

Summer Bulletin – Friday 1st July 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I had the fantastic opportunity to meet with my fellow headteachers from across our Trust and hear from our new CEO about the future strategic direction for us as a whole trust, our cluster of schools here in Reading and for me to bring back and consider with our teams and all of you what that means for us at Civitas. In September we will be sharing our key priorities with all stakeholders and look forward to receiving your regular feedback.

‘Growing from a handful of schools in the first few months, now to a Trust of 60 primary schools across the country, it has been my honour and privilege to have been part of this first decade. The last ten years have shown us what can be achieved; we have created a strong and organisationally resilient foundation on which we can now build. But it is the culture that we have shaped that will equip us and sustain us for the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Taking up my role as Chief Executive, it is right that we come together as an organisation to decide the direction for the next ten years and write the following chapter together. I deeply value the diversity across our Trust; a diversity of people and of thought, with such a range of lived experiences - all of which have contributed to the creation of this plan. For me it is vital that this strategy grows out of conversation and consultation, bringing in ideas from every part of this remarkable organisation.

As CEO, I am the ambassador of this radically different future and my job is to shape and imbue REAch2 with a breakthrough vision of what it is possible to achieve.’ Cathie Paine CEO



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Mohamed	For a massive improvement in attitude to learning!
Paddington	Venba	For producing some amazing independent writing!
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Mahila	For always following the school rules and working hard.
Pinocchio:	Leila	For working well to understand place value to 100 in maths.
BFG:	Alexander	For always having a positive attitude towards all of his work.
Matilda:	Bothena	For writing an informative and interesting factfile about dragonets.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Haziq	Always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
Kinney	Zizu	Working hard on sentence structure in English.
Richards	Anthony	For showing a significant improvement in focus and effort in lessons.
Murphy	Amayah	For being respectful to all adults at all times.
Zephaniah	Alishba	For her more positive approach to her learning and school life.
Avery	Rinchhen	For always being ready, respectful and safe and being a role model to the class.
Draper	Naomi	For always being an outstanding role model for learning and behaviour.

Weekly Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 96+% - let's work together to be in school every day. The attendance shown is weekly for each year group.

Year Group	10/06	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	15/07
Reception	92.7%	94.6%	93.0%	90.0%		
Year 1	92.8%	93.0%	97.2%	92.3%		
Year 2	97.4%	90.5%	94.3%	97.2%		
Year 3	95.6%	94.3%	94.5%	97.9%		
Year 4	94.5%	95.2%	95.2%	93.8%		
Year 5	96.9%	95.7%	96.4%	97.3%		
Year 6	94.4%	95.6%	98.2%	95.1%		

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	341	17206
Terra	303	15381
Aqua	226	17126
Ignis	273	16758

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in maths we have used positional language to describe where objects are in relation to other items. We have been problem solving, doubling and halving and we have been sorting. We read the book 'Mr Grumpy's Outing' and have been looking at which characters good go into Mr Grumpy's boat if only 10 legs would fit in his boat. Some of the characters, like the sheep, have four legs and other characters had different number of legs. The children had fun figuring out different ways of doing this. In Literacy we have been reading the book 'Mr Luther King Jr' by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara. The children have been writing about what they want to be when they grow up and about people who help us, like the police, nurses etc. Some of the children produced some fantastic pieces of individual writing! The children also enjoyed playing in our vet and hospital role-play areas. It was lovely to see them working together to act out the different roles.



Key Stage 1

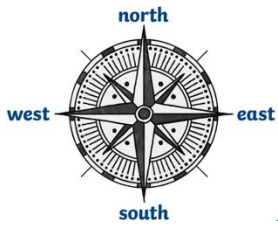
Year 1: This week in English, we have been planning and writing our letters. We've learned how to write an address and focused on a character description. In maths, we have explored money and can now recognise coins and notes. We have also started adding coins together. In science we created a chemical reaction by adding vinegar and bicarbonate of soda together. We learned all about the importance of recycling in geography and used our own recycling materials to create something new. We celebrated 'Children's Art Week' on Wednesday and put together a collage using materials from nature, such as bark, moss and feathers. In RE, we continued to find out more about the Jewish celebration called Rosh Hashanah. It has also taught us about what it means to forgive.

Year 2: This week year 2 have been consolidating their multiplication knowledge and the skills they need in order to work out a multiplication sentence. They only need to know their 2s, 5s and 10s. In English, the children have been reading the new book 'A Planet Full of Plastic' which links into their global learning, sustainable development. They have been writing about how it makes them feel to see plastic everywhere and the impact this can have on our environment. The children have been learning about what makes our bodies different in PSHE. In global learning, the children carried out a survey around the school to work out which class is the most sustainable linking to the amount of plastic in their class. Look at our Twitter to see pictures of some of our art work this week.

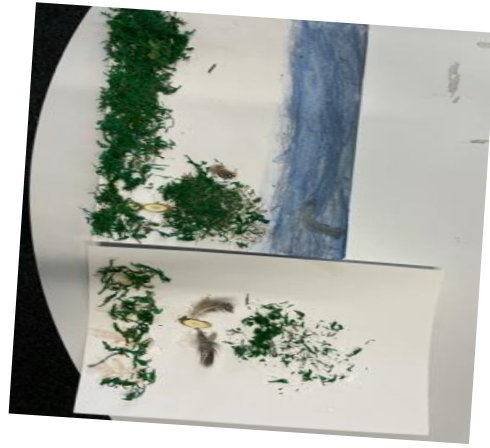


Key Stage 2

Year 3: This week in year 3 we have been learning about angles in Maths. Right angles, obtuse angles, and acute angles. Using our 'angle muncher' we have found every right angle in the classroom! In English we have been learning about Play scripts. We can identify the features of a play script and understand what they are. As start of our 3-week celebration for 'Children's Art', this week we had fun using natural resources to create art based on the Aboriginal Australians artwork. There was a lot of focus on patterns and colour patterns. In PSHE we learnt about the internal changes that occur to our bodies when we go through puberty. We discussed what we feel great about growing up and what worries us about growing up. In Science we did an experiment to create a water-based compass. It was remarkably interesting finding the results, so be warned if your child wants to try this at home!



Year 4: This week year 4 have starting learning about play-scripts in English. All the children had great fun acting out different types of play-scripts including The Gingerbread Man – we certainly have some great performers amongst us! In maths, the children finished their statistics topic by collecting some real life data before turning this into a line graph. Our afternoons have been jam-packed! We have been working hard to ensure our well-being workshop is ready for when you all visit and have made some cool posters/flyers! We also had an art afternoon to finish our week. We used nature materials to create our very own landscape art.



Year 5: It's been assessment week in Year 5 so we've been showing off everything we've learnt this year. We are really proud of the Year 5s for all their hard work. Well done Year 5!

In English we've finished learning about the specific skills required to write a play script and have put the finishing touches to our scripts that depict a Victorian child not being believed in the court of law. It's been fabulous being able to apply our knowledge of Victorian crime and punishment. In maths we've finished our unit on 'properties of shape' and look forward to starting our new topic on 'position and direction.'

Year 6: This week in Year 6 we have begun our rehearsals for our school production! All the children have done really well to learn their lines and the song. We have been also been thinking about set design, props and costumes. Some of the children have been researching ideas on the iPads and planning out their designs which we will start painting at the end of the week. As part of our school-wide 3 week celebration for 'Children's Art', Year 6 also used patterned paper to create animal silhouettes. They then used crepe paper to create texture and embellish their animals. The children have also been creating posters to share information about our production for the rest of the school!



News items from this week

GO Beanies

GO BEANIES BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB @ CIVITAS ACADEMY – Places Available

The Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am to 8:45am; and the After-School Club runs from 3:15pm to 5:45pm for working parents with children from FS2 to Year 6.

Our daily programme offers outdoor activities, sports, games, arts & crafts, play and relaxation with breakfast and afternoon teas also included. Please email info@gobeanies.org or text message us on 07710566727 to book your child's place. Spaces are allocated on a first come/first booked basis.

Exercise books: Class teachers will be sending home most of the children's books from the past two years so that you can see all of their fantastic work. Please bring a bigger backpack, reusable shopping bag or tote bag to school so they can carry them home safely. The children are so excited to share their learning with you!

Be part of Reading's future - time capsule project taking place at Station Hill: The company behind the Station Hill development, Lincoln MGT, together with local arts and culture charity, Jelly, is hosting a free pottery workshop on Saturday 2 July, 10am to 2pm. The workshop will take place at The Tin, Station Hill, Reading, RG1 1NF.

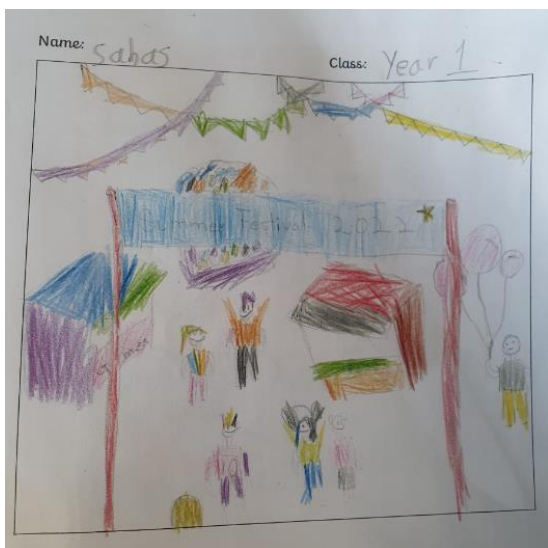
Children can join local artists and a historian from Reading Museum to create a clay object inspired by pictures of architectural objects found on the Station Hill site and across the town. The completed sculptures will then be included in a time capsule that will be buried next year under Station Hill's new pocket park beside Reading Station.

Pants NSPCC: Please see the link below, a guide to support parents with PANTS NSPCC work we have been doing in school.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-guides#>



Summer festival:

Congratulations to our 2 Summer Festival Drawing Competition Winners!
Steve Kerr (Year 5, Avery) and Sahas Rana (Year 1 Gruffalo)!



Thank you to all our Civitas Children and families for all your wonderful efforts and supporting our competition!
We had lots of creative entries showing off your fantastic art skills!

Raffle tickets: Thank you to our wonderful Y6 children who kindly sorted out our raffle tickets, these have gone home this week. If you have not received any tickets or would like to purchase some more, please speak to the school office.

Donations: Our Y6's have been very busy this week! They have been creating some lovely hampers for our raffle!
 We are looking for a few more items to finish our beautiful **Grand Hamper**! Do you have any unused gifts that are collecting dust? Toiletries sat in a cupboard?
 Or maybe some delicious goods that represent your culture?
We are happy to take any items that are new/unused that we can make into hampers.

PJ DAY: Thank you to our wonderful families for all of your kind donations. Our "Jolly Jar" tombola is going to be a huge success and that is all down to your kindness! The children (and staff) had a wonderful relaxing day in our pajamas!



Sports day: Please see timetable below. Any questions, please ask the office team.

Wednesday 13 th July		
Year Group:	Times:	Information:
Year 3 & 4	9.30-10.45	Sports day activities on the Muga – parents/carers to watch from outside the Muga fence
	10.45-11.15	Children back on site – toilet break and collect lunch Parents/carers to move onto Muga for Picnic lunch
	11.15-12.00	Year 3 & 4 Picnic lunch with parents/carers on the Muga
	12.00	Finish – Year 3 & 4 children back on site
Year 5 & 6	12.30-1.15pm	Year 5 & 6 Picnic lunch with parents/carers on the Muga
	1.15-1.30pm	Children back on site – toilet break and register Parents/carers to move outside Muga for viewing
	1.30-2.55pm	Sports day activities on the Muga – parents/carers to watch from outside the Muga fence

	2.55pm	Finish – Year 5 & 6 children back on site to be dismissed as usual
Thursday 14th July		
Year Group:	Times:	Information:
Early Years	9.25am	Parents to arrive on site via gate
	9.30-10.15am	Sports day activities, parents/carers to come into the playground
	10.15-10.45am	Snack time with parents/carers
	10.45am	Finish - Parents/carers offsite via gate
Year 1 & 2	11.15-12.15pm	Sports day activities on the Muga – parents/carers to watch from outside the Muga fence
	12.15-1pm	Year 1 & 2 Picnic lunch with parents/carers on the Muga
	1pm	Finish - Year 1 & 2 children back on site

Dates for Diary:

5th July	Tea Towel sale and Second hand uniform sale (on the playground after school)
6th July	Art afternoon with parents/carers - 'connecting across generations' - more info TBC
8th July	Project celebration – all parents invited in at 3:40pm to look at the learning this term.
13th July	KS2 Sports Day
14th July	KS1 and Reception Sports Day
14th July	Summer Festival – 3.45pm – 5.45pm
30th September	Make or Break a REAch2 Record Colour Run – info TBC

Contacting Class teachers: If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absencereporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

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