

Spring Bulletin – Friday 31st March – Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the last day of the Spring term, where has the time gone? Thank you to all our families for your support in ensuring our children are coming to school **READY** – on time, in the correct uniform, including their PE kits, having had a good night's sleep and having had a healthy breakfast. It really makes a big difference to the start of their day, please let this continue into the Summer term.

Please look out for the events in the Summer term, I know we have Shakespeare Day for our Year 5 children on Friday 21st April when we come back.



THANK YOU - Due to personal circumstances, Mrs Aram has decided to resign and not return to Civitas. We would like to thank her for all her work and contribution to Civitas, and we wish her well for the future.

WELCOME – We are so excited to welcome Miss Ciara O'Reilly who will be joining our team after Easter. Miss O'Reilly has been appointed as our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Phonics and the Wider curriculum and will be teaching in BFG. There will be a transition period with Miss Frain and a chance for families to meet with Miss O'Reilly at the next curriculum drop ins 😊

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Vanesa	For being a fantastic role model to her classmates.
Paddington	Adam	For trying his hardest with his phonics.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Tanish	For demonstrating kindness and maturity inside and outside of the classroom.
Pinocchio:	Alex	For working hard to make good choices.
BFG:	Sahas	For improving his learning choices
Matilda:	Nithin	For always being ready for his learning and respectful to his class.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Shanmukha	Excellent use of Oracy skills when exploring Human Rights
Kinney	Amelia	For always following the school rules and being a great role model to the class
Richards	Atarah	For being kind and respectful
Murphy	Varun	For being respectful during class discussions of other children's opinions.
Zephaniah	Dorian	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe. Well done, Dorian!
Avery	Daniel	For using his initiative for seeking self-improvement.
Draper	Tanay	For being focused and having a positive attitude towards learning.
Lewis	Luca	For trying really hard in lessons and focusing on his new piece of writing.

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	412	9124
Ignis	398	9017
Terra	442	8758
Atmos	473	8935

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Elias
Paddington	Nadia
Gruffalo	Leandra
Pinocchio	Aya
BFG	Benjamin
Matilda	Aryon
Kinney	Eva
Rosen	Elen
Murphy	Mustafa
Richards	Mason
Avery	Hriday
Zephaniah	Sneha
Draper	Whole class
Lewis	Whole class

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	24/02	03/03	10/03	17/03	24/03	31/03
Reception	94.3%	92.6%	92.5%	91.1%	95.3%	91.5%
Year 1	92.3%	93.2%	90.0%	90.5%	95.2%	90.6%
Year 2	91.1%	95.9%	93.5%	94.7%	97.2%	94.8%
Year 3	91.1%	90.9%	93.3%	93.1%	92.9%	94.2%
Year 4	94.3%	96.2%	94.6%	93.4%	94.3%	95.2%
Year 5	93.7%	97.1%	96.8%	92.2%	91.2%	93.7%
Year 6	98.6%	97.5%	94.5%	93.8%	97.7%	94.0%

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week we continued to read the book Martin Luther King Jr. (Little People Big Dream). This led us to identify the different ways various people help us and how they actually help us. The children have been writing thank-you cards to people who have helped them and have also thought about what they want to become when they are older. It was lovely to hear all the children's ideas! In math's we have been learning about measuring time. We investigated what different things we are able to do in just one minute. We have also been sorting numbers again and looked at the composition of number seven. A lot of our children enjoyed the school disco. It was great to see so many dancing so enthusiastically! On Friday's we always read with our Year 4 reading buddies, it is lovely to see how the Year fours support our children while reading. In our art area, the children have been making a 'Rosa Park' rocking bus. It was nice to hear how many children could remember who Rosa Park was. We can't believe we are already at the end of spring term and we cannot wait to see all the children again after the Easter break. We hope that you will all have a lovely half term!

Year 1: This week in English, Year 1 have written personalised letters to the residents at a local care home in Reading. The residents loved reading their letters and have sent back letters and certificates to say thank you! In Maths, we have been learning about volume and capacity. This involved many experiments using various sized containers. In DT, Year 1 continued constructing their bridges then tested the strength and structure of each bridge. In History, we ordered a set of events and objects based on when they occurred – we also made a class time capsule with information about us and objects from our classroom! As part of wellbeing Wednesday, we discussed reasons for why we are amazing and completed an outdoor activity called 'Animal Moves'. Well done to both classes for working hard throughout the Spring term – we hope that you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to an exciting summer term!

Year 2: This week in English, Year 2 have written diary entries about their child labour job. The children have really enjoyed this topic and they have really enjoyed learning about child labour and appreciating their education. In Maths, the children have been learning time. This has involved learning half past, quarter to and quarter past. In Science we checked our plants to see how much they have grown. In D&T our project outcome was to make something out of wool. The children designed a flower or tree and made this for our display. The D & T projects will come home next term. As part of wellbeing Wednesday, we took part in a reading activity where we had to colour the animals different colours. The children really enjoyed this, and we then went outside to complete the 'Animal Moves' activity. Some of the children came up with some really interesting animal moves! We hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!



Key Stage 2

Year 3: What a full and busy term we have had. This week in English we worked on rhetorical questions and fronted adverbials. Then we planned. Wrote out a draft of a letter using all the features learnt. We then checked our work and published a final copy. We have completed the unit 'Mass and capacity' in Math. We compared capacity and volume and added and subtracted capacity and volume. Then we did an end of unit assessment. Our favorite part about Fridays is having some time to play TT Rockstars! In DT we finished our frame design and construction. We put a picture of ourselves in it and did a self-evaluation. These frames are going to be on show in our school passage for everyone to see. We will bring them home next term. In Science, we checked up on our plants in our experiment, and the differences are clear. We recorded our observations again and concluded the experiment. In Global Learning we learnt about a man called William Still who had a significant impact on helping to record the life experiences of many born into slavery. We finished our guided reading book 'Romans on the Rampage'. It was such a funny book; we all enjoyed the antics of Croakbag. In Spanish we have learnt the names of assorted animals, we can say, read and write them.



Year 4: This week year 4 have been putting their creative side to the test in most lessons! They have been busy finishing their Identity and Diversity project outcome! The children have been working on creating posters highlighting disabilities and raising awareness that not all disabilities are visible! During maths this week, we finished our decimals unit and applied all our knowledge to some problem-solving questions. In English, we have been focusing on skills and how we can use them across different pieces/types of writing. We have learnt about prepositions, contractions and determiners. This week we finally got to complete our art topic – printing. We explored different techniques to print our own designs into our sketchbooks. The results were fantastic and we could then evaluate which technique worked the best. The year 4 children have worked extremely hard this term and should be proud of all their efforts. We wish you all a restful break and will see you for the summer term!



Year 5: In year 5 this week we have been diving deeper into our guided reading book, *The Breadwinner*, to inspire our newspaper articles in our English lessons. We have been planning our articles as a whole class, sharing ideas with each other which we will use in our independent writing. In maths this week we have begun our new topic of area and perimeter and explored how we can calculate the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We have had lots of fun in science, exploring the properties of different materials through a series of mini-experiments and how this can help us find uses for each material. We have also been discussing what materials would make a good boat and why. On Friday we will be building our very own pinball machines inspired by the research we have completed so far this term; we can't wait to see how they turn out! Year 5 had a great time at the school disco on Wednesday – we all enjoyed a good boogie!

Year 6: What a busy term we have had. This week, the children completed their properties of shape unit in maths: we recapped our previous knowledge of angles and triangles, learnt how to calculate interior and exterior angles in triangles and we matched 3d shapes with their nets. In English we continued our explanation text writing. We learnt how to shift between formal and informal tone by using parenthesis and considering our vocabulary choices. In whole class reading, we explored a variety of genres and reading skills and in PSHE, we discussed and came up with suggestions to deal with stress in healthy ways. It was great to see so many happy, smiling faces on the dance floor on Wednesday evening– we are already looking forward to the next year 6 disco! We are so proud of the Year 6's and everything they have achieved over the last 6 weeks. We wish them a happy and restful break and we look forward to seeing them again after Easter.

News items from this week

School Lunches: If your child needs a school lunch after the Easter break, please make sure this is order via SCOPay before Wednesday 12th April. Please refer to the email sent this week with the new menus.

Brigade school uniform: Brigade are pleased to be able to offer all parents the following discount;

Date: Saturday 29th-Sunday 30th April
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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:

3 rd April – 14 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school (Gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am)
Friday 21 st April	Year 5 Shakespeare Day
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation – school closed
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June	May half term
Monday 5 th June	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