

# Autumn Bulletin

## Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November



## Message from Mr. Sean English, Deputy Headteacher



*Dear Parents/Carers,*

Aside from the brisk, cold air, we have had such a busy and wonderful week! As mentioned in the previous bulletin, the week kicked off to a brilliant start with all of the children, and staff, coming into school with their odd socks. It was such a pleasure to hear from Mrs Rapley and Miss Heslop about the reasons why all of the children were wearing odd socks and how we should all value each other's differences and what makes us special. This was then reinforced by some special guests for our whole school assembly as we had the local PCSO's come to speak to the children about online safety and what the children should do if they ever feel uncomfortable or have any bullying concerns online. I was so impressed with the children's responses and how well they were able to explain who they should speak to if they ever feel worried.

The theme of what makes us special continued later in the week during Positive Noticing Day. When speaking to the children, they were all able to explain the different things they do to support one another and the range of examples of compliments I heard within the class was excellent. The pupils were great models to one another throughout this day and throughout the rest of the week so well done to all of them and a big thank you to Mrs Rapley and Miss Heslop for organising these events.

However, the fun did not stop there! Miss Burr was also quite busy in organising our whole school crazy hair day! The children were certainly creative with the different styles and colours of their hair. We are currently totaling the number we have raised for Children in Need but thank you to all of you for your contributions to this great cause.

Next week will be another busy one with parents evening. This is an excellent time for all parents/carers to see how their children have settled into the new year, so if you have not already, please book your time for next week. We look forward to seeing you all then and we hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

## PE Timetable – Autumn 2

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	Polina	For speaking so much more and with increased confidence.
Paddington	Dimitrij	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Zara	For making a good effort with blending in phonics.
Gruffalo	Garvit	For outstanding progress through hard work.
BFG	Danny	For using his imagination and positivity when writing a narrative about helping the world with 'Danny's Magic Pencil'!
Matilda	Freddie	For coming into school ready to learn and always being positive.
KS2		
Rosen	Sravya	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
Kinney	Shehreen	For always having a positive attitude to her learning and giving 100% to everything she does.
Richards	Alya	For being a supportive friend in class and on the playground.
Murphy	Aleesha	For showing more resilience in class and being braver at asking questions in class.
Avery	Logan	For creating a fantastic Mayan creation story.
Zephaniah	Alicja	For showing positivity in all her learning.
Draper	Lucas	For challenging himself in his writing.
Lewis	Amayah	For consistently being ready to learn and thoughtfully helping others be ready too.

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	951	1770
Terra	1136	1704
Ignis	942	1637
Atmos	902	1584

Well done **TERRA** house for achieving the most house points this week.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Yugveer
Paddington	Ira
Gruffalo	Maanvi
Pinocchio	Chidinma

BFG	Amira
Matilda	Junior
Kinney	Aryon
Rosen	Shravya
Murphy	Derrick
Richards	Dharshan
Avery	Farhan
Zephaniah	Sandra
Draper	Mitradev
Lewis	Umaimah

**Achievements outside of school**

Name	Class	Achievement

**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.

	30.10.23	06.11.23	13.11.23	20.11.23	27.11.23	04.12.23	11.12.23
Reception	94.7%	83.9%	85.62%				
Year 1	94.5%	95.3%	92.72%				
Year 2	92.5%	94.7%	93.96%				
Year 3	89.7%	98.5%	95.21%				
Year 4	94.3%	97.7%	97.27%				
Year 5	96.7%	97.6%	98.17%				
Year 6	93.8%	93.3%	96.36%				

# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception:

Reception have had another splendid week and the children have been excellent in all of their learning. The children have been wonderful during anti-bullying week and have been able to show that they can be kind and respectful to one another. We have seen a range of different examples of where the pupils are sharing with each other and showing kindness so well done Reception!

## Key Stage 1

### **Year 1:**

This week, we have planned and written our own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. We have used our skills and knowledge on narratives to write exciting stories with our own endings. In Phonics we have continued learning some alternative sounds and new tricky words. Please look in your child's bookbag for detailed information about this and the opportunity to practice at home. Reading at home really makes a difference and consolidates learning in Class. In PSHE we discussed what bullying is and what we can do to help someone who is being bullied. We are learning about the past in History. We looked at the type of clothing that King Charles wore as a small boy as well as what he wears now. In Science, we compared common UK birds and reptiles. We learned that they share similarities and differences. We designed our umbrellas in DT. We will be building our own umbrellas in a few weeks time. Please remember to send homework books and reading records on Monday, library books are changed on Fridays.

### **Year 2:**

What a fun-filled week at Civitas! We kickstarted Monday with 'odd socks day' as part of Anti-Bullying week. This linked to our PSHE lesson when discussing reasons for being bullied and reasons for bullying whilst navigating solutions to support each other. In English, we have started writing our own narratives based on a magic pencil and how we would use it to fix problems in the world. We look forward to publishing our stories next week and sharing! In Maths, we explored the meaning of symmetry and investigated lines of symmetry within 2-D shapes. Also, we learnt about shape nets and how the number of faces transform 2-D shapes into 3-D shapes. In Science, we explored life cycles and created our own diagram of the frog life cycle! We are reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine' as part of Whole Class Reading and we cannot wait to find out what happens to Grandma as we reach towards the last few chapters! We ended our week with a fabulous Friday combining 'crazy hair day' and 'BBC children in need' day with the theme of spots. Thank you for your donations. A gentle reminder to send homework books, library books and reading records on Monday. We look forward to seeing you next week for Parents' Evening.

## Key Stage 2

### **Year 3:**

Thank you to all of our year 3's who supported Anti-bullying week on Monday by wearing their odd socks!

This week in English we have focused on fronted adverbials, First person and feelings and emotions. All of these things will support the children with writing their diary entry next week. In maths our new focus is multiplication and division. The children have been using the grouping of objects and array's to help them understand the learning. They have also continued to use their inverse operations to support their learning during both multiplication and division. In R.E we spent some time looking at family conflicts and solutions. The children used jigsaw's 'solve it together' method to discuss how they could find solutions to a range of conflicts. In science this week we have been exploring the bones in the human body. We used a picture of the skeleton to name all of the bones that we could remember.

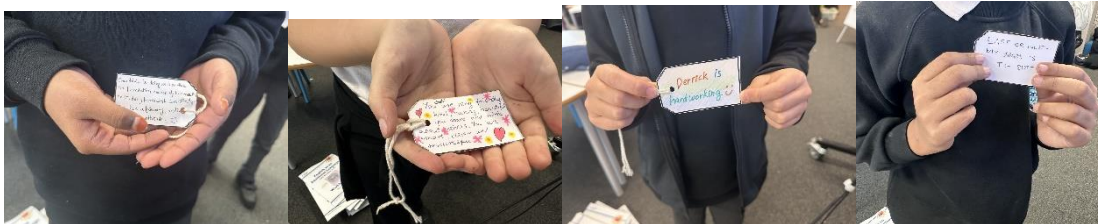


#### Year 4:

This week in Year 4 we have had a very busy week! We had a great time on odd socks day and learning about Anti-bullying week. This year's theme was:



We in year 4 were learning how to help our friends who might not be able to say if they are in trouble and we spoke about the best thing to do in that situation. We continued the week by starting our Autumn assessments to see how much we have learnt since the beginning of the year. They have done really well, and they should be very proud of themselves. We also took part in positive noticing day and the children in Year 4 were so pleased with what they came back to school with from their parents – it was lovely to see:



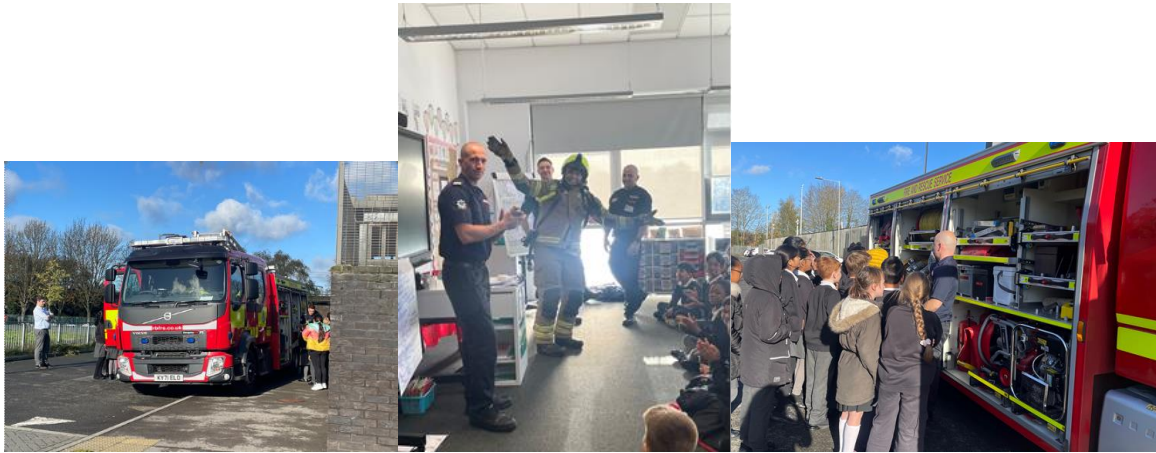
We also celebrated crazy hair day and children in need this Friday. Please remember that in Year 4 next week we have TTRS ROCK STAR DAY on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and please book a slot with us for parents evening on Tuesday and Wednesday next week!

#### Year 5:

This week year 5 have worked really hard on all their assessments, including maths arithmetic, maths reasoning, reading and SPaG. We have been so proud of year 5 for coming in with a great attitude towards these assessments and putting all they have learnt so far this year to the test. In our history lesson this week, we explored the Mayan creation story and used our knowledge of the Mayan civilisation to write our own creation story. In Science, we further explored human growth by analysing all the changes the human body goes through from birth to late childhood. We also took an exciting break from



the assessments on Wednesday to learn all about fire safety with Caversham Fire Department. We got to explore the role of the fire service and how to safely leave a burning building. In addition to this, they were kind enough to let us explore their fire truck!



### **Year 6:**

This week in maths we have introduced long division. We have been so impressed with the children's perseverance in learning this new method. We started by using techniques to find multiples of a number and then learnt the many steps to solve long division questions. In English we have learnt and applied different skills such as using synonyms and verbs to create a consistent picture in a narrative. We cannot wait to see these skills being used in the children's own narratives next week. In DT we have continued generating ideas for our cushion project. The children experimented creating patterns - inspired by the furniture designers Lucienne and Robin Day. In history we learnt what propaganda is and its use during WW2. The year 6's then created their own propaganda posters to encourage others to join the war effort.

### **Communication to the school**

Absence reporting still needs to be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 6: [year6@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year6@civitasacademy.co.uk)

### **Office News**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We kindly request the following:

**School lunches must be booked a week in advance. We are unable to facilitate food orders at the school office. If you need access to Scopay, please send an email to [Office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:Office@civitasacademy.co.uk)**

**All school meals must be ordered on Scopay, including children receiving free school meals.**

Please use capital letters only when writing your child's name on the late register.

Bikes and scooters are stored in the bike shed, drop off for the bike shed is at the main school gate.

Please remember to label your child's uniform and personal belongings, as this helps us return the item.

If you are dropping items off for your child at reception, please pre-label them with your child's name and class name.

Where possible please always use email as the primary form of communication. Email can be used for info/questions, child pick up request, appointments, sickness, absences, lateness, absent from school request, lost property, etc. Email - [Office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:Office@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Looking forward to assisting you all,  
Kind regards,

Maura Ammundsen & Kate Bevan

## KEY DATES

*Week 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Please check invitation days for online Parent Reviews*

*22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Y4 – Times Tables Dress up Rock Star Day*

*7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day*

*14<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS/KS1 – Productions – Details to follow*

*18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner day – let's wear our jumpers again 😊*

*20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term*