

Autumn Bulletin

Friday 22nd September 2023



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all our families that were able to attend our 'Meet the Team' last week. It was fantastic to see so many of you in school and for you to have the opportunity to see how classrooms have been set out and to hear about the learning for the Autumn term. Please don't worry if you were not able to attend, class pages are currently being updated on the website and the PowerPoints that were shared will be uploaded shortly.

During our Monday assembly this week our Assistant Head, Mrs. Rapley shared our behaviour focus which was around our rule of being 'Respectful.' Our children have been great at highlighting each other when they have noticed this. We are very proud at how recognizing these behaviours in each other.

I have highlighted below a reminder of procedures for collection at the end of day. It's vital and **respectful** for the safeguarding of ALL our children that we adhere to this. Please can we support each other with this.

If there are any changes to adults collecting children at the end of the day, please let the office know with as much notice as possible.

Please too, take care when leaving at the end of the day, particularly when crossing Hodsoll road, we do have a few cars coming across and we want to ensure everyone remains **safe**.



Pick up!

Yr 5/6
Outside
hall

Yr 4
Decking
stairs

Parent holding area for siblings



Yr 3

Yr 2

Year R
Playground

Year 1
Outside
class

- ▶ EYFS/KS1 3:15pm
- ▶ KS2 3:25pm
- ▶ Parents line up on the path before gates open.
- ▶ Gates open at 3:15pm.
- ▶ One way system in place for parents that want to collect and go
- ▶ Middle of the playground will be a waiting area for siblings
- ▶ Parents wait by year group area
- ▶ School procedures for collection will still apply; please inform the office if another adult is collecting your child.

PE TIMETABLE – Autumn Term

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

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Niralya	For excellent progress in phonics because of her great focus.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Aiman	For working hard on his Phonics this week.
Gruffalo	Ishanvi	For outstanding learning behaviours and always trying her best
BFG	Karim	For being respectful to peers and adults and trying hard in Maths!
Matilda	Alex	For really managing his emotions and trying to be respectful.
KS2		
Kinney	Mikaela	For being a fantastic role model in class and around the school!
Rosen	Anaaya	For always being respectful to her friends and teachers.
Richards	Anjana	For being a great buddy to all the new students who came into school this week! Thank you!
Murphy	Jasmine	For working really hard in class and smashing your phonics lessons - well done!
Avery	Zayaan	For being respectful particularly towards our new member of the class.
Zephaniah	Atarah	For being a kind friend and respectful towards her peers.
Draper	Julius	For being a patient and respectful talk partner.
Lewis	Vihaan	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Elijah
Paddington	Harper-Rae
Gruffalo	Nadia
Pinocchio	Eri
BFG	Rikden
Matilda	Mira
Kinney	Rosiyana
Rosen	Tegjot
Murphy	Antonia
Richards	Myles
Avery	Elif
Zephaniah	Ana-Maria
Draper	Selena
Lewis	Vinnie

House Points

Well done ... house for gaining the most house points this week!

	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua		
Ignis		
Terra		
Atmos		

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.

	08/09	15/09	22/09	29/09	6/10	13/10	20/10
Reception		84%	92.9%				
Year 1	83%	87%	90.2%				
Year 2	90%	90%	93.9%				
Year 3	95%	97%	98.8%				
Year 4	88%	91%	93.5%				
Year 5	94%	93%	94.5%				
Year 6	90%	91%	92%				

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Reception this week we have been really busy. In Maths we have been learning about sets and thinking about when we have the same number. In Phonics we have now learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d and starting to read words. In Literacy and Global Learning we have been learning about how to use a visual timetable and designing and agreeing to the classroom rules. Our new book we have been looking at in class is called 'All are welcome', this book is about everyone feeling welcomed and accepted. Our focus this week has been the children practising name writing and threading which works on their fine motor skills. The children have been drawing and painting pictures about their families and who is important to them. In P.E the children experimented with hula hoops which they all really enjoyed. Thank you so much to all the parents that attended the teacher meeting it was fantastic to see so many of you. If you were unable to attend the slides will be on the website.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

This week we have been planning and writing our narratives based on the story 'Beegu'. We have been focusing on writing sentences that make sense, applying our phonics knowledge and basic punctuation. We are now budding authors and immensely proud of our achievements. We have been revising our phonemes (sounds) and practicing our blending and reading skills daily, including reading some compound words like 'windmill' during our Phonics lessons. In Maths we have been learning about numbers that are greater than, less than or equal to each other. In Geography, we explored physical and human features. In Computing, we have learned about the component parts of a computer and used the mouse to design a picture in an app. In Art we have loved mixing primary colours and experimenting to make secondary colours. It was a pleasure to see so many families at our Parent Information meeting. Please see the website if you missed it. Books for pleasure will come home today and homework books on Monday.

Year 2:

This week in Year 2, we have used last week's learning and our box up plans to start writing our very own narratives based on 'Angus rides the Goods Train'. In Maths, we focused on number lines investigating the intervals. Later, we compared objects and numbers using greater than and less than symbols. Year 2 kickstarted their first History lesson learning about the importance of voting, especially in the UK – we all took part in voting to watch a short clip then discussed what makes a vote fair. We may have some future politicians in Year 2! For Science, we continued exploring animals and plants in different habitats thinking about their adaptability to survive in each habitat. On Thursday, we loved seeing lots of Year 2 rock their jeans for 'Jeans for Genes' Day! Thank you to those who were able to attend Parent Drop-in meetings this week – it was lovely to see you. For those who were unable to attend – the relevant information is available on the school website. Homework books will be handed out on Monday. Have a lovely weekend!

Key Stage 2

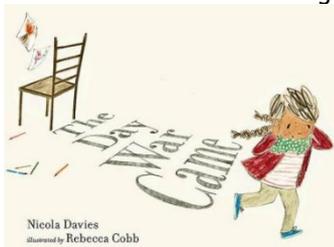
Year 3:

This week in English, we started exploring and identifying features of a narrative. We explore a variety of texts to support our learning. We looked at WAGOLL's and began to box up our work ready for our big write next week! In Math, we continued working with place value. We used place value charts to support our learning when finding 1, 10 and 100 more or less of a number. In History, we learnt more about the underground railroad. We found out what the underground railroad was and how it was used to help enslaved people find freedom in the northern states of America. In Spanish we have been learning to introduce ourselves to each other, next week we will be learning to count to 10.



Year 4:

This week we have finished writing our diary entries in English about being kidnapped by yetis which links to our whole class reading book "The Abominables". We are continuing our place value lessons in Maths and soon are moving on the addition and subtraction.



We will start on our new book "The day the war came" next week which will be linked to our Global Learning topic – Peace and Conflict. We are still working on sounds in science, and we are very excited about our recent delivery from the Reading Museum which will help us with our history topic "The Romans". More pictures of that next week!

Year 5:

In Year 5, we had a wonderful week filled with exciting learning experiences. In maths, we gained skills in rounding numbers to the nearest 10s, 100s, and 1000s up to 1,000 0000. In English, we engaged in creative writing tasks where we planned, wrote, and edited diary entries based on our class novel, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. In science, the students learned about the Earth's rotation and revolution in the solar system through exciting experiments. We gained a deeper understanding of how the Earth revolves and rotates on its axis, leading to the occurrence of day and night. In geography, we expanded our knowledge of South America by using the atlas to locate Brazil and its neighbouring countries. We appreciate the attendance of all parents in the teacher meeting. For those who missed the event, the presentation will be available on our website.

Year 6:

This week in English we planned, wrote and edited our narrative writing inspired by our text *the Lion and the Unicorn*. In maths we came to the end of our place value unit and began our new unit using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We enjoyed our first history lesson of the year; learning about the start of the British Empire. During the lesson the children examined a portrait of Elizabeth I - identifying hidden symbols and explaining what they might mean. In Science we deepened our understanding of light and learnt how our eyes work. We drew labelled diagrams of a cross-section of the eye; we can explain the functions of the iris, pupil, optic nerve and retina.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon have rearranged their information evening which will now be held on **Thursday 5th October** at 3.40pm at Civitas.

Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 5th October – Blessed Hugh Faringdon (year 6 parents)
- Wednesday 18th October – Wellbeing Wednesday
- Friday 20th October – Last day of term
- Monday 23rd Oct – Friday 27th October – Half Term Break
- Monday 30th October – INSET Day
- Tuesday 31st October – Children return to school

Communication to the school

Absence reporting still needs to 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