

Summer Bulletin – Friday 20th May 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to see that where it has been possible for our families 'Walk to School' week has been really well supported this week and with some fantastic attendance too. I believe our whole school attendance on Thursday reached 97% 😊

SAFE – In keeping with one of our three rules a **respectful** reminder to our families that unless children are in Y5 or Y6 and have written permission to walk to and from school alone; parents and carers have a responsibility to drop children off at the gate in the morning and collect them at the end of the day. Many of our children are now travelling to school on bikes and scooters which is fantastic and brilliant for our environment, please ensure they are clear on road safety and are wearing their helmets; we have had a few near misses this week and we want to continue working together to keep our whole community **safe**.

Respectful – Thank you for your continued support and patience at collection time, we have continued with the one-way system so our school community (over 600 people) can leave the site safely and we appreciate your co-operation with this.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Ojas	For doing fantastic independent writing.
Paddington	Amuraaga	For settling well into Paddington class and working really hard in Phonics
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Yousuf	For trying hard with his writing.
Pinocchio:	Aizah	For trying hard to use her Phonics when writing sentences.
BFG:	Shanmukha	For being inquisitive towards his learning and sharing his wonderful ideas.
Matilda:	Maja	For showing kindness towards her friends.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Muhammad	Excellent attitude to learning and applying himself well to learning about fractions
Kinney	Sophia	Working hard in maths and participating in group discussions
Richards	Shaurya	For showing an improvement in focus and effort in all lessons.
Murphy	Dorian	For working hard to improve his times tables.
Zephaniah	Anishka	For her independent learning and helpfulness in the classroom.
Avery	Azmaan	For showing his teacher all the time all his great work and being ready, respectful and safe.
Draper	Sophia	For her excellent work in Maths.

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	25/04	03/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	
Reception	81.4%	76.9%	86.2%	91.9%		
Year 1	88.3%	90.0%	93.3%	95.2%		
Year 2	94.3%	91.3%	97.2%	98.7%		
Year 3	91.1%	93.4%	92.9%	96.4%		
Year 4	97.0%	94.6%	96.0%	92.5%		
Year 5	90.2%	81.6%	97.1%	97.9%		
Year 6	94.3%	95.3%	98.1%	97.8%		

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	289	15570
Terra	334	13852
Aqua	355	15744
Ignis	240	15418

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in maths, Paddington and Elmer class have been consolidating learning about 'First, then and now.' They have been enjoying practical games adding more, to support their understanding. In Literacy, we have been reading 'The Wolf's Story' by Toby Forward and Izhar Cohen. The Wolf's Story is a story of Little Red Riding Hood from the perspective of the wolf. In this story, the wolf is able to share his side of the story explaining all of the events that happened, but in a way that depicts himself as a good, helpful wolf. In art, the children have looked closely at the 'big' eyes of the wolf. They used different shades of charcoal to draw an eye of the wolf. The children also explored the natural world by looking at, and talking about flowers, the trees in the playground and some different kind of herbs. After, they chose one of these to make an observational drawing. We also played different Phonics games, like read CVC words by playing a board game, and read CVC words by jumping the hoops outside.



Key Stage 1

Year 1: In English this week, the children have enjoyed reading our new class text 'The Beeman'. We made predictions about the text, read the story and shared our favourite parts of the story. The children then read a food advert for 'honey muffins', which was inspired by the story. We identified key features of adverts, including catchy titles and adjectives, and we created a text map for the advert. In maths, we have started our new 'fractions' topic. Our focus this week was all about finding a half. We have learnt how to half shapes and quantities. In Geography we continued our topic of our local area. The children discussed and wrote their likes and dislikes about Reading town.

Year 2: This week Year 2 have had a busy week! They have now begun their SATs papers! We are so pleased with how well the children coped and how resilient they all are! We started our SATs days with some delicious food so that the children were ready to learn and spoke about the importance of breakfast.

This week in English we started a new core text called "The Last Tree". The book is about a little weak tree, who is not good enough to be used for wood, but soon becomes the only tree left! In the end the last tree becomes the first strong tree of the forest! This book has given us lots of discussion points across our curriculum and it fits in beautifully with our global learning theme, sustainable development. The children are writing poems about the book and learning all the key features of poems as well as learning new vocabulary, like the word stanza. In maths we are continuing to consolidate our learning. The children have enjoyed lots of practical lessons like going on a shape hunt, exploring time through shadows and playing lots of fun maths games! This helps to put maths into context and problem solve.

Thank you for coming into school promptly this week, it is important that every child is on time so they can be ready to learn. Please continue to arrive at 8:40am next week so the children can continue to enjoy breakfast before the day starts.

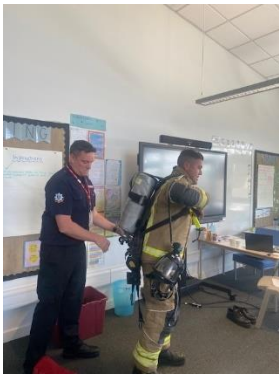
Year 3: In Maths this week we have learnt how to find equivalent fractions. We have used a variety of pictorial resources to support our learning and understanding. In English we have found features of a newspaper report. We have been learning about Kid President which will lead up to next week's final write up of a newspaper report telling the world who Kid president is. In art our Kimmy Cantrell inspired masks have started to really take shape and are already looking amazing after the children spent this week using different materials to decorate them. We can't wait to see the finished product next week! In Spanish we have continued to learn the names of various animals as well as the feminine and masculine words. In Science we had such fun seeing how a magnet can counteract the force of gravity by doing an experiment using paper clips, thread, blocks or books to make a tower, sellotape and wand magnets.

Year 4:

In maths this week, we have finished our maths topic of money. We learnt how to add and subtract money. In English, we have learnt about the features of instruction writing and investigated how each feature is used. We have continued reading our text, The Explorer in whole class reading and practicing our VIPERS skills. Our afternoons have been a little different in each class this week as Richards class have been building their electronic board games that we designed last week. Murphy class are excited to create their board games next week. In the afternoons, Murphy class have focussed on science, PSHE and designing their board games.

Year 5:

In Year 5 this week we had a great surprise from the Reading Fire Service who came to speak to us about fire safety and fire evacuation. We saw their vehicles and they sprayed us with their water hoses – it was a good job that it was a warn day! Not only was it great fun but we also took part in a lot of discussions.

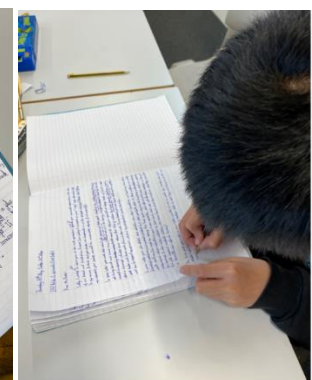
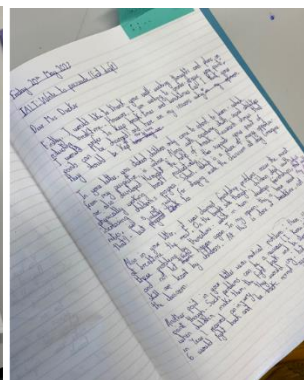
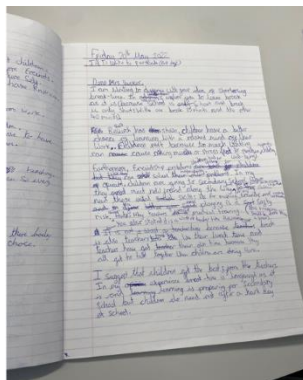
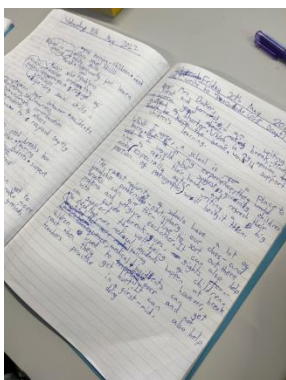


In English this week, we have started writing our instructions on how to make a Victorian Prison device that Victorian prisoners could use in their sentence to make it even more terrible. We have started to look at features in our writing and what a good instructional text looks like. In Maths this week we have finished our decimals module and the children had an opportunity to teach their peers.

In global learning we are continuing to investigate how the children were treated in the Victorian times and how this is different today. We have also completed a task where we looked at how law and punishment have evolved through time and what is acceptable now.

We look forward to sharing with you pictures of all our students in their traditional dress for cultural diversity day. Additionally, we look forward to speaking to the students about why it is important to understand other people's cultures and why we should keep and express our own culture.

Year 6:



After an incredibly intense SATs week, the children are back to their normal schedule and routine! This week in literacy, the children have responded to a letter from Mrs Ducker regarding her proposal to reduce break-times for Upper Key Stage 2. To say there was uproar is an understatement. The children have discussed counter arguments and created a formal persuasive letter which they will be publishing and sending to Mrs Ducker next week.



We have also taken some time to focus on the upcoming event, the Queens Jubilee whilst also celebrating cultural diversity day. It was fantastic to see so many of the children in their traditional attire. They also spent time researching their own heritage and then sharing this information with their peers.

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.

Summer festival: Civitas Academy is holding a Summer Festival on the new date of Thursday 14th July. This event is kindly being sponsored by Chancellors Estate agents. Chancellors have offered Civitas funding so we can set up a variety of stalls, however in exchange for the funding we have been asked to advertise our event and Chancellors name on boards (similar to a for sale board) outside our homes for a couple of weeks. Chancellors will place the board outside your property, the board will advertise our Summer Festival. Once the festival has ended, Chancellors will come and take the board away. We are asking for parents to volunteer to have a board outside their home for a short period of time. This will make a huge difference to our event.

If you are able to support, please email office [@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@civitasacademy.co.uk) with your full name and address or speak to the school office by Friday 20th May.

Summer festival drawing competition: Children have been invited to take part in an art competition for our Summer Festival Programme. If you would like to take part, **please return your picture and entry price of £2 by 10th June.** The winner will receive an Amazon gift voucher, their picture framed and have their art work placed on the front of our Summer Festival programme.

School lunches: Please be reminded that lunches need to be ordered by midday on Thursday the week before. We have a new summer term menu, as a reminder the only meat on the menu that is Halal is the chicken and the lamb.

Sports day: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day will be held on Wednesday 13th July (KS1). Year 3,4,5,6 will be held on Thursday 14th July (KS2). Timings TBC



The Queen's Jubilee: On Wednesday 25th May, we will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee early as it is the May half term holiday during the Queen's Jubilee. We will learn about the Queen, sing the national anthem, decorate the playground and enjoy our lunch as a picnic. We have also been selected to join Reading Crematorium in decorating the cemetery with colourful handprints and messages for the queen to form 'The Queen's Canopy'. This can be seen from the 1st – 8th June at the Reading Crematorium.

Oracy home learning challenge



It's good to talk!

Connecting with others and forming good relationships is important for our mental health and wellbeing. However, spending time with friends and family has been made more difficult by the Coronavirus pandemic.

This week take some time to speak to a family member or friend on the phone. You could tell them about your day and how you're feeling but be sure to also ask them questions. Consider how you might communicate differently on the phone, especially when you can't see the person you're speaking to.



Activity

Pick up the phone to a family member or friend. You could use the prompts below to start your conversation.

'Hi _____, how are you?'

'Today, I _____' 'Tomorrow I am looking forward to ____ because ____'

How are you feeling?'

'What are you looking forward to this week?'

Don't forget to think about the Oracy Framework when you're speaking!

Reflection: Was speaking on the phone different to speaking to someone in person? Which aspects of oracy were more or less important?



Physical: What volume and tone of voice will you use when speaking on the phone?



Linguistic: Which words will you use to describe how you're feeling?



Cognitive: What questions could you ask to find out more about what they're saying?



Social and emotional: How can you ensure you're listening attentively?

Dates for Diary:

25 th May	The Queen's Jubilee picnic – children will eat their lunch, picnic style to celebrate the jubilee.
27 th May 2022	Break the rules day – Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for sweets / chocolate donation.
30 th May-3 rd June	May Half Term
30 th June 2022	Pyjamas day for a decorated jam jar full of crafts/sweets/small items.
13 th July	KS1 Sports day – times TBC
14 th July	KS2 Sports day – times TBC
14 th July	Summer Festival – 3.45pm – 5.45pm Please note date change.

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