

Summer Bulletin

Friday 10th May 2024



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher and Miss Fitchett, Year 3 Teacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely it has been to have the lighter evenings and to have enjoyed the sun these last few days.

I wanted to remind you all of our Civitas School Street project which will be starting soon under an 'Experimental Traffic Order.'

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Partial closure of Great Knollys Street to all but eligible vehicles immediately to the east of its junction with Bedford Road up to the point of an existing traffic restriction outside the Reading Buses depot. Residents who live within this area will still have full access during the school street closure including for visitors and deliveries.

The proposed times of closure would be from 8.30-9am and 2.55-3.40pm, Monday to Friday, during term time.

As our academy has grown, so has the number of vehicles on the school run, creating an increase in traffic. We feel the School Street scheme will have benefits for our school community and residents by reducing traffic congestion and improving local air quality, as well as making it safer and easier for children, families, and staff to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

To support this scheme, we would need volunteer marshals. If you feel you can support this, please email the office by Tuesday 14th May, noon, so we can arrange the necessary training with Reading Borough Council.

Good afternoon parents,

I would like to give you the good news that Victoria park has been given the go ahead for a well needed refurbishment! I am aware of how popular this park is for our families during the nicer

weather, and we can all agree that the park is outdated. The project is to create a new, exciting, and accessible play area for children between 3years to 12 years. Reading Borough council have received 5 designs from play companies and are asking the public to vote on their preferred design.

Please follow the link below to vote on your preferred design (voting closes on 10th June 2024)

[Victoria Park Play Area - Reading Borough Council - Citizen Space](#)

Thank you,

Miss Fitchett

PE Timetable – Summer 1

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

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Sharvin	For fabulous writing in all areas of his learning.
Paddington	Aadam	For increased focus and gaining independence.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Eri	For always being kind and considerate in our classroom.
Gruffalo	Aarna	For fantastic independent reading by applying her phonics learning
BFG	Damon	For demonstrating resilience and motivation as adults have noticed a positive change in his learning and behaviour – well done!
Matilda	Purvi	For having a great attitude for learning and tackling challenges independently.
KS2		
Rosen	Sehbaaz	For working hard in phonics and for his improving English speaking.
Kinney	Isabelle	For showing resilience and a mature attitude when faced with challenges at home and at school
Richards	Leen	For consistently working hard and always coming to school with a smile on her face.
Murphy	Zeon	For his excellent work within his times tables
Avery	Dhairya	For creating a fantastic playscript full of amazing features.
Zephaniah	Tessanne	For representing the school so well during the school trip. She was an excellent ambassador for the school.
Draper	Emmanuel	For his improvement in his English.
Lewis	Smyla	For consistently showing she is ready and contributing more in class

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Mustapha
Paddington	Junainah
Gruffalo	Estelle
Pinocchio	Aiman
BFG	Javeriya
Matilda	Zoraiz
Kinney	Alexa
Rosen	Romae
Murphy	Shanmukha
Richards	Niha
Avery	Santhosh
Zephaniah	Saanvi
Draper	Emma
Lewis	Vinnie

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	304	9910
Terra	321	10152
Ignis	261	8652
Atmos	401	9970

Well done **ATMOS** 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.

	19.04.24	26.04.24	03.05.24	10.05.24	17.05.24	24.05.24
Reception	88.64%	92.73%	93.77%	94.77%		
Year 1	88.17%	93.1%	91.03%	93.32%		
Year 2	89.83%	90.18%	94.64%	95.09%		
Year 3	87.33%	88.98%	92.37%	90.04%		
Year 4	89.49%	90.85%	94.75%	93.22%		
Year 5	93.33%	94.11%	96.61%	93.3%		
Year 6	95.83%	98.47%	98.49%	96.67%		

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Reception, we have been continuing to think endangered animals by exploring the book “Omar the Bees and Me”; a story which explores the importance of bees and why they need plants. We have been thinking a lot about the importance of bees, for our writing challenge this week we have been writing facts about bees. Our art challenge this week has been to create a piece of bee hive inspired art using various techniques. For our global learning we have been thinking about plants, their life cycle and what they need to sustain life. This has fed into what we have been writing about in our literacy books as the children write instructions for how to plant a seed. Children have been really engaged with outdoor learning this week, they have loved being challenged to write new tricky words in chalk and in the mud!

As the weather is getting hotter, please can you remember to put sun cream on your children and remember to bring in a named sun hat.

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

In Year 1 we have started our new book called ‘Dear Greenpeace’ and have been predicting what might happen in the book. The children have learnt how to use basic inference skills by looking carefully for clues to tell us more. In maths this week, we have been learning about halves. We explored halves of objects and shapes and then moved on to finding halves of quantities. In Science we discussed how the seasons affect humans. We looked at clothing, food, activities and hobbies that are suited to each season. In RE we further explored why Shabbat is important to Jewish families. Our history lesson took us on a journey into the past where we explored the reasons why The Great Fire of London took so long to extinguish. We also compared the fire brigade from the past and present. The children loved recreating the William de Morgan tiles using homemade playdough and tools to roll, indent and shape dragons, patterns and peacocks in Art.

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled water bottle to school each day.



Year 2:

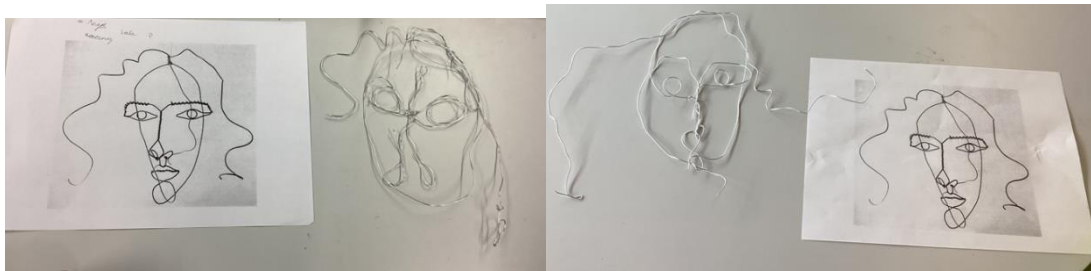
Although it has been a four-day week, Year 2 has been very busy! In English, Year 2 explored a new text called "One Plastic Bag" based on Isatou Ceesay and the recycling women of Gambia. We made insightful predictions, created a story map and had a go at recycling plastic bags into bracelets or purses. We've also learnt new words in wolof – one of the many languages spoken in Gambia. In RE, we learnt the story of Moses and the introduction of the ten commandments. Then we wrote our own version of the ten commandments to make the world a better, kinder place! For PSHE, Year 2 discussed the meaning of secrets and how secrets that make you feel worried, scared or uncomfortable should be shared with a trusted adult. In Maths, Year 2 have completed their end of unit fractions assessment and now moved onto a new unit of learning based about time! We have recapped o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. For Science, we identified the different stages of a life cycle for animals and plants. As part of our DT 'dynamic drawbridges' unit, we designed and annotated models of our drawbridges that we will be creating next week! If you have any recyclable materials to help build these such as cardboard, cereal boxes, string, skewers and straws then please send them with your child before Friday 17th May. Thank you in advance!

Key Stage 2:

Year 3:

This week in English, the children have started their new topic 'Mummification'. The children have been exploring the process of mummification while learning the key features of explanation writing, they have also explored features such as time adverbials. In math, the children have been learning about money. They have been identifying coins and their value while adding different value coins together. In science this week, the children have continued with their topic of forces and magnets focusing on identifying magnetic materials. The children carried out an experiment in the class where they used magnetic wands to predict and test a variety of materials found within the classroom. In Geography, the children learnt about the 5 different types of mountains, they discussed why each mountain type is so different and where they may be located.

Here are some pictures of last week's wire sculptures!



Year 4:

Year 4 has had a very busy week. In Maths this week we have continued learning about money, we have learnt how to convert pence to pounds, adding amounts and how to give change. To finish our money learning we took a visit to 'Miss W's Virtual Bakery' and we helped different teacher work out what food they can order and how much change they will receive, when ordering. In English we have started a new genre of writing, instructions. We are going to be write instructions to make an electrical circuit. We started the week by trying to instruct Miss Woolridge and Mrs Wareham, we realised we had to be very clear with each step. In Science, we have been building electrical circuits. We have learning how to make a complete circuit, we know we need a cell, a component and wires and it' important to make sure there are no gaps in the circuit. This week we have also been working very hard on our times tables, we can see lots of children have been on TTRS at home, Well Done!



Miss W's Bakery
MENU

Snacks		Specials	
Cupcake - chocolate, vanilla or strawberry	£3.50	Pancakes	£6.95
Slice of Cake	£4.45	Waffles	£7.99
Cookie	£2.75	Cinnamon Bun	£4.95
Brownie	£3.99	Toasted Sandwich	£8.99
		Baguette	£7.50

Drinks	
Fresh Juice	£2.75
Tea	£1.99
Coffee	£3.10
Fizzy drink	£3.10
Bubble Tea	£4.50

The menu is for Miss W's Bakery and features a variety of snacks, specials, and drinks. A cupcake is shown in the bottom left corner of the menu image.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a very exciting week this week. In maths this week we have begun our new topic of position and direction with an introduction to coordinates. We began the week with a Victorian school lesson, including harsh rules such as only being allowed to speak when spoken to and writing with your right hand. We extended this learning by visiting the Milestones Museum on Wednesday where we explored a Victorian town, had a Victorian lesson in reading, writing and arithmetic in a Victorian classroom, and discovered how the industrial revolution encouraged development in ironworks and life for workers. The children had the opportunity to see for themselves how life had changed in the Victorian era and could link this to our guided reading novel – Street Child.



Year 6:

We have a big week next week in Year 6 as we have the SATs. This week we have been busily revising in maths and English. In maths, we looked again at negative numbers, converting measurements and fractions. We looked at antonyms and synonyms and conjunctions in English. In history we enjoyed learning about the counties that existed when the Vikings were around. Additionally, we researched what the words meant. We explored different double formations whilst learning more about tennis

in our PE lesson. We all wish our Year 6s the best of luck next week; we know you will all be your best versions.

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

Monday, 13th May – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 16th May – CENSUS Day

Friday, 24th May – Last day of school before half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday, 3rd June – INSET Day

Tuesday, 4th June- Children Return to School