



Civitas Academy

Summer Bulletin – Friday 16th June 2023 – Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always hard when it's that time when a member of our Civitas family is moving on to a different opportunity and we have to say goodbye. That time has come for our incredible Mrs. Lisa Phillips.



Mrs. Phillips came to us with a background in Visual Management where she led on key projects around modernisation in a well-known department store. Since joining our Civitas family, Mrs. Phillips has put in place many key systems which has allowed the smooth operational running of the school. As well as this, Mrs. Phillips has built such warm relationships with our children, families, team and our local community, and I am sure there are many things that get done in our school that I don't even know about!

A fantastic opportunity has come Mrs. Phillips way, where she will be able to combine her admin and marketing skills in her new role. We are **very much** going to miss Mrs. Phillips but wish her the very best in her new role.

Mrs. Phillips last working day is **Friday 23rd June**. To support our Admin team until the end of the Summer term we have Miss Bhoke Magotti starting with us on Monday 19th June.



Miss Frain, our wonderful deputy headteacher will be going on Maternity leave at the end of this year. While Miss Frain is on leave, Mr. Sean English who is part of our Academy Trust will be stepping in as our Interim Deputy Headteacher for the 2023-2024. Mr. English will be spending some time at Civitas over the next few weeks to have a handover with Miss Frain and to get to know our children and families.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Aiman	For working very hard on his letter formation at home and in school.
Paddington	Anish	For great work on his porthole.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Gruffalo Class!	For persevering with their phonics screening tests. Well done!
Pinocchio:	Pinocchio Class!	For persevering with their phonics screening tests. Well done!
BFG:	Phoebe	For doing a fantastic job in maths.
Matilda:	Alexa	For always contributing amazing ideas in class discussions.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Odessa	For beautiful manners at all times.
Kinney	Eva	For contributing to class discussions, sharing her ideas and debating respectfully.
Richards	Nevayah	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe and for being more confident in sharing her ideas.
Murphy	Mohammad	For always modelling the school values of ready, respectful and safe
Zephaniah	Ismael	For an amazing act of kindness towards another pupil.
Avery	Hadi	For being respectful during classroom discussion particularly in PSHE
Draper	Panav	For showing great oracy skills.
Lewis	Aridunu	For trying to make great choices in class and around school.

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	744	11088
Ignis	508	10841
Terra	595	10742
Atmos	648	10960

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Revansh
Paddington	Abhiram
Gruffalo	Matei
Pinocchio	Shanvi
BFG	Sehbaaz
Matilda	Angel
Kinney	Niha
Rosen	Sukaina
Murphy	Muhammad
Richards	Sabrina
Avery	Adiana
Zephaniah	Lucas
Draper	Zara
Lewis	Meghana

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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%	92.3%					
Year 1	93.5%	95.3%					
Year 2	96.6%	96.3%					
Year 3	92.4%	92.4%					
Year 4	95.3%	97.8%					
Year 5	92.0%	91.7%					
Year 6	97.5%	95.4%					

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

This week in Reception we continued to learn about underwater animals. We read the text 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. In literacy, we have been making a story map. The children used the story map to retell the story. After doing this, children have been describing the three different characters in the book. In art, the children have been making underwater art inspired by portholes. We had to use painting, cutting and gluing skills, that we have improved this year. We used a variety of materials in our art. It was amazing to see the concentration from the children while creating these! During PSHE, we continued to learn about our bodies, this week focusing on how to respect your body. In maths this week, we focused on sharing objects and how to share equally. We did this to prepare the children for next week when we will be learning about odd and even. Some children already started to use the words odd and even!



Key Stage 1

Year 1:

What a brilliant week – Year 1 have worked hard to apply their phonics knowledge when completing phonics screening tests. In Maths, we completed our unit of learning for 'Place Value' and have started to explore how to use pre-money counters. For English, we have recapped how to correctly use punctuation, adjectives and nouns. We created a story map for 'Somebody swallowed Stanley' along with actions! Also, we wrote our very own prequels to the story. In PSHE, we explored and discussed how we have changed from being a baby compared to the present day. It was lovely to reflect on our independence such as being able to talk, eat and differences in height, appearance etc. In Science, we discovered the meaning of 'capillary action' and investigated if and how water travels. It was great fun! As part of our DT unit, we are focusing on 'healthy eating and nutrition'. Last week, we drew a picture of a healthy, balanced plate. This week, we tried tasting different smoothies – it was delicious and refreshing in this lovely weather!

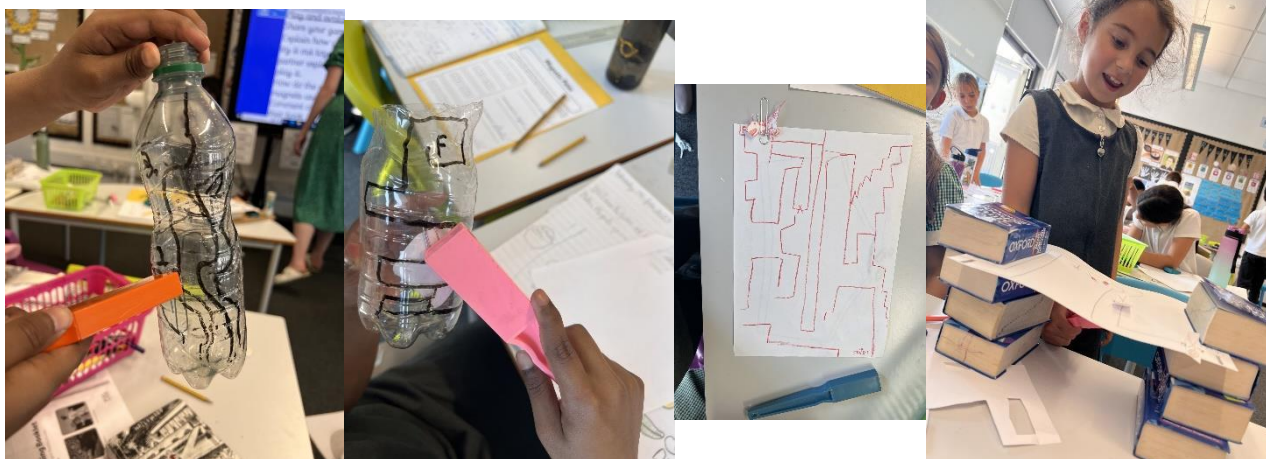


Year 2: This week year 2 have carried on learning about mass, capacity and volume. The children really enjoyed this topic and enjoyed comparing the volumes of different objects. Next week the children will be starting time. This will be a recap, but it would be good if you could continue to practice time. In English, the children have continued learning about Wangari's Trees of Peace. They have learnt about past tense and irregular verbs. The children also enjoyed acting out different scenes. In Science, the children have continued looking at the different seasons. They have observed the wind and made windsocks. The children did an experiment to see which way the wind was blowing. In whole class reading the children continued to look at Fantastic Mr Fox. In Art the children looked at David Hockney who is a digital artist.



Key Stage 2

Year 3: We have had a busy week in Year 3. We started Maths our new unit in Maths, Shape. We have looked at turns and angles, they realise that this involves a quarter, half, and a three-quarter turn both in a clockwise and anticlockwise direction. Children could apply this in context in a compass. We completed our end of year Math and English assessments. In English we have continued learning about playscripts and the features. We compared similarities and differences of different play scripts, revised present tense, identified emotion and how it can be used in a play script. In Science we built our games! This was so much fun. Once we had completed this we tried out our friends' games. In Design and Technology, we analyzed what we would use as an axel in our car and how we wish to plan it. We did this through an exploded drawing. In Global learning we learnt about several types of sources of information: primary, secondary, and tertiary sources. We then did a fun activity by using a source, and then making it into a secondary source. It ended up being like broken telephone! We started to learn to read and say the vocabulary of various wild and domestic animals' names in Spanish. The ceramic, clay spiral pots we made last term were kindly bisque fired by The Wren school. Mrs. Ducker was interested to know how they were made and what the process was. These were carefully taken home today by those children who successfully made them.





Year 4: We have had a very busy week in Year 4. We have been working super hard on our final maths, reading and writing assessments across 4 of the days. We also did our practice multiplication tables check test at the start of the week and completed our final official check on Thursday. The children were focused and all tried their best and we are proud of how they have worked on all of the assessment/tests this week. In the afternoons, we continued reading our whole class reading book, *The Explorer*, and answered some tricky questions on the text. We also had the opportunity to explore a different type of genre, a poem, and answered some retrieval questions on the text. We also continued our humanities history lessons where we continued to learn about the Windrush generation and the impact their arrival had on their lives. We continued to learn about Christianity and how Christian's worship God. An extremely busy week but everyone should be proud of all their hard work! Well done year 4!

Year 5: This week in year 5 we have been exploring the structure of a narrative in English, focusing on using expanded noun phrases to create exciting character and setting descriptions. In Maths this week we have been adding and subtracting decimal numbers using the column method and our knowledge of place value to support us. We had an exciting Science lesson this week learning all about leavers and pulley systems to amplify forces. We made our own catapults to explore this in a hands-on way. In DT we are designing our own Victorian torture devices inspired by real torture devices used in the Victorian times. We look forward to making these throughout the term.

Year 6: This week the year 6's finalised their maths project all around holidays. During the project, the children had to learn how to budget, organise and plan their holiday – including travel arrangements and calculate time differences. All the children appeared to really enjoy this project and they were engaged and enthusiastic throughout. In English the children finished their balanced arguments around the topic of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings – which feeds into our humanities learning. We were very impressed with the children's editing skills - making sure they included the year 6 writing features and upleveling their vocabulary.



We would also like to share we got our Leavers Hoodies today! Thank you so much for ordering them! The smiles on their faces were all worth it!

News items from this week

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:

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:

From Monday 26 th June	Donations for the Summer Funday to classes
Tuesday 27 th June	EYFS and KS1 Sports day
Wednesday 28 th June	KS2 Sports day
Friday 30 th June	Break the rules day – info to follow
Monday 3 rd July	Inset day – school closed
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

