

# Spring Bulletin

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been fabulous to see so many of you in school this week as you attended parents' evenings or project celebrations; thank you for joining us. Also, this week representatives, from our school council also had the opportunity to attend our Cluster Pupil Parliament at The Palmer Academy where they had to debate on whether or not 'Plastics should be banned!' Some really thoughtful arguments were put forward both for and against, a really tricky one, WHAT DO YOU THINK?



I cannot believe that next week is our final week of the Spring term, so much is still going on. Class photos take place on Tuesday, it's Wellbeing Wednesday, followed by the Easter

Eggstravaganza after school (hopefully the rain holds off and we won't need to postpone!)

Look out for the poster with more information!

## PE Timetable – Spring 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 4	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

## Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Mustapha	For working hard to improve his handwriting.
Paddington	Rio	For working hard in phonics to help with reading and writing.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Mia	For working hard to improve her blending skills in Phonics.
Gruffalo	Alexis	For being kind, caring and a wonderful Civitas pupil.
BFG	Ajay	For settling into school well, growing in confidence and building good relationships.
Matilda	Jedaiah	For using his imagination to write a creative diary entry.
KS2		
Rosen	Re nesmay	For working hard in class, especially with her writing and times tables.
Kinney	Amina	For working hard on her handwriting and reading at home and at school.
Richards	Niha	For working hard and persevering to learn her timetables.
Murphy	Dimitra	For working so hard on her times tables and making so much progress with her own personal targets.
Avery	Farhan	For always making insightful contributions to class discussions and trying his best.
Zephaniah	Lola-Jo	For a fantastic effort in her maths learning this week.
Draper	Michelle	For fantastic effort and hard work in guided reading.
Lewis	Sabal	For showing kindness and respect to others.



House	Total House Points this week	Total
<b>Aqua</b>	408	7973
<b>Terra</b>	619	7899
<b>Ignis</b>	425	7125
<b>Atmos</b>	421	7186


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

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Polina


Paddington	Sri Dhruvi
Gruffalo	Krishika
Pinocchio	Mivaan
BFG	May
Matilda	Asher
Kinney	Trishika
Rosen	Romae
Murphy	Aleesha
Richards	Chakresh
Avery	Dmitrijs
Zephaniah	Tessane
Draper	Sneha
Lewis	Hadi

**Achievements outside of school**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement</u></b>
<b>Amelia</b>	<b>Richard</b>	 <p>Amelia won silver medal at Cimac Super League British Open! Well done!</p>
<b>Nevayah</b>	<b>Zephaniah</b>	 <p>Nevayah won gold on floor and silver on beam at her gymnastics competition on Sunday. Well done !</p>

<b>Kaiya</b>	<b>Elmer</b>	 <p>Kaiya has completed her Level 1 award in gymnastics! Amazing work, Kaiya!</p>
<b>Eva</b>	<b>Richards</b>	Well done Eva, for winning a bronze on the bars at her gymnastics competition on Sunday.

### Civitas Community Shoutouts

<u>Parent/Guardian</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Saima Ambreen	<p>Thank you for your generous donation of delicious food for staff during Parents' Evening!</p> 

### Ramadan

It is the holy month of Ramadan for Muslims around the world including some of our staff and students. During this period, Muslims are required to fast and to give to charity, to show kindness and patience and to strengthen their relationship with God. At Civitas Academy, we have introduced a 'Ramadan fasting' lunchtime club for those who are fasting including staff and students. We would like to say well done to those pupils for their determination. They spend this time reflecting on their day, making crafts and playing games. Also, the students read the midday prayer led by one of our own students – well done!



### **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.

	<b>23.02.24</b>	<b>01.03.24</b>	<b>08.03.24</b>	<b>15.03.24</b>	<b>22.03.24</b>	<b>29.03.24</b>
Reception	94.1%	93.9%	94%	93.4%	95%	
Year 1	93.2%	93.2%	93.2%	93.4%	89.5%	
Year 2	93.1%	93.4%	93.6%	94.6%	91.5%	
Year 3	95.5%	95.4%	95.3%	92.2%	89.3%	
Year 4	95.1%	94.8%	94.9%	98.1%	94.4%	
Year 5	95.7%	95.6%	95.5%	92.6%	91%	
Year 6	95.3%	95.2%	95.2%	92.0%	94%	

# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception:

Thank you so much to all those who took the time to attend parent's evening this week. It was lovely to share your child's progress and discuss how they are doing each day. Feel free to contact us if there is anything else you want to ask.

In Reception we have been exploring the alternative tale of Little Red Riding Hood, a book called "The Wolf's Story", where the wolf is able to give his side of the story. This continues from our work on stereotypes as we explore whether the wolf is always the bad guy. Our challenges this week involve designing and labeling a trap to catch the wolf, exploring the properties of 3D shapes and comparing them to 2D shapes and exploring using charcoal in art to create some wolf inspired artwork. In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes and have really loved singing along to the song "These are the 3D shapes"! In phonics we have been consolidating learning on phase 3 and practising reading longer words.

## Key Stage 1

### **Year 1:**

Thank you to those who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was such a privilege to share their amazing progress and discuss their next steps with you. We are so proud of each child. In Maths, we are learning about weight and learning new vocabulary like mass and units. Currently we are comparing mass using cubes as the unit and comparing the weight of objects by deciding if it is lighter, heavier or the same. In English we have been practicing writing questions in preparation for writing a letter to some residents in a local care home next week. In addition, we loved learning and performing the first verse of the poem, "The Owl and The Pussycat" by Edward Lear for Poetry Day on Thursday. In PSHE we learnt how to cross a road safely with an adult. We drew and labelled the key features of a plant in science. Last week in DT we drew our prototype bridges and this week we had fun making them! We compared hospitals in 1850 to now in History and we feel very lucky to live now if we are poorly. Please bring your library books on Thursday next week rather than Friday - thank you.

### **Year 2:**

What a wonderful start to our week, meeting many of you for Parents Evening. Thank you for your attendance and continued support. This week in English, Year 2 have taken part in the Young Writers' Competition - writing an animal diary adventure. We hope to win and have our diary entries published! In Maths, we are learning about mass focusing on the measurement of grams and kilograms. It was exciting to explore a range of household items and weigh them. It was our final History lesson for the Spring term discussing the legacy of Thomas Barnardo; we wrote letters thanking him for his contribution to society. In Science, we have investigated the life cycles of various plants and designed our own illustrations of life cycles. In PSHE, we learn about the importance of healthy eating and balanced diets. This week in Art, we planned and sketched our final design of still life drawing exploring focal points. Next week, we will paint these!





## Key Stage 2

### **Year 3:**

In Year 3, we have continued looking at features of instructions, We have been having a go at writing our own instructions on how to wash a tricky animal. In maths we have moved on from fractions and are now looking at scales. We have been exploring the mass of objects using scales and working out what intervals are worth and various scales. In History, we explored the fascinating 'must farm'. This is an excavation of a quarry harbouring some wonderful bronze age artefacts, from pots and tools to the stilts of settlements. We looked at a variety of pictures around the class from the Bronze age era and looked at similarities and differences in that era to the Neolithic period.

The children have been practising everyday for their Oracy story telling assembly that they will be showing to parents on Tuesday. They are all looking forward to their parents coming to watch!

### **Year 4:**

We have had a very busy week in Year 4! In Maths we have continued our learning about fractions. This week our focus has been on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we have been learning about lots of skills we need to write a narrative, we have; learn how to include dialogue in our writing, created our own character profiles and planned out our own narratives using a story board. Next week we will be writing our stories inspired by 'The Boy Who Grew Flowers'. On Thursday we hosted our well-being workshop and cake sale for our parents and careers. This gave us the opportunity to show case all our fantastic work that we have done in the Spring term towards our Global Learning theme, Identity and Diversity. We displayed lots of our work and shared information with our grown-up about mental health and the 5-ways to wellbeing. We also raised an amazing £98 for a mental health charity by selling many yummy cakes!!!



### **Year 5:**

This week in year 5 we have been exploring the skills needed to write an exciting newspaper article. This included direct and indirect speech and using relative clauses. We have been reading *The Breadwinner* to support our writing this week. In maths we have completed the final learning for our decimal numbers topic by translating decimal numbers into percentages and fractions. In science this week we have been considering what makes a fair test by exploring what materials float best. Using the results of this, we wrote a conclusion and used this to design our own model boat. In history we have been learning about the Ancient Greek Olympic games and had our own attempt at the Javlyn throw and considered what

a Greek athlete would have to be to succeed in the Ancient Olympic games. Next week we will compile our learning from this term to show parents at our Gender Stereotypes exhibition!

#### **Year 6:**

This week we have been writing and editing the first drafts of our explanation texts in English. We have been using formal and informal techniques to engage our readers and to help them understand how an ordinary appliance works. In maths, we completed our unit on area and perimeter, and we started our new topic – statistics. The children have been learning how to read data on a graph as well as plotting data onto a line graph. In Art, we have been continuing our photography 'selfie' project. The children have been developing their skills in lighting and composition. In history we examined the Spanish Flu: learning when it took place, the reasons behind its name and its global impact. The children then created a newspaper article, reporting as if they were there at the time. We are looking forward to learning about next week's pandemic – Covid 19 - where we will be holding a debate around whether schools should have been closed.

#### **Communication to the school**

Absence reporting can also 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)

## KEY DATES

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Class Photos

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Easter Eggstravaganza – 3.45pm - 5.15pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – End of Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school





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# Easter Eggstravaganza



**£1 Admission per person**

WEDNESDAY, 27TH  
MARCH FROM 3:45-5:15

PLEASE COME TO THE  
MAIN GATE TO  
EXPERIENCE ALL THE  
EASTER EVENTS!



face painting, beat the bunny, cakes, tea & coffee,  
biscuit decorating, easter egg hunt, egg craft and  
many more!



**See you there!**