

Summer Bulletin

Friday 28th June 2024



Message from Miss Frain, Deputy Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our families who came to support our children at their Sports Days! Mr Khaliq did a fantastic job organising the events and we hope all our children enjoyed taking part.

Next week, we will be having a **'Bend the Rules' Day on Friday 5th July.**

We would like to give everybody in school the chance to bend some school rules for one day only! Children (and staff) can choose to bend as many rules as they would like from the list below. **The fine for each rule bent will be 50p.** The children can bend as many or as few rules as they would like!

We really want to make this fun and memorable for our children and to raise money that we can put towards resources for our Family Fun Day on Thursday 11th July. All profits we make during the



Family Fun Day will be used to fund Trip, Visits and Experiences for our children. By choosing to bend certain rules, we will remind children that **other rules do still apply and are there to keep our school community safe. (This includes NO FIZZY DRINKS or ENERGY DRINKS in school)**

The list of rules to bend are:

1. **Children must wear school uniform.**
2. **Children bring only water in their water bottles.**
3. **Children have sensible hair styles.**
4. **Children must not wear nail varnish.**
5. **Children must not wear temporary tattoos.**

For example, your child could choose to wear their own clothes, bring orange squash in their water bottle and wear green nail varnish – they would have broken 3 of the rules so would pay £1.50. Please put the **correct fees in a named envelope and send into school with your child on Friday 5th July.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office at office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing how many 'rule breakers' there are next week!

Miss Frain

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

STARS of the week and Sports Day celebrations will be shared in next week's bulletin

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	137	11,675
Terra	111	11,643
Ignis	282	10,791
Atmos	266	12,075

Well done **IGNIS** house for achieving the most house points this week and **ATMOS** for being the current House Point Leaders.

Achievements outside of school

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Akram	Matilda	For getting 1 st place on Vault category in his gymnastic competition.

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%	92.9%	92.64%	94.7%			
Year 1	94.2%	90.9%	88.28%	79.8%			
Year 2	94.5%	96.9%	92.17%	93.1%			
Year 3	93.3%	95.3%	95.52%	93.6%			
Year 4	93.3%	94.1%	94.95%	92.3%			
Year 5	90.2%	91.3%	90.34%	91.3%			
Year 6	98.6%	97.9%	94.83%	93%			

What have we been learning this week?

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Reception

This week the children have been exploring the book “The Great Kapok Tree”, a beautiful story which explores the impact of deforestation on animals, giving a voice to animals who speak to a man about the consequences of his actions. The children have written about their favourite animals this week for their rainbow challenge. This week in maths we have been focusing on positional language, and exploring how maps are made and used. The children had an amazing sports day! We were so impressed with how respectful they were of their peers, and what amazing friends they were to their teammates! They have been learning about how to remain safe in this heat and have been mindful of keeping themselves hydrated and in the shade.

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

In Year 1 Maths this week, we have consolidated our learning on money, by adding coins to get a total value. We have also started our new unit on time by speaking about our daily routines and what we do before school or after school. We now know the days of the week and the months of the year. In English, we had loads of fun discussing compound words and thinking of a few compound words that we know of. We have found our new text, called ‘The Beeman’ very interesting as it has taught us all about bees and how they make honey. We completed yet another exciting Science experiment to investigate the effects of gravity. We dropped various objects from shoulder level, such as a stone, a leaf and a water balloon. This was to observe how quickly or slowly they fall to the ground due to the force of gravity. In PSHE we looked at how our bodies and abilities have changed since we were babies. In DT, we created a brainstorm. This was to decide which fruits and vegetables we would include in a smoothie of our own. In Geography we had wonderful discussions on plastic pollution and created ‘Don’t litter’ posters for our displays. We were able to celebrate our wonderful Civitas Academy spirit at the KS1 sports afternoon this week. Well done to all our Year 1’s for participating and a big thank you to Mr Khaliq for organizing!

Year 2:

This week in Maths, we have continued our learning about position and direction with a focus on describing movement and turns; it has been fun to take our maths lessons outdoors in the sunshine! For English we recapped the features of a diary and wrote our own diaries based on Wangari’s experience in prison. In Science, we loved learning about Louis Pasteur and his discoveries about how germs spread diseases. This inspired us to complete our own germ experiment using water, soap and black pepper – this helped us to visualise how important it is to wash our hands and how quickly germs can spread! For History, we explored the role that Reading played during the First World War including the roles of men, women, how factories supported and how Reading was also one of Britain’s main medical centres! In RE, we learnt about the features of a mosque and compared lots of mosques around the world – we are excited to visit the mosque in person next week! It was also KS1 sports day on Tuesday with beautiful weather and fun activities – thank you for attending and cheering everyone on!

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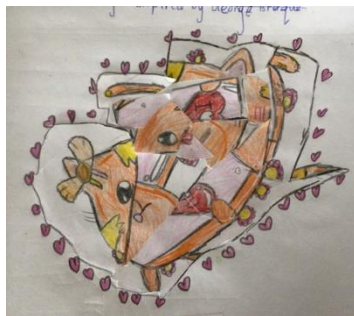
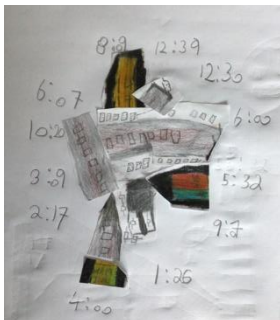
Year 3:

This week in English the children have started exploring motivational speeches. They have been looking at a young boy called 'Kid president'. Kid president shot to fame when he was younger by creating motivational speeches for children on you tube, this is all part of our new genre 'mini parliament'. In PSHE the children have been exploring body changes that happen as they grow up. This week we focused on 'outside body changes' and discussed the changes that all children will see as they grow. In History the children learnt about Ancient Egyptian gods, identified the hieroglyphs for each god then tried their hand at writing their own names in hieroglyphics.

A huge well done to all the children who took part in sports day on Wednesday. The children have worked so hard during P.E in recent weeks and this was evident on the day.

Year 4:

Year 4 has had a very busy week this week. In English, we have planned, drafted, edited and published narratives based on Floella Bengamin book Coming to England. When we were writing we made sure we included all the writing features that we had learnt in Year 4. In Maths, we have concluded our topic Shape and we have moved on to the topic of Statistics. Throughout this unit we will be learning how to read coordinates, how to read charts and creating our own charts to present data. In Art this week we have been creating collages based on the work of Georges Braque and his cubism work. On Friday, we had the opportunity this week to buddy up with the Year 2 children and to teach them how to use Times Table Rock Stars. We showed them how to log on to TTRS, we helped them build their avatars and showed them how each of the different games work. We hope that the Year 2s have as much fun learning their times tables as we did! We would like to give a big well done to everyone on Wednesday morning, for taking part in sports day. Despite the hot weather everyone tried their best and worked very hard!





Year 5:

This week year five have been busy putting all of their knowledge and skills to the test in a range of different assessments. This has been really helpful in showcasing all of the pupils learning across this year but also in preparation for Year Six. The children have worked really hard during this time and it has been great to see their resilience and determination. In addition to this, the children have also been exploring what the Mars Rover is and the history of space exploration. The children responded really well to this and we definitely have some future engineers and potentially even some astronauts! The children were also putting together some exciting investigations and plans for experiments within Science. They will put their knowledge of water resistance to the test next week when completing their investigations.

Year 6:

This week has been a busy week of learning, sports day and rehearsals. In maths the children have enjoyed their algebra topic. They have learnt how to read equations and expressions, how to write their own equations and learnt how to solve simple algebraic equations using inverse operations. In geography children researched the human geography of Southern Denmark, which included identifying key human features of the region. On Tuesday we had our first rehearsal in the school hall. As we are no longer reading from scripts, the children have now had the chance to focus on their stage directions and movement. We have been so impressed with the number of children who have learnt all of their lines off by heart. Our backstage team have also done a fantastic job prepping props and starting the painting for our backdrops.

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

Friday 28th June – School Staff led clubs end
Tuesday 2nd July – Year 2 Trip to Mosque
Friday 5th July – Break the Rules Day
Friday 5th July – Usports led clubs end
Monday 8th July – Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 11th July – Family Fun Day
Friday 12th July – Wellbeing Day
Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Production
Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Trip to TVP
Monday 22nd July – Year 3 Oxford Trip