

Summer Bulletin

Friday 7th June 2024



Message from Mrs. Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher and Mrs. Nahida Alim, KS1 Lead



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year, and what an exciting week it has already been. Our Year 4 team have started off with their Multiplication Tables Check, Elmer and Paddington classes have been out to explore minibeasts at Palmer Park and Year 1 had a trip to Reading Museum.

These trips and experiences are so valuable to our children, the curiosity and questioning as well as the knowledge it can build is remarkable. Thank you to all our families for your support with these. During our training session on Monday, our teams were planning the trips, 11B411 experience, visits and events for each year group for 2024-2025 linked to their projects and learning, we will be sharing these with you soon so you can see how they all fit in.

Today we would also like to say a great big thank you and a sad goodbye to Miss Kerry Taylor who has been a support member of staff with us for over three years. Miss Taylor and her family are moving to Essex.; we wish her and her family every happiness.

Mrs. Alim has also shared a message below about World Refugee Day on Tuesday 18th June and how we will be celebrating this here at Civitas.



Every year in June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day – the international day to honour the creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. At Civitas, we will be supporting Berkshire’s ‘Refugee Support Group’.

On **Tuesday 18th June 2024**, we ask that students **wear green** clothing or a green accessory with a **voluntary contribution of £1** to raise funds for RSG.

There will be special visitors and stories to share with the children. If you would like to learn more information, please visit -

<https://refugeesupportgroup.org.uk/>

Thank you

PE Timetable – Summer 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 5	Year 3	Year 6	Year 4
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Mustapha K	For outstanding behaviour on our school trip.
Paddington	Yuvaan	For showing resilience on his first ever school trip.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Satya	For settling in well as he becomes part of our Civitas Family.
Gruffalo	Skyla	For being a wonderful role model on our school trip.
BFG	Shriyan	For a fabulous attitude towards learning, always keen to contribute ideas – keep it up!
Matilda	Heavenly	For developing confidence and supporting her peers and adults.
KS2		
Rosen	Antonio	For working hard in English to identify features of a playscript.
Kinney	Trishika	For being a great example of what a Civitas child is.
Richards	Everyone in Richards Class	For working extremely hard throughout the year on their times tables and completing their MTC checks this week.
Murphy	Everyone in Murphy Class	For working extremely hard throughout the year on their times tables and completing their MTC checks this week.
Avery	Sienna	For giving amazing explanations for her answers in maths, showing her thinking.
Zephaniah	Alaiyah	For always contributing so well within lessons and showing great enthusiasm for her learning.
Lewis	Amaya	For her active listening skills and improved focus in class.

Draper	Selena	For her excellent work in her audition, especially in how well she performed and memorised all of her lines.
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Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Sai Shriya
Paddington	Aiden
Gruffalo	Revansh
Pinocchio	Satya
BFG	Omari
Matilda	Heavenly
Kinney	Mikaela
Rosen	Raisa
Murphy	Derrick
Richards	Maya
Avery	Elif
Zephaniah	Sandra
Draper	Aida
Lewis	Flynn

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	785	11,296
Terra	527	11,268
Ignis	888	10,127
Atmos	707	11,492

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

Achievements outside of school

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Achievement</u>

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.

	07.06.24	14.06.24	21.06.24	28.06.24	05.07.24	12.07.24	19.07.24
Reception	97.2%						
Year 1	94.2%						
Year 2	94.5%						
Year 3	93.3%						
Year 4	93.3%						
Year 5	90.2%						
Year 6	98.6%						

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week the children have really shown how ready they are to move up into Year 1! They have been continuing our topic on 'Endangered Animals' by exploring some extinct ones. We have been looking at the book "There's a T-Rex in Town" and they have really enjoyed discussing the different dinosaur facts from the book. In Maths we have been looking at grouping numbers and recapping all of our learning from the year. Our continuous provision has involved writing about a mysterious dinosaur egg, showing off their own dinosaur stories in the small world area and making dinosaur artwork from their own handprints. The week's highlight must be our minibeast hunt at Palmer Park. All the staff were blown away with how amazing the children were. They were a credit to the school as they showed off their ability to remain ready, respectful and safe even off site. A huge thank you to those amazing parents who were able to come and help, we really would not have been able to have a successful school trip without you!

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

What a fantastic start to the final term of Year 1. In Maths we learnt about the numbers fifty to one hundred and have been counting in multiples of tens. In science we learnt about the density of objects and loved predicting and then testing if objects would float or sink with some interesting results. Do you think a banana would sink or float? Try at home and see! We went on our field trip to observe physical and human features in Reading town centre and enjoy the artefacts held in Reading Museum. The children loved dressing up, looking at dinosaur bones and so much more. The children were a credit to themselves and our school. The trip, however, would not have been possible without our wonderful parents who supported us so ably, thank you. In DT we had great fun tasting different smoothies and guessed which fruit we thought it contained. We have continued to practise our phonics skills and we are looking forward to completing the Phonics Screening check next week.



Year 2:

What a busy week we have had in Year 2 with lots of exciting lessons and lots more fun to look forward to! We kickstarted our English exploring a new text called 'Wangari's Tree of Peace' written by Jeannette Winter; we wrote predictions, created story maps and then painted our own trees! In Maths, we continued learning about statistics followed by the end of unit assessment. This half term in science, we are investigating famous scientists and inventors! To begin with, we investigated the founder of the Eden project, Tim Smit. We made mini greenhouses inspired by his findings which we will monitor over the next few weeks. For PSHE and RE, we explored the meaning of 'belonging' and the people or places we belong to such as BFG or Matilda class, families and sports teams! Please note that for those children who did not pass the phonics screening check, these will take place next week. If you have not already signed consent forms for our upcoming trips, please ensure these are completed! Thank you for your continued support!



Key Stage 2:

Year 3:

It was great to see everyone back at school and hear about the wonderful adventures that have been had during half term. This week in English, we have begun looking at our new topic, playscripts. The children have looked at theatres and cinemas and made comparisons between the two. They identified features of playscripts by exploring WAGOLL's, then listed them with a key. In maths, the children have continued looking at time. This week they have focused on am and pm using analogue and digital clocks. They have made comparisons of time using am and pm and tried to identify times of day that key events happen in their lives. In History, the children have again continued focusing on Ancient Egypt. In this week's lesson, the children explored the process of mummification and why it was so important in Ancient Egypt. They used toilet rolls to mummify their friends in class, which they really enjoyed. In science, the children have been working scientifically this week, looking at magnets and forces. They have been designing and planning their own magnetic games which they will make over the coming weeks.



Year 4:

This week, Year 4 completed their MTC! We have been working all year to make sure everyone is secure in their times tables which will help them throughout their education as times tables comes into most of the maths work, they will do from now on. We were impressed by how calm and ready the children were. They worked so hard, and it shows. We must wait for the results now, but we will let you know the results as soon as we get them. It has been a good week back this week, with starting our new topics. In science this term we are looking at scientific thinking and how we can relate this to experiments. In History and Geography, we are still investigating the Windrush generation and in RE we will be looking again at Christianity. In PSHE we will be completing the topic "Changing Me" which investigates how body's change and grow throughout time and how babies are made.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a wonderful first week of Summer 2! In English we began our new writing genre – a narrative – with a hook into writing stories with a game of consequences and an exploration into the features of a narrative. In maths this week we have continued our study of decimal numbers through finding strategies to efficiently add and subtract decimal numbers. In science this week we have been exploring levers and pulleys to increase force to lift heavy objects. We have designed our own catapults which we will make next week to test our theories about levers and forces. In history we have researched the Tudor era and the crimes and punishments they had throughout the Tudor period through using information provided by Reading Museum. We have also been joined by Miss Woodley in Zephaniah class, who has loved getting to know the children and all of their interests this week!

Year 6:

This week we were excited to audition for our Year 6 performance. The teachers were really impressed and had a tough job on their hands!! However, the cast has now been confirmed. Well done to everyone that was brave enough to audition – you should all be very proud of yourselves. In our maths lessons we continued with our unit of ratio using scale factors and comparing similar shapes. We enjoyed looking back through our old English books to identify our strongest pieces of writing. Following this, we used the TAF sheets to identify gaps in our writing and set ourselves targets. Next week we are going to focus on making our writing pieces even better.

Communication to the school

Absence reporting can also 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

KEY DATES

Tuesday 11th June – Year 3 River Walk

Monday 10th June – KS1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 14th June – Year 2 Trip to Reading Museum

Monday 17th June – KS1 SATs

Tuesday 18th June – World Refugee Day (wear green)