



## *Summer Bulletin – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are at Friday already and it is another Bank Holiday Weekend! I know many of you have shared that you are hoping to attend the community 'Big Coronation Picnic' taking place in Victoria Park on Sunday; let's hope the weather holds!

Quick reminder on one of our rules about being '**READY**' for school. We are very proud of our uniform at Civitas, last year following feedback from YOU, our families, we reviewed our uniform policy and updated our guidance. Please click on the link to view what children should be wearing as part of our uniform, [Uniform | Civitas Academy](#)

If we can support you with uniform in any way, please speak to a member of our team in the school office. If we notice incorrect uniform, shoes or jewellery, a member of the school team will be in touch.

**YEAR 6** – Next week our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their Y6 SATs papers starting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May and finishing on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Children – Don't forget how incredible you are and how very proud we are of you all!

Families – It's important that our pupils have a good night's sleep and arrive at school at the usual time each day for registration, no later than **8.55am**. Gates open at **8.40am**. We will provide them with an extra breakfast snack before they start their papers.

## **WE BELIEVE IN YOU**

# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Lumibele	For using her knowledge of phonics to support her writing.
Paddington	Lila	For always being ready to learn.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Liyan	For persevering with his phonics in all lessons.
Pinocchio:	Junior	For making a good effort with his learning.
BFG:	Viaan	For doing an excellent piece of narrative writing using adjectives, adverbs and beautiful handwriting.
Matilda:	Renesmay	For learning and knowing her number bonds to 10 and 20.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Dhananjay	For always being polite and showing beautiful manners to everyone.
Kinney	Dhrithi	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and adapting to and following the school rules
Richards	Grzegorz	For always having a positive attitude to his learning and becoming more confident in sharing his ideas.
Murphy	Sophia	For always working hard in all lessons .
Zephaniah	Michelle	For showing kindness and compassion to others
Avery	Larisa	For a fantastic start to joining Civitas Academy and showing kindness to others
Draper	Sahasra	For organization and presentation skills.
Lewis	Matas	Well done for working so hard up to your SATS and really focusing and behaving in the lesson.

House Points – Well done **TERRA** house for gaining the most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	397	9521
Ignis	458	9475
Terra	511	9269
Atmos	443	9378

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Aiman
Paddington	Ikeoluwa
Gruffalo	Rikden
Pinocchio	Maya Valerica
BFG	Eudora
Matilda	Aizah
Kinney	Lily
Rosen	Atiksh
Murphy	Sanvit
Richards	Dhruvi
Avery	Mustafa
Zephaniah	Emma
Draper	Abhinav
Lewis	Supreeth

**Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school every day. Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week.**

Year Group	21/04	28/04	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05
Reception	89.3%	93.1%	93.5%			
Year 1	87.1%	93.4%	94.9%			
Year 2	94.5%	94.7%	97.2%			
Year 3	84.9%	96.9%	96.8%			
Year 4	92.6%	95.2%	98.3%			
Year 5	93.4%	96.9%	94.5%			
Year 6	88.2%	92.9%	93.9%			

# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception

We have been continuing with our Global Learning Theme of endangered animals. In Literacy we have been reading 'Where's the Elephant', which is a beautiful picture book which encourages the children to get talking about the damage deforestation causes and the impact this has on habitats. We have been exploring the key features of books and how, even though his book doesn't have many words, it is still a story which features characters. We have been painting beautiful elephant pictures, cutting out pictures to create a jungle scene and writing about jungle animals. In math's, we have been exploring shapes and their properties, which we have consolidated during our practical maths activities which have been about shapes, their properties and how they are used in art. We have also explored the Coronation of King Charles III and have been making crowns in anticipation of the celebratory picnic on Friday lunchtime!

## Key Stage 1

**Year 1:** This week in English, Year 1 have been writing their very own deep-sea diaries filled with a range of features, exciting adjectives and beautiful illustrations! In Maths, we have consolidated our learning for multiplication and division, learning how to share items into equal groups. During Computing, we had lots of fun with our beebots trying to instruct it to follow specific directions. In Science, we learnt about how humans are affected by the different seasons. We looked at a range of activities such as tennis, skiing etc and discussed which seasons these activities would be completed in. As part of our Civitas Coronation celebration, we made crowns and wore them to our picnic lunch – it was a brilliant day! We also used the skills learnt in Art (overlapping and overlaying) to create a collage of King Charles!



**Year 2:** This week year 2 have been preparing for SATS again in Maths by recapping multiplication and division. The children have been focusing on retrieval skills in reading to help them. The children have been working on dividing numbers by drawing groups, it would be great if the children could continue to practice this at home. Both classes have written some amazing narratives of their version of 'The Promise'. In Geography, we have looked at human and physical features in green spaces and compared it to London. The children have made crowns for King Charles' coronation, and they are looking forward to bringing these home on Friday.

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3:** This week in Maths we have learnt about pounds and pence and converted them. We then practiced addition using money. The highlight of the week was our mini market day. We had such fun being shopkeepers and selling the items we made. However, it was just as much fun being a shopper and looking at all the items that we could buy. A very big thank you to all families for assisting their child in this endeavor to make the event such a success. All the proceeds from the day will be sent to the NSPCC (National Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children). Everyone enjoyed logging onto TT Rockstars on the iPads and computers and practicing our timetables. In English we planned and completed our own narrative by using the story of 'Cinderella of the Nile' as an inspiration. We made sure to include previous learning such as fronted adverbials, inverted commas, expanded noun phrases and include it in our writing. Our teachers thought our stories were entertaining. Science was fun! Continuing with the theme of force and push and pull, we looked at how magnets could achieve this. We explored which items were attracted to a magnet and which were not. In Art we used the empty cardboard cereal box to start our portrait in the style of Kimmy Cantrell using his very distinctive style and features. In our Global learning theme 'Power and Governance' we explored how women have held power in history and in the UK. We then thought of a rule we would create if we were prime minister.



**Year 4:** We have been really busy this week in Year 4. In English, we have planned, wrote, edited and published our own diary entries inspired by the story we are reading 'Windrush Child'. In Maths, we have been finishing our decimal learning and have been answering problem solving questions. We have enjoyed our topic of decimals and fractions we are excited to start our new topic of money next week. In Geography this week we have been learning how to find grid references of different locations in the UK, in an atlas. We even moved on to find the grid references of different countries around the world, this is in preparations for the learning we will be doing this half-term about the Caribbean Islands. We have loved learning about King Charles III during our morning activities and in Whole Class Reading, ready for the Coronation on Saturday .

**Year 5:** This week in year 5 we have been rounding off our maths topic with the final few lessons on statistics – reading and understanding timetables. In English this week we have been exploring some of the key features of our next writing genre (an explanation text) by revisiting parenthesis and exploring how we can expand this further in our writing. In Science this week we have been exploring the effects of gravity on Earth and on the moon and creating our own mini craters to show how objects of different sizes can have different effects when they fall. We look forward to wearing our homemade crowns on Friday for our Coronation lunch and taking them home to wear on the big day, Saturday.

**Year 6:** Revision, Revision, Revision!!! We have been working hard on getting ready for SATS next week and we can see the students have been working hard! We have been so proud of them!

We have been focusing on reasoning in Maths, punctuation in SPaG and inference in our reading lessons. We have also been making revision key rings that they can finish at home and over the weekend if they would like a quick refresher.

We would just like to say, as this time next week the SATS will be done, a very big well done to the Year 6s for working so hard throughout all their time at Civitas Academy – we look forward to celebrating with you next week!

## News items from this week

**NEW PE timetable:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 am	Year 5 Avery am	Year 5 Zephaniah am	Year 3 am	
Year 6 am	Year 1 pm	EYFS pm	Year 2 pm	

**Dates for the Diary:**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation – school closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	May half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school

**Communication to the school:**

Absence reporting still needs to be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 6: [year6@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year6@civitasacademy.co.uk)

# THE BIG CORONATION PICNIC AT VICTORIA PARK (RG1 7HL)

SUNDAY, 7TH MAY 2023  
12 PM - 4 PM

## JOIN US FOR GAMES, TREATS AND GREAT FAMILY FUN!

Bring your picnic, blanket, garden seat/chair.

Family games | face painting | treats |  
drumming for wellbeing tasters and more...

### Prizes for:

**Kids' Best dressed King & Queen of the World  
Celebration Cake-to-Share baking contest**

(See overleaf or [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk) for timings)

Access on foot via George Street, Great Knollys Street/Hodsoll Road  
park entrances. Please 'think green', keep plastic use to a minimum  
and take your litter home.

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# THE BIG CORONATION PICNIC AT VICTORIA PARK (RG1 7HL)

SUNDAY, 7TH MAY 2023  
12 PM - 4 PM

Join the Victoria Park Community Group for a picnic in the park with fun  
family activities to mark the King's coronation.

Don't forget to bring your own blanket or seat, and picnic.

Family games, craft activities, drumming-for-wellbeing, eco-activity,  
facepainting and more throughout the afternoon.

### @ 12.45pm Prizes for best Kids' King & Queen of the World costume

To enter: Children turn up on the day dressed as a King or Queen of the  
World. Prize for best dressed/original costume.

### @ 2pm Celebration Cake *bake-to-share* contest

To enter, bake a coronation themed cake to share for the picnic, register  
your entry either in advance (see [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk)) or on the day. **Please provide  
full list of ingredients, and NO NUTS!** Contest will be judged by VPCG  
trustees and a prize awarded. Cakes will be sliced and shared to  
participants and friends.

Children's games and ice cream treats provided by Lifespring church.

Visit our website [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk) for more details.

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