

Autumn Bulletin

Friday 29th September 2023



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support last week with our Jeans for Genes Day. With your help we have managed to raise just over £150 😊

We have also really appreciated your support and understanding working with our temporary office team until our new Admin team start later in October. Both Miss Weber and Mrs. Stonham have been absolutely remarkable supporting with us and will be here until half-term to ensure there will be a smooth transition when the new Admin team start.

A polite reminder too, at the end of the day when collecting children please use our one-way system, if you're waiting to collect siblings please remain in the centre of the playground within the cones.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd OCTOBER!!

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	Olaf	For being confident and settled into school routines.
Paddington	Dhiviti	For working so hard to complete her rainbow challenges
KS1		
Pinocchio	Minsa	For trying hard to focus on her learning this week.
Gruffalo	Ayira	For achieving her learning goal by listening and perseverance
BFG	Javeriya	For persevering with her place value knowledge, keep it up!
Matilda	George	For demonstrating that he is ready for his learning and regulating his emotions well.
KS2		
Kinney	Michael	For being recognized by other adults making good choices around the school.
Rosen	Ritwika	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
Richards	Anish	For working hard in lessons and being RRS.
Murphy	Odessa	For always having a smile and working hard in the lesson.
Avery	Milosz	For putting in great effort in his learning this week.
Zephaniah	Ana- Maria	For sharing her learning and helping her peers.
Draper	Shahir	For being fully engaged in lessons and putting in lots of effort in his work.
Lewis	Tessa	For always being an excellent role model - consistently Ready, Respectful, Safe!

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Mayar
Paddington	Rio
Gruffalo	Skyla
Pinocchio	Gurtaj
BFG	Karim
Matilda	Gregory
Kinney	Phoebe
Rosen	Romae
Murphy	David
Richards	Eva
Avery	Victoria
Zephaniah	Abhina
Draper	Nicole
Lewis	Pranav

House Points

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

	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%	93.4%			
Year 1	83%	87%	90.2%	92.6%			
Year 2	90%	90%	93.9%	94.4%			
Year 3	95%	97%	98.8%	94.1%			
Year 4	88%	91%	93.5%	94.2%			
Year 5	94%	93%	94.5%	96.8%			
Year 6	90%	91%	92%	93.3%			

Congratulations 😊 the majority of our Year groups have all had a marked improvement on their attendance this week, well done! A big shout out to Year 5 this week who hit just above our school target 😊

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Reception, we had a wonderful week filled with exciting learning experiences. In Maths we have been learning about matching objects and matching objects to numbers. In Phonics we have now learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k and the children will start with a reading book in the class. In Literacy and Global Learning we have been learning all about our families, drawing self-portraits and pictures of who we live within our households. Our new book we have been looking at in class is called 'Super duper you', this book is about what makes us special and what we are good at. Our focus this week has been writing in our literacy books about what the children are good at. In P.E the children have been learning about how to find a space in the hall and stay there while taking part in P.E

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

This week we have begun exploring our new text 'All about Diversity'. It is so exciting to look at our rich community full of different cultures. We have been looking at the features of a fact file and we are working towards writing our own fact files all about ourselves. We continue to grow our strength in Phonics and this is helping us so much with our reading ability. In Maths we have revised number lines, number tracks and 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. In History, we explored family trees and had the opportunity to create our own family tree. In Computing, we have learned about using the keyboard for typing. We had great fun using the 'paintz app' during our lessons. In Art we used various tools to apply paint. We used sponges, string, fabric and much more. Your child will come home with a Phonics letter; please help them revise the content taught in Phonics this week. As of next week, please can we request that spray water bottles are no longer sent to school as they are causing a few issues during playtimes and lunch times. Thank you.

Year 2:

In Year 2, we have worked hard to complete and publish our narratives using our new handwriting rhymes to support our handwriting. In Maths, we consolidated our knowledge of place value and completed an end of unit assessment. Also, we have recapped our x2, x5, x10 times tables and beginning to master our x3 times tables. For Science, we learnt about microhabitats and the wonderful creatures that live in microhabitats. As part of our Geography lessons, we applied our knowledge from Year 1 to compare human and physical features of the United Kingdom. Year 2 enjoyed exploring a physical map of the UK! In Computing, Year 2 investigated how IT is used around the world. In DT, we designed and built towers using a range of resources then evaluated the structure of our towers. As of next week, please can we request that spray water bottles are no longer sent to school as they are causing a few issues during playtimes and lunch times. Thank you.

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Year 3:

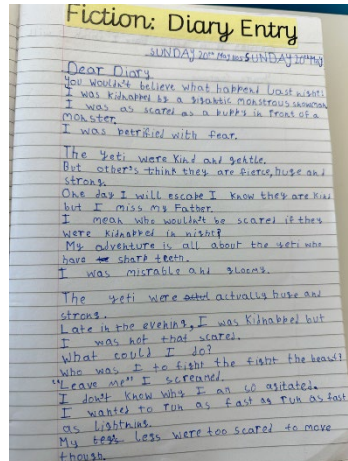
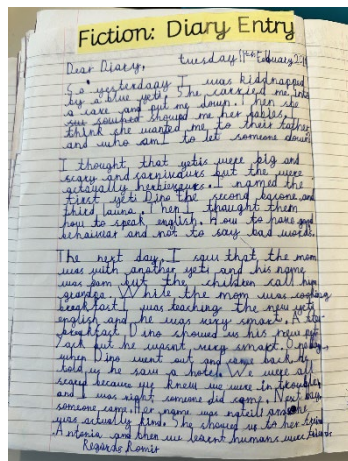
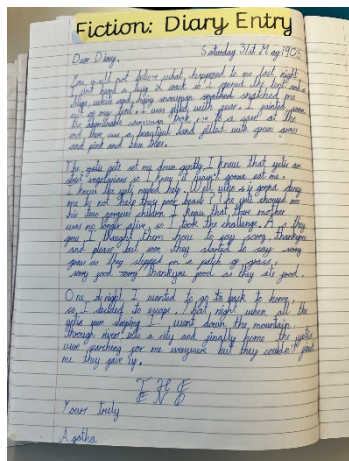
This week in English, did our big write. We put together all of the work we have done so far this term and re-wrote our own versions of 'The Patchwork path - quilt to freedom'. We tried remembered all of the features needed to write a narrative and add them to our own pieces of writing. In maths this week we moved on to addition and subtraction, we used our number bond and number family knowledge to help us find missing numbers in number sentences. We used basic number sentences, dienes and bar models to support us. In History, we went back over some sources of information that we had many questions about in our first lesson, from our recent learning we were able to answer lots of our own questions. In Art this week. We used our primary colours and white paint to change the tone of the colours, we used our toned colours to paint our patchwork quilt patterns.



Year 4:

In Year 4 this week we have finally written our first piece of writing which was the diary entry. These were some examples of what we finished with, and they look great for our first attempt! Well done Year 4. We are slowly coming to the end of our Place Value module and will soon start really working on our timetables.

We are continuing with PSHE and RE as well as Humanities with learning about Ukraine and the physical and human features.



Year 5:

This week in mathematics, we began our new topic on addition and subtraction. We learned to use the column method to extend our addition skills to 5 and 6-digit numbers. In English, we made an excellent start to writing a biography by learning about the features of a biography and mapping our WAGOLL. In science, we enjoyed a fun and interactive system scavenger hunt where we learned interesting facts about the solar system. In history, we explored various resources to learn about where the Maya lived and understood that they were one of the first civilizations to introduce the concept of zero as a placeholder.

Year 6:

In maths this week, year 6 have been learning about common factors and multiples using our previous timetables knowledge. We then applied our new learning to answer a number of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In English we started our new writing unit on reports and began the week discussing reports around WW2. We then shared and explored the WAGOLL - identifying key features of non-chronological reports and key year 6 writing features. In geography we identified natural resources found in the DRC and we studied maps to learn how the resources have been distributed. In art, we learnt about the use of scale and proportion. We then tested out these skills in our own portrait and landscape drawings.

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