



Civitas Academy

Summer Bulletin – Friday 7th July 2023 – Message from Sean English – Interim Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello to everyone and welcome to this week's bulletin. A few weeks ago, Mrs Ducker mentioned that I would be joining the Civitas team for the next academic year and coming in a few days over the next few weeks, as part of handing over from Miss Frain. I've had the pleasure of working with a range of schools within the REAch2 Academy Trust and it has been wonderful to start to get to know the staff, children and the parents within the school, who have all made me feel welcome. It's been great to hear the children speak so proudly of their school and many have spoken to me about how they can show they are ready, respectful and safe, in not only their lessons but also outside of the school. I'm looking forward to seeing more of the classes and the pupils learning over the coming weeks and I'm excited to see how they progress in the next academic year.



This week has certainly been a busy one, with the children learning about their new teachers and getting the chance to experience what it will be like next year. From speaking to some of the children, I can see how excited they are as they take their next step in their education. The coming weeks will provide the children with further opportunities to settle into their new classes with the upcoming 'Moving Up Monday', which will allow the children to have a better understanding of the routines and the structures ahead of the next academic year.

Next week will be another busy one as the pupils continue with their learning but we'll also be hosting the Family Fun Day on Thursday, 14th July. I look forward to seeing many of the parents and carers at the event as there will be a range of activities which we know you'll enjoy.

From everyone at the Civitas team, we wish you a restful weekend and we all look forward to seeing you next week.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Shaheer	For fantastic work in literacy, he has improved his writing and has fantastic recall for stories.
Paddington	Gurtaj	For working hard to write his name.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:		
Pinocchio:	Karim	For working hard in Maths when counting pounds and pence!
BFG:	Jamila	For being an excellent role model and working hard in year 2.
Matilda:	Kiara	For being an amazing role model and always working hard.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Atharv	For showing so much interest and motivation to learn in his math and reading.
Kinney	Emily	For having a fantastic year in year 3, working hard of managing her feelings and meeting her tragets
Richards	Tessanne	For becoming more confident and contributing in class discussions.
Murphy		
Zephaniah	Jasleen	For her wonderful piece of artwork.
Avery	Sparsha	For becoming more confident in class and showing she is ready for year 6.
Draper	Rouba	Making new members of our school feel welcome.
Lewis	Maisa	Supporting younger children in the school.

- House Points – Well done **IGNIS** house for gaining most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	540	12098
Ignis	557	12013
Terra	532	11856
Atmos	546	12074

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Ishanvi
Paddington	Stefy
Gruffalo	Amira
Pinocchio	Vedhanth
BFG	Isabelle
Matilda	Umaima
Kinney	Alya
Rosen	Dhananjay
Murphy	Keya
Richards	Ana-Maria
Avery	Adiana
Zephaniah	Deekshitha
Draper	Erin
Lewis	Sanvik

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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%	92.3%	93.6%	91.8%	92.7%		
Year 1	93.5%	95.3%	97.1%	89.2%	93.9%		
Year 2	96.6%	96.3%	95.8%	93.4%	94.9%		
Year 3	92.4%	92.4%	89.0%	85.4%	88.9%		
Year 4	95.3%	97.8%	94.7%	91.0%	95.0%		
Year 5	92.0%	91.7%	93.9%	94.3%	96.6%		
Year 6	97.5%	95.4%	94.9%	87.5%	93.5%		

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

We had a very short week in Reception this week, as we have only been in for 2 days! On Tuesday we read the text; Bee: Nature's tiny miracle. It's about a little bee and it's journey from flower to flower and it teaches the children about pollination. In our literacy lessons, we have been learning about the life cycle of bees, and that we have three different types of bees. The queen bee, the drone bee and the worker bee. We learned why bees are very important to help plants grow, and that they are pollinators. The children have been looking at different parts of a plant. On Thursday, the children were all so excited to meet their new teachers during transition morning!

Key Stage 1

Year 1: It has been a busy week in Year 1 despite being a four-day week! In English, we explored the features of advertisements (not just Youtube videos!) and discussed what makes them persuasive. This has helped us to plan our own advertisements based on 'The Beeman' to persuade people to buy honey related products. In Maths, we continued counting and comparing coins and notes and then applied our knowledge to complete the end of unit assessment. As part of our Science learning, we identified and classified different types of leaves based on their shape, size, texture and veins. In PSHE, we reflected on what we have learnt and how we have grown this past year. We discussed how we will continue to blossom in Year 2. On Thursday, we met our new teachers during transition morning – it was exciting to get a glimpse of Year 2, exploring the new corridor and classrooms!

Year 2: This week Year 2 have written their biographies in English. The children have written these using a wide range of vocabulary and punctuation. The children have worked hard on these and they have added some interesting facts about Wangari. In Maths, the children have been looking at position and direction. The children have been looking at half turns, three quarter turns and quarter turns. The children have been looking at patterns with shapes and predicting which way the shape will be in the next pattern.

In Science, the children have recapped life cycles and have looked at which animals lay eggs to which animals give birth the same as humans. The children have really enjoyed this and have enjoyed making their own animal life cycle. In whole class reading the children have continued to read Fantastic Mr Fox and they have been working on their inference and retrieval skills.

All the children had great fun at our sports day and every child took part. If you were able to come and watch, thank you very much!

Key Stage 2

Year 3: In Math we are continuing with the unit Shape. We have recognised and described 3-D shapes. We even made 3-D shapes. We understand what vertices, faces and edges are and can identify them on 3-D shapes. We did our end of unit assessment on shape. In English we used our understanding of features and purposes of a motivational speech to create a WAGOLL and plan for our own motivational speech. We absolutely adore Kid President! He is such an amazing motivational speaker and so very funny! In Humanities we started looking at how certain events happened as they did in ancient history. And the importance of the river Nile. In Spanish we continued to learn how to read and write various animals names, we also used un or una in front of the correct word. In Science we have started revising our past learning about the humans and animals with some interesting starters to make us think!

Year 4 and Year 5

Year 4 and Year 5 had a great time during Thursday's transition morning- meeting their new teachers and visiting their classrooms. We can't wait to see them flourish as our new Upper Key stage 2 children in September!

Year 6: Year 6 enjoyed a multi-sport event with Mr Khaliq on Thursday morning. They were working in teams and challenging themselves using a range of equipment. We have continued preparing for our show- 'Shakespeare Rocks!' and the children have done a great job learning their lines, songs and some dance moves! In History, we looked at the development of Anglo-Saxon settlements in England and created timelines to display their learning.

News items from this week

Victoria Park Community Group is looking for volunteers to help water the new trees in our area (both in the park and outside Civitas Academy) throughout the hot summer months.

If you have a watering can or bucket, and can spare even half an hour over the summer to water one or two trees, we need you!

Hot weather: During this hot weather, please can we remind all families to provide a named sunhat and water bottle for their child every day. Where possible, please apply sunscreen before coming to school.

School lunches: A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have some severe allergies in school. This includes chocolate nut spreads. Lunches need to be ordered a week in advance via SCOPay. Menu's can be found on the school website.

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:

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 \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#)

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:

Tuesday 11 th July	Year 5 River Academy session 3.40pm – parents invited
Thursday 13 th July	Summer Family Funday
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term

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

