



**Civitas Academy**

## Summer Bulletin – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Message from Mrs Phillips



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all of our school community to our Summer Family Funday on Thursday 13th July from 4.00-6.00pm. There will be a BBQ, refreshments, cakes and ice-creams, bouncy castle, tombola and lots of fun and games.

In order to help make this event a success, we are asking for specific donations from each year group for our tombola. We would be really grateful if the following year groups could provide:

**Reception:** Chocolates and Luxury food items (no nuts)

**Year 1:** Chocolates and Luxury food items (no nuts)

**Year 2:** Chocolates and Luxury food items (no nuts)

**Year 3:** Arts/crafts and toys

**Year 4:** Arts/crafts and toys

**Year 5:** Toiletries

**Year 6:** Toiletries

Please can we ask that these items are in original sealed packaging. Please can all donations come to school for the week of 26th June via your class teacher.

Thank you and enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Mrs Phillips

Civitas Academy presents REACh2 ACADEMY TRUST

**SUMMER  
FAMILY  
FUNDAY**

**THURSDAY 13TH JULY  
4.00-6.00PM**

BBQ, DRINKS, CAKES, ICE-CREAMS, BOUNCY CASTLE, TOMBOLAS,  
FACE PAINTING AND HENNA, GAMES AND LOTS MORE

ENTRY PRICE: £1 per FAMILY

# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Aadhav	For working so hard on his reading!
Paddington	Mina	For working so hard on her letter formation
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Damon	For a fantastic first week at his new school!
Pinocchio:	Abdullah	For working hard to make good choices.
BFG:	Shehreen	For being an excellent role model.
Matilda:	Ritwika	For settling in well and always being ready for her learning.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Umair	Always being attentive in lessons and able to provide interesting contributions to class discussions.
Kinney	Valentina	For working hard on duration of time in math
Richards	Sabrina	For always being reading for her learning and trying her best in every lessons.
Murphy	Zarish	For always modelling the school values of ready, respectful and safe
Zephaniah	Selena	A fantastic attitude to learning both in class and in interventions and seeking improvement in maths.
Avery	Amayah	Great improvement in her writing, always trying her best and making fantastic contributions to class discussions
Draper	Brendel	Excellent contribution to our humanities discussion.
Lewis	Minisa	For being a great member of the class and working well s a team!

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	434	10343
Ignis	428	10333
Terra	442	10147
Atmos	456	10312

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Minsa
Paddington	Maithili
Gruffalo	Shriyan
Pinocchio	Ezekiel
BFG	Anaaya
Matilda	Nithin
Kinney	Anjana
Rosen	Aairah
Murphy	Rose
Richards	Saanvi
Avery	Maia
Zephaniah	Shahir
Draper	Panav
Lewis	Maisa

## ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Year 1	For cleaning up their local community and encouraging others to do the same! Thank you for the photos.

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, this is not accumulative from the beginning of the year.

Year Group	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	07/07	14/07	21/07
Reception	90.8%						
Year 1	93.5%						
Year 2	96.6%						
Year 3	92.4%						
Year 4	95.3%						
Year 5	92.0%						
Year 6	97.5%						

## What have we been learning this week?

### Reception:

It was lovely to see everyone back after half term. We continue to learn about endangered animals, and our focus this term will be on 'underwater animals'. We started this term with the text 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. This is a powerful story about plastic pollution. We learned about the ocean and its' creatures, and explored the issue of plastic and the damage it causes in the ocean. The children looked at how we can help to protect the ocean and reduce pollution. The children came up with ideas and we talked a lot about recycling. In literacy, we have been writing about the story, and in independent writing, the children have been writing about the different underwater animals. In math this week, our focus was on doubling. The children learned that double is twice as many. They found out by painting dots on one side of a butterfly and then to fold them. They predicted the amount of dots they would see by opening the butterfly again and count the amount of dots altogether. At the art table, the children have been creating pictures of different under the sea animals, and it was great to see so many different and colourful animals! We have been lucky that the weather was so lovely, so we have been choosing to do a lot of learning, like maths and writing outdoors.

### Key Stage 1

**Year 1:** What a great start to our final half-term in Year 1! In English, we kickstarted the week reading a new text called 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' which lots of us remembered reading in Reception. We discussed new vocabulary and wrote questions for the main character, Stanley. It was fun to be in the 'hot seat' as Stanley and answer questions! Also, we learnt about how the author, Sarah Roberts, works closely with animals and the work that she does to help protect the environment. In Maths, we are learning about place value focusing on numbers to one hundred! We have learnt how to count in tens using a hundred square and used our prior learning to partition larger numbers into tens and ones. In PSHE, we explored the life cycle of humans, plants and animals discussing how changes can happen in shape, size and sometimes colour! As part of our new unit of learning in Science, we will be 'working scientifically' - this means that we will complete a new experiment every week! This week, we investigated density and tested how and why objects float or sink in water. On Thursday, we celebrated World Ocean Day, which is linked to our global learning theme, sustainable development. In class, we learnt about the different oceans, and discussed the damaging effects of plastic pollution in the sea. Plus, we created beautiful sea animal silhouettes using a technique called 'sponge paint'.



**Year 2:** This week year 2 have started this half term by starting their new book in English. This book is called Wangari's trees of peace. The children enjoyed acting out the book and acting as Wangari. The children have been hot seating and asking 'Wangari' questions. In maths, the children have started a new topic of measurement and mass. The children have been looking at how much fruit weighs and what the total mass of different objects is. In whole class reading, year 2 have started their new book Fantastic Mr Fox. All of year 2 have painted a fox and they look amazing! In history the children have been looking at the history of Reading. In PSHE, the children have looked at the life cycles of humans.



## **Key Stage 2**

**Year 3:** In Maths this week we have continued learning about time. We have explored hours and minutes using durations, added and subtracted minutes and seconds after converting them. Learned about units of time and solved problems with time. In English we are starting to learn about playscripts. Year 5's came to read us the playscripts that they created last term. They even let us read their scripts. As we had started to identify the features of a playscript we could find these after seeing Year 5's creations. In Science we started to design our own boardgame using a magnet. Next week, we will build our design. Design and Technology involved the introduction of our new theme: I am in love with my car. We explored the mechanisms used to make a car move. We learnt about Henry Ford, monster trucks and formula one cars. We looked at the differences between a toy car and a real car. In Global learning we are learning about Power and governance in ancient Egypt. We created a timeline and placed historical events on it in the order they happened. We started to learn to read and say the vocabulary of various wild and domestic animals' names in Spanish.

**Year 4:** We have had a very busy week in Year 4. In Maths this week, we have started our new topic of Shape. We started our topic by learning about turns and understanding different types of angles, acute, obtuse, and right angles. Throughout the week we have also been working hard to make the final preparations for our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) that will be taking place next week. We have continued our learning about The Windrush Generation as part of our Global Learning theme 'Social Justice in Equity' across a lot of our subjects this week. In English, we read the book 'Coming to England' a story written by Floella Benjamin based on her own childhood experiences of moving from Tobago at the age of 10 and how she build a new life in England. We also began to explore the features of a narrative and identified features within a text in preparation to write our narratives. In History, we begin to explore the question 'What was the Windrush?' We were amazed to find out that nearly half a million people made the life-changing journey from the Caribbean to the UK during the Windrush, to help support the UK economy after WW2. In Art, we further developed our knowledge about the Windrush and research the photographer Vanley Burke. Vanley moved to the UK at the age of 14 from Jamacia and began to document the life of Caribbean communities made moved to Birmingham.

**Year 5:** It has been great to have everyone back in class this week. We have been enjoying a fresh start to the term in the lovely weather. In English this week we have been recapping the narrative writing genre and preparing write our own narratives by exploring the features of a narrative from our WAGOLL based on the book Too Much Trouble by Tom Avery (who Avery class is named after!). In our global learning lesson this term we have been exploring the differences between the Victorian police force and the modern-day police force. We will be using the case studies discussed to write our narrative in English. In maths this week we have finished our topic of position and direction with developing an understanding of symmetry and reflection. We also started our new maths topic – decimal numbers – where we can use our learning of place value from the Autumn term to support us. We look forward to a fantastic final term in year 5!

**Year 6:** A warm welcome back to our year 6's who are now entering their final term here at Civitas Academy. The week kicked off with an exciting new project in maths, where the children applied their maths skills to plan a holiday. We explored looking at rainfall and temperature graphs, interpreting and analysing data. In writing we have started our final writing unit: balanced arguments. We began the week by identifying common features of balanced arguments and then we explored and 'boxed-up' our WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) which is linked to our new Saxon and Viking topic in humanities.

# News items from this week

**School lunches:** A reminder that we are a nut free school. Please ensure that if your child brings a packed lunch to school, it does not contain nuts, including Nutella.

**Sports Day:** An email was sent today regarding sports day, please see dates and times below:

Tuesday 27th June 2023 – EYFS Sports Day. 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Tuesday 27th June 2023 – Year 1 + 2 Sports Day. 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Wednesday 28th June. Year 3 + 4 Sports Day. 9:15am – 10:30am

Wednesday 28th June. Year 5 + 6 Sports Day. 10:45am – 12:00pm

**River Academy Secondary school:**



River Academy are wanting to seek your views on the proposed River Academy Secondary School which has been approved by the Department for Education into the 'pre-opening' phase with a proposed opening in September 2024. River Academy is proposed to open for up to 1500 young learners from Year 7 to Year 13.

This consultation period runs for 7 weeks, from 12:00 noon, Wednesday 24 May 2023 until 12:00 noon, Wednesday 12 July 2024.

Maiden Erlegh Trust values your opinions and thoughts and are committed to ensuring that the community remains central to the new school.

All are welcome to attend one of our consultation events:

**Event 1 – Drop in:**

- Wednesday 21 June 2023, between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm
- at Maiden Erlegh School in Reading, 81 Crescent Road, Reading, RG1 5SL

**Event 2 – Online:**

- Monday 26 June 2023 between 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm

This will be an opportunity to meet members of the Trust, ask questions and share your views. If you would like to attend one of our events, it is essential that you register using our [Registration of Interest Form](#). It will take you less than a minute to complete and will ensure you receive the most up to date information about our drop-in and online events, stakeholder consultation and project progress.

To share your views, you can also fill in our online survey [River Academy Section 10 Consultation Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

To find out more about River Academy and the consultation, please visit: <https://www.river-academy.co.uk>

**PE Timetable:**

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

**Dates for the Diary:**

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
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS and KS1 Sports day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Break the rules day – info to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day – school closed

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Family Funday
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

**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)

