

Spring Bulletin – Friday 1st April 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a wonderful reminder of the great generosity we have amongst our school community. We have received emails of support offering to pay for the disco or school trips for some of our pupils who may not be able to attend those events or trips due to their current family circumstances; **THANK YOU.**

YOU have really prompted us to think how we can continue to work ‘hand in hand’ to support each other, our admin team are looking at the options on TUCASI to see how additional donations could be made into your Year group to support some of our children on future trips and events. We will send out more information about how this could be done after the Easter break. Thank you so much for this act of kindness.

Ramadan - Ramadan is considered the holiest month of the year for Muslims. This month-long celebration commemorates Allah, the Arabic name for God, giving the first verses of the Quran, the Muslim holy book, to the Prophet Muhammad in the year 610 A.D.

In Ramadan, Muslims fast from food and drink during the sunlit hours as a means of learning self-control, gratitude, and compassion for those less fortunate. Ramadan is a month of intense spiritual rejuvenation with a heightened focus on devotion, during which Muslims spend extra time reading the Qur’an and performing special prayers.

While children are not required to fast until they reach puberty, we recognise that some of our families may want some of our older children to perform limited or symbolic fasting such as fasting the occasional half day or on weekends. Ramadan is due to start this weekend with Eid Ul-Fitr likely to be celebrated on Monday 2nd May, if you wish your child to participate in fasting at any time during our Holy month, this must be put in writing first to myself and emailed to office@civitasacademy.co.uk Our Muslim scriptures tell us that fasting should not affect our normal daily life, and at Civitas we will obviously want to be sensitive to any of our pupils who may be fasting. Given that the obligation to fast does not override health considerations, a pupil who feels unwell, or feels faint can be offered water if judged appropriate by a qualified first aider or if the pupil requests it. If we are at all concerned about your child, we will of course call home. Spaces will be available during lunchtime for those that may be fasting to be together.

‘Ramadan Kareem’

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Musfirah	For working hard in her maths lessons and activities.
Paddington	Ayoub	For always making good choices and working hard in hi phonics
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Wolfie	For making good choices and trying hard with his writing.
Pinocchio:	Antonio	For trying his best to make good choices at school.
BFG:	Lily	For her positive attitude towards her learning.
Matilda:	Ronak	For settling in well to class and being ready, respectful and safe.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Dhruvi	Consistently striving for personal excellence in everything she does.
Kinney	Rose	For having a brilliant attitude to her learning. Well done Rose!
Richards	Smyla	For showing fantastic resilience and working hard in every lesson.
Murphy	Hadi	For trying hard in every lesson and showing a readiness to learn.
Zephaniah	Toni-Ann	For improving her focus and working hard in class.
Avery	Yash	For his consistent good learning behaviour.
Draper	Hema	For supporting her peers and helping others around her

Weekly Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 96+% - let's work together to be in school every day. The attendance shown is weekly for each year group.

Year Group	04/03	11/03	18/03	25/03	01/04	08/04
Reception	91.8%	88.1%	90.5%	90.6%	90.6%	
Year 1	93.5%	95.8%	92.4%	92.55	92.4%	
Year 2	95.3%	96.8%	94.1%	94.3%	94.5%	
Year 3	98.9%	95.7%	92.0%	92.2%	92.1%	
Year 4	96.8%	98.1%	93.9%	93.2%	94.0%	
Year 5	96.5%	98.7%	91.7%	91.9%	92.0%	
Year 6	94.95	97.0%	93.2%	93.0%	93.1%	

House Points - Well done **ATMOS** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	388	13687
Terra	247	12063
Aqua	384	13797
Ignis	236	13904

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in Maths, we have been revisiting and extending some of the learning done this term. The children have been describing the characteristics of 3D shapes. They looked at shapes to construct and identified which are good for building, and which aren't as well as which shapes stack and which shapes roll and why that is. In Literacy we have been reading the book 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson. The children have been writing about the characters in their books, and we have been discussing how the three creatures found a way to get along. We talked about how sharing looks like in our classes and how it feels if our friends share with us. In our creative area, we have been using celery to dip in paint to create patterns on our fish. We also used watercolour paint to make underwater animals.

Key Stage 1

Year 1: This week in English we have been learning how to write in the past tense and in the third person. We learned about the features of a newspaper report, planned and then wrote, a newspaper article about the penguin from the story 'Lost and Found'. In Maths we have been recapping subtraction, using a number line to jump back. In computing we learnt to compare groups and in Science we investigated waterproof materials. In History we compared Victorian toys with modern day toys.

Year 2: This week, the children have been learning the skills they will need in order to write a setting description next week linked to our story 'The Little House'. They have learnt how to use similes and comparative vocabulary to make their writing more engaging. In maths, the children have consolidated their multiplication and division learning as well as tackling complex number sentences where they have to do the inverse operation to find missing numbers. In art the children used their string and cardboard printing blocks that they made last week to paint and print. In history and global learning, the children read the book 'The Journey' and learnt about the right to asylum and the right to freedom of movement.

Next week, on **Wednesday 6th April**, year 2 would like to invite their parents in at **2:45pm** for a fundraising party! The children have been learning about food and nutrition and our project outcome is to volunteer within our school community. Therefore, the children wanted to make party food and share it with you. We are also partnering with the year 6s on their entrepreneurial task to fundraise for DEC who have an appeal for Afghanistan and Ukraine. There will be donation buckets available in order to raise money for this charity. Please enter via the front office so that we can sign you in.

Key Stage 2

Year 3: In Maths, we have been converting measurements. We converted millimetres to centimetres and vice versa, as well as converting centimetres to metres and vice versa. We added and subtracted different measurements and ensured we converted the measurements when doing so. In English, we have read "The Patchwork Path" by Betty Stroud. This has tied in nicely with our History work on the Underground Railroad. We have explored the features of narrative writing by reading texts and noting the consistencies. Direct speech and past tense are two of the features of narrative writing that we have explored in more depth this week. In RE, we explored the importance of the cross and the resurrection in Christianity. In science, we have been learning about how fossils were formed. We looked at a real ammonite from Madagascar as well as a primitive marine fish found in the Atlas Mountains. There was much excitement when our spiral clay pots returned after being bisque fired in a kiln. We painted them with acrylic paints of our choice and decorated them with a pattern.



Year 4: Year 4 have had such a fantastic week! In maths, we have worked hard to complete our decimals. To start, we looked at multiplying and dividing decimal numbers by 10 and 100 and challenged ourselves to then write these as fractions. In English we have taken a deep dive into all the features needed for a news report. The children have started to use inverted commas and modal verbs. They also learnt the difference between a fact and opinion – a much needed skill in news report writing. The rest of our week has been spent preparing for our protest march. The children were fantastic role models for our school and clearly loved marching while protesting to raise awareness of extinction. Now the march is complete, the children have been part of making a mini documentary which will be shared once it has gone through its final publication process! We are immensely proud of the children and the way they have engaged with this topic and the effort they have put in to making the documentary and their posters – a big well-done year 4!

On Friday 29th April, we are taking our exciting trip to The Living Rainforest! Please make sure to fill in the Microsoft forms to give consent for your child to join the trip.



Year 5: In maths this week we started our new unit on decimals and percentages. Initially we looked at decimals up to 2 decimal places then considered decimals as fractions followed by understanding thousandths. We were surprised to learn that there are one hundred thousandths in a tenth! In preparation for Shakespeare Day next Thursday, we have been reading one of Shakespeare's plays - Macbeth; we had great fun hot seating Macbeth and Lady Macbeth questioning them about the murders of King Duncan and Banquo. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up on Shakespeare Day.

In PSHE we are continuing with our topic of Healthy Me and have looked at how the media can affect our ideas of body image. We couldn't believe some of the fake and photoshopped images on the internet. Our tote bags are beginning to take shape as we carefully considered our design, colour and wording to challenge stereotypes.

Don't forget that we will be sharing this terms learning as well as selling our tote bags and cakes after school on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing you in school then! Children can also dress-up for Shakespeare Day in anything Shakespeare related.

Year 6: In Maths this week, the children have continued to develop their understanding of ratio and proportion and applied it to some SATs style questions. They have worked incredibly hard on this topic and it has been great to see them sharing their thoughts and understanding with one another.

In literacy, the children have been exploring levels of formality and how, as authors, they can control this to manipulate the audience. This is a real skill and one that the children have enjoyed applying to their written work. It has allowed them to show their own personality in their writing. Next week, they will be completing their final piece of written work for the half term.

It was lovely to see so many of you on our parents evening call this week and I know we discussed our recent Mock SATs week and how the children had got on. We also explained that there will be a SATs evening this coming Monday which you will have received an email about earlier in the week. It would be great if you can attend and feel free to ask any questions.

News items from this week

Parent Governor Vacancy: If you would be interested in becoming more involved with the school, there is an opportunity to become a Civitas Parent Governor as we currently have a vacancy. This entails approx 6 meetings a year. If you would like more information, please contact the office for a full information pack.

Clubs: Clubs for after Easter will be sent out in the first week back after the Easter break. Clubs will then begin on Monday 16th May and run until Friday 9th July. More info to follow.

Trip donations: Thank you to those parents/carers who have indicated wanting to support school trips with additional donations. We are in the process of setting this up, watch this space.

Easter Holiday activities: Please see below our community page for activities running over the Easter Holidays.

Dates for Diary:

Monday 4 th April	Year 6 SATS evening 4:30pm – 5:15pm
Tuesday 5 th April	Year 5 Project Celebration and Cake Sale
Wednesday 6 th April	Year 2 Parent/Carer fundraising party – 2.45pm
Thursday 7 th April	School disco – tickets only and still available at the office
Thursday 7 th April	Year 1 trip to Reading Museum
Thursday 7 th April	Year 5 Shakespeare Day
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of term.
Monday 11 th -Friday 22 nd April	EASTER BREAK
Monday 25 th April	Children back in school
Wednesday 27 th April	Year 4 Richards only Parents evening
Friday 29 th April	Year 4 trip to The Living Rainforest
Thursday 5 th May	Multiplication Check Parent Workshop for Year 4 parents



The poster features the Civitas Academy logo in the top left corner. The word 'DISCO' is written in large, colorful, neon-style letters across the top. Below it is a graphic of a colorful, glowing dance floor. The text in the center reads: 'Civitas Academy School Disco', 'On Thursday 7th April 2022 Civitas Academy is having our first school disco!', '£2.00 per ticket, ticket includes entry and a drink. Please pay via Scopay by 28th March.', and 'Drop off and collection details to follow.'. In the top right corner, it says 'Tuck shop will be available: Please bring no more than £2.00 in change.'. At the bottom, there are three colored boxes: a pink box for 'Reception, Year 1 and Year 2' (3.15pm - 4.00pm), an orange box for 'Year 3 and Year 4' (4.10pm - 5.10pm), and a green box for 'Year 5 and Year 6' (5.15pm - 6.15pm).

Donations for the Ukraine can be made via the following links should you choose:



[DEC Ukraine Appeal | British Red Cross](#)



Save the Children

[Save the Children | Ukraine](#)

Contacting Class teachers – If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absencereporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

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



NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

Easter 2022

Coding

Learning

Inventing

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

Ofsted Registered

EASTER CAMPS 2022
HEMDEAN HOUSE SCHOOL,
HEMDEAN RD, READING RG4 7SD
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE
www.nextthing.education

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2022
11TH APRIL - 22ND APRIL 2022

Coding & Robots **Circuitry & Inventions** **Immersive Virtual Reality** **STEM Engineering** **Tech Fun**

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

11TH - 14TH APRIL 2022 *4 DAYS £170
19TH - 22ND APRIL 2022 *4 DAYS £170
LIMITED SPACES

Project Based Learning
This Easter, we are implementing project-based learning across the full week of camp, we will start our coding or tech-based project on Monday and they'll work on this for a few hours each day, ultimately completing the project by the end of the week!

How to book

STEP 1 SCAN THE QR CODE

STEP 2 FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

STEP 3 BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

BOOK

W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION
T: 01442 873150 07572 103370

READING REP THEATRE
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SEASON 2021/22

ALBY THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD

WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY
HELEN EASTMAN

6 APR - 18 APR 2022

READING'S FAVOURITE PENGUIN RETURNS!

Alby the Penguin Saves the World
in a magical and meaningful adventure,
for kids aged 3-6.

This time his journey brings him home to Reading. Something is floating in the water and he's not sure it should be there. Can you help Alby save the day?

Wherever Alby goes, adventure is not far behind, and he quickly finds himself on a mission to help save his friends (and the world), before it's too late!

A return after the sell-out success of Alby the Penguin Saves Christmas, in partnership with Reading Libraries.

BOOK TICKETS AT READINGREP.COM

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ILLUSTRATION: PIPPA OWEN & REBECCA DE SPONVILLE BY REBECCA CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

READING FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT **BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
FAWLEY ROAD, READING RG30 3EP

STARTING: MONDAY 25th APRIL 2022

Mondays: Group 1 : School Years Reception & year 1.....4.30pm – 5.30pm
Group 2 : School Years 2 & 3.....5.30pm – 6.30pm
Group 3 : School Years 4, 5 & 6.....6.30pm – 7.30pm

Dear Parents

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our soccer courses we have run for more than **20 years** we are following up the Soccer Coaching programme for the season starting in April 2022. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys & girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by F.A qualified coaches, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, together with a '**FUN**' element, building **CONFIDENCE** and improving **FITNESS**.
- Professional goals are used in all groups for shooting practice and small sided games.
- It is an **outdoor** course held on football pitches, therefore children may wear boots or trainers.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Brom and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces with a sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and awards

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**F.A cup tournament**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.
- The cost of the course is £7.00 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28.00 due on week 1.
- **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. **Mark Frith (course coordinator)** www.prosoccercoachinguk.com

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

READING + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)

and receive confirmation by text to:

07586 933 609