

Spring Bulletin – Friday 18th March

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week this has been where our children have really shone through demonstrating our REAch2 touchstones. Such fantastic **LEARNING** has been taking place with British Science week being a focus, where children have been challenging gender stereotyping in STEM and considering what attributes contribute towards being a great scientist.

When I was teaching in Year 6 this week, we had a really sensitive and thoughtful discussion about what was happening in Ukraine right now. We watched a video that had been sent to us by Cathie Paine our Designate CEO REAch2 and this inspired our Y6 children to think about how they too could work with our children from Y1-Y6 to help raise funds. They are in the planning stages of this and are working on convincing class teachers of their ideas! More information will follow. A fitting example of our touchstone of **RESPONSIBILITY**. Please click on the link to watch the 'Make a Difference' video that inspired our Y6 children.



[Make a difference - YouTube](#)



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Ivan	For working hard to always make the right choices.
Paddington	Danny	For working hard in his phonics
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Hayden	For trying hard with his writing, particularly in phonics.
Pinocchio:	Kyla	For working so hard to improve her handwriting.
BFG:	Yoshi	For having new ideas in English.
Matilda:	Vedhashruthi	For improving and challenging herself in writing.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Tessanne	Lovely writing of paragraphs with good use of punctuation
Kinney	Dhruv	For always striving for excellence and challenging himself.
Richards	Amaya-Renay	For working hard in lessons and trying her best.
Murphy	Sneha	For working hard with her writing and showing a willingness to learn.
Zephaniah	Saketh	For his increase in valuable class contributions.
Avery	Aarya	For working making good choices in the class room and asking for help when she needs it.
Draper	Kaire	For his great effort in the Mock SATs

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	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03	01/04	08/04
Reception	91.8%	88.1%	90.5%			
Year 1	93.5%	95.8%	92.4%			
Year 2	95.3%	96.8%	94.1%			
Year 3	98.9%	95.7%	92.0%			
Year 4	96.8%	98.1%	93.9%			
Year 5	96.5%	98.7%	91.7%			
Year 6	94.95	97.0%	93.2%			

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	442	12868
Terra	370	11421
Aqua	538	12873
Ignis	399	13171

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week we have been exploring the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' which explores the adventures of a plastic bag which accidentally ends up out to sea. We have been discussing the issue of pollution in the oceans and the roles of the marine biologists who protect them. In maths we have been exploring 3D shapes and have enjoyed discussing the different shapes we can see in our classrooms. The children have loved British Science Week and have been planting seeds in order to celebrate the topic "growth", they are all excited to care for and watch their plants as they grow. The children have loved dressing as superheroes for Red Nose Day and watching Irish Dancing to celebrate St Patrick's Day!

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Key Stage 1

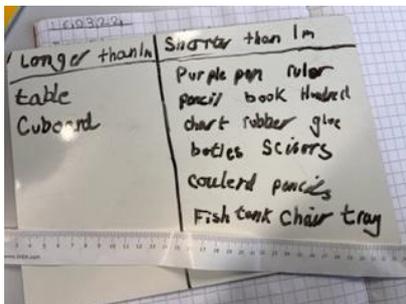
Year 1: This week in English we have been innovating the story 'Lost and Found'. We changed the characters and the settings from the original story and then drew a story map with our new changes. We then boxed up, and finally wrote, our new stories. In Maths this week we have been learning about mass. We have learnt how to use balance scales and explored the mass of different objects, using the vocabulary 'heavy' and 'light'. We have been learning to measure the weight of different objects, using non-standard units of measurement. In History this week we have been writing letters to an elderly person to find out about toys from the past. In Science we learned about the properties of materials and we have been learning about a different scientist each day, as part of science week this week. In RE we continued to learn about how Jesus was welcomed by his followers and we learnt to sing the song, 'Sing Hosanna'.

Year 2: This week, year 2 have written up their newspaper articles linking to our story 'Nimesh the adventurer'. They have included all the features of a newspaper report and drafted and redrafted to improve it. In maths, year 2 have consolidated the place value and addition learning they did in the Autumn term. In science, they carried out an experiment linking to British Science week and their topic of materials. They learnt about Dr Barnardo and Malala Yousafzai in their humanities learning and understood the importance of the right to education. In art they created pictures using a printing technique with styrofoam, bayers and different layers of paint.

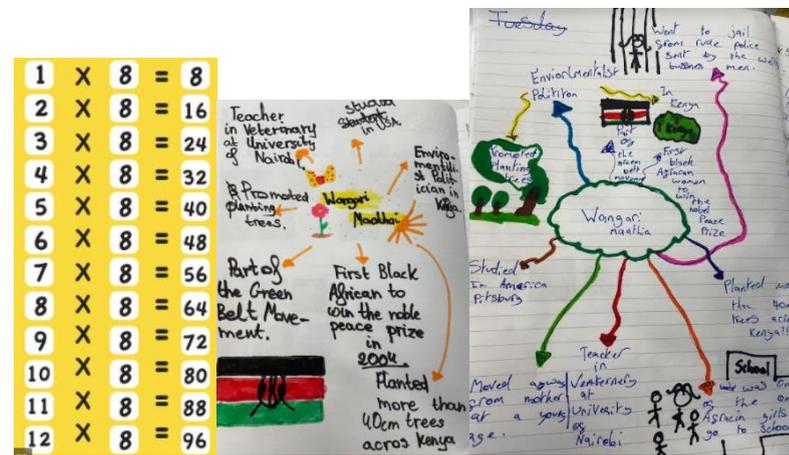
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Year 3:

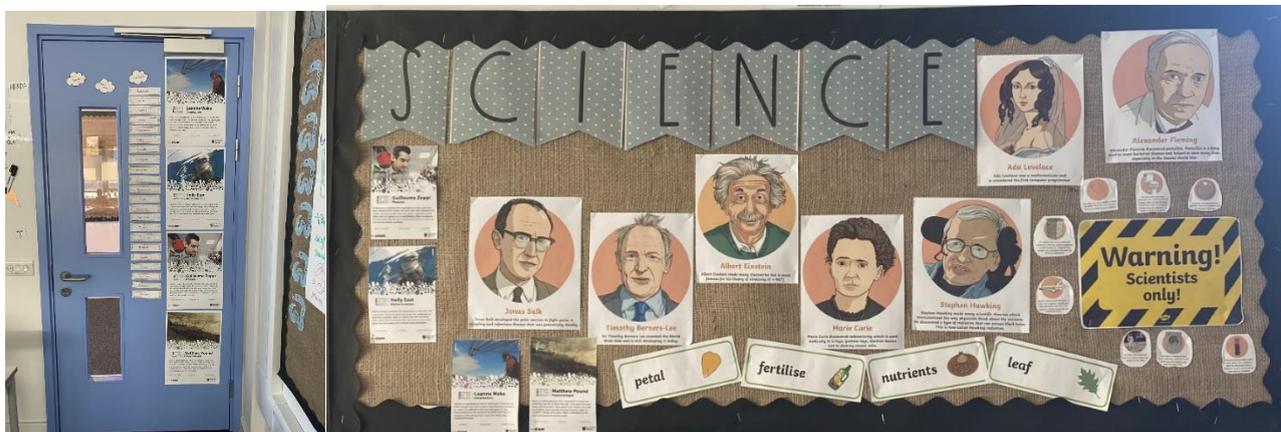
This week in Maths, we have been busy with our ruler, tape measures and even a trundle wheel! We have measured in centimetres and metres and started learning about millimetres. Children identified and used the most appropriate measuring apparatus. In English, we learnt about fronted adverbials. We have looked for them in paragraphs, identified them in sentences and created our own in sentences. We can even identify what type of fronted adverbials they are. We have learnt about interesting facts and new Scientists in British Scientist week. Each day we have learnt about a different scientist, and we have identified peers who have similar characteristics. These include being motivated, able to work in a team, being curious, an excellent communicator etc. We have been learning about soil formation in class. We got quite a surprise when we had an experiment set up to create a working wormery. Rich soil is made of organic materials, and we discovered how this happens through the wormery. Creating a wormery is good for the environment as it reuses, reduces, and recycles waste vegetable matter. The most exciting part of the lesson was the fast-wriggling earthworms.



Year 4: In English this week we have been working on producing our own narratives, written in first person, with the theme of rainforests! The children worked hard to plan their writing and ensure they had included all the features we have learnt as well as making the narrative full of suspense and danger! The year 4 teachers are really looking forward to reading the finished piece! In maths this week the children have been putting in the hard work to learn and consolidate their knowledge of the 8 times table as well as diving deeper into understanding how tenths are written as decimals and fractions. It is also British Science week and the children have learnt lots of new interesting science facts each day as well as the key attributes of our Scientist of the Day. We've learnt about Marine Scientists, Palaeontologist and Physicists and the children have loved discussing all the different fields of science they could potentially enter when they are older – I think we have some future Scientists on our hands! The children spent one afternoon learning all about a lady from Kenya, Wangari Maathai, who was the first African lady to win the Nobel Peace Prize! They produced some fantastic pieces of work!



Year 5: In English this week we honed the skills required to write a successful persuasive advert. We have used subordinate conjunctions in subordinate clauses as well as emotive language and rhetorical questions that have a persuasive effect on our reader. We have continued our maths work on fractions and have looked at multiplying non unit, unit and mixed numbers by integers. As it is British Science week, the children have discussed an interesting science fact each day as well as the key attributes of our STEM Person of the Day. We've learnt about Marine Scientists, Palaeontologist and Physicists which have all challenged our stereotypical thinking. It's been wonderful to see the children identifying these scientific attributes in many of their peers.



We also wanted to show you the excellent artwork the students produced. We were studying for 6 weeks Afghanistan Art and sculpture and we have finally made our own. We were meant to do it on the last Friday of last half term, but storm Eunice stopped us! Here are some of the works the students produced.



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Year 6: This week the children have completed their mock SATs week. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved and the progress they have made. We will be discussing their results and areas for development with the children next week.

Other than all the hard work they have done, I was also incredibly impressed to see some of the children using the mindfulness techniques we have talked about – like the finger breathing activity to support remaining calm under pressure.



The children have continued to explore their topic of electricity in Science. They worked Scientifically to explore different components and what would happen if they added or took things away.

News items from this week

Dates for Diary:

Friday 11 th March – Sunday 20 th March	British Science Week
Wednesday 30 th – Thursday 31 st March	Parents evening – book via ScoPay
Thursday 7 th April	School disco £2.00 per ticket to be paid via Scopay by 28 th March.
Thursday 7 th April	Year 5 Shakespear Day
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of term.
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 4 Richards only Parents evening

Donations for the Ukraine can be made via the following links should you choose:



[DEC Ukraine Appeal](#) | [British Red Cross](#)



Save the Children

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Civitas Academy School Disco

On Thursday 7th April 2022 Civitas Academy is having our first school disco!

£2.00 per ticket, ticket includes entry and a drink. Please pay via Scopay by 28th March.

Drop off and collection details to follow.

Tuck shop will be available: Please bring no more than £2.00 in change.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
3.15pm - 4.00pm

Year 3 and Year 4
4.10pm - 5.10pm

Year 5 and Year 6
5.15pm - 6.15pm

Information regarding holiday clubs for the Easter holidays: Unfortunately, we are not running a holiday club over the Easter holidays, but please see information regarding local clubs that are running:

- Wilson Primary School, Reading
- The Heights Primary, Caversham

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HOW MUCH DO THE HOLIDAY CLUBS COST?

ACTIVITY PACKAGE	DAILY	WEEKLY (8% DISCOUNT)
Standard Activity Day - 10.00am to 4.00pm	£24.00	£110.40 (Save £9.60)
Standard Activity Day with AM Extension - 8.15am to 4.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with PM Extension - 10.00am to 6.00pm	£26.00	£119.60 (Save £10.40)
Standard Activity Day with AM and PM Extension - 8.15am to 6.00pm	£27.00	£124.20 (Save £10.80)

WHERE AND WHEN ARE THE HOLIDAY CLUBS OPEN?

VENUE	EASTER 2022	MAY HT 2022	SUMMER 2022
5-6y Birch Hill Primary School, Bracknell	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y The Heights Primary School, Caversham	11th to 22nd April*	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Alderswood Infant School, Aldershot	11th to 22nd April*	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Court Moor School, Fleet	11th to 22nd April*	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 31st August
5-6y Hook Infant School, Hook	11th to 22nd April*	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 19th August
5-6y Liphook Junior School, Liphook	11th to 22nd April*	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y St. Mary's Hampton Primary School, Hampton	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y The Weyford School, Richmond Hill	4th to 14th April	CLOSED	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Yeddington Sports Centre, Yeddington	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 31st August
5-6y Whitton Sports Centre, Whitton	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 31st August
5-6y Ashford Park Primary School, Ashford	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y St. Edmund's Primary School, Godalming	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y St. Joseph's Primary School, Guildford	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Danetree Primary School, West Ewell	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Manby Lodge Infant School, Weybridge	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August
5-6y Knaphill Lower School, Woking	4th to 14th April	30th May to 1st June	25th July to 26th August

* Skippings only
* Excludes Bank Holiday's

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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

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Year 3: year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

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