on Tuesday after we have filmed, and the teachers have edited the video together. We have had an amazing year in Year 5 and Mrs Rapley and Mrs Wareham are so proud of the students. We have worked hard on catching up from the past two years, working on our resilience and our relationships with each other. We wish every success for the students in Year 6, and we have faith in the students to be successful in every walk of life. Take care of yourselves and each other.



Year 6:

This week, Year 6 have focused on their production of Aladin. It was so lovely to see so many of you supporting the children across the two nights. As I said to those of you who attended, it is truly remarkable that the children pulled this together in just 10 days. That, coupled with secondary school visits, covid and various other times out of school mean it was a feat that I'm not sure the west end could contend with! We certainly have some budding stars for the future here.

It is with some sadness, but ultimately, great pride that we say good bye to our Year 6's next week. They have been a fantastic part of the Civitas family and left an incredible legacy behind them. We would like to wish them every success in the future and thank you as parents for your continued support over the years.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday evening.

News items from this week

GO Beanies

GO BEANIES BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB @ CIVITAS ACADEMY – Places Available

The Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am to 8:45am; and the After-School Club runs from 3:15pm to 5:45pm for working parents with children from FS2 to Year 6.

Our daily programme offers outdoor activities, sports, games, arts & crafts, play and relaxation with breakfast and afternoon teas also included. Please email info@gobeanies.org or text message us on 07710566727 to book your child's place. Spaces are allocated on a first come/first booked basis.

End of term: School finishes on Tuesday 19th July at normal time. If your child has any medication in school, this will need collecting by Tuesday. Your child's class teacher will bring this out at pick up time. Please can you also ensure all scooters and bike are collected by Tuesday.

Pants NSPCC: Please see the link below, a guide to support parents with PANTS NSPCC work we have been doing in school. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-guides#>

Victoria Park Picnic: A note from Maria Trevis, the Victoria Park Community Group (VPCG) Chair:

'It would be lovely to meet your families at these events as this will be a great opportunity for positive activities in the park for children over the summer. It is being organised by Lifespring Church and supported by VPCG. We hope to see them there!'



Dates for Diary:

Tuesday 19th July	Last day of term
Tuesday 6th September	Children return to school
Friday 30th September	Make or Break a REAch2 Record Colour Run – info TBC

Contacting Class teachers: If you have a query and would like to contact your child’s class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absencereporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

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