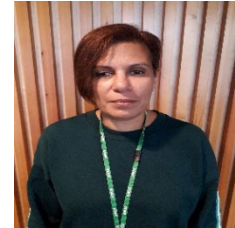


Autumn Bulletin

Friday 15th September 2023



Message from Salima Ducker Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 15th September 2023 is the day at Civitas we have all been feeling a mixture of emotions about and now the day is here. Today is the day we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Emma Lelliott, our school business manager. Emma has been with us since we opened Civitas back in 2015 when we were based literally in a couple of small modular buildings on North Street. We opened the school on the first day with one mobile phone, one computer, paper registers and no internet connection! Literally, with Emma by my side we were able to move into the building we are in now, in November 2016. Mrs. Lelliott has been much more than just our school business manager, she has led on many of our school events, like our recent summer family festival and for the last few years has taken our wonderful choir clubs. We are going to miss Emma immensely; we thank her for everything she has given to our whole school community and wish her and her family every happiness.



Thursday 21st September 2023

Wear jeans Change lives.

For everyone living with a genetic condition.



Children can come into school wearing their uniform on their top half and jeans on the bottom half!

A £1 donation can be brought in and handed in at classes.

Start & End of Day Reminders:

- Gates open at 8.40 and close at 8.55am*
- Bring your child to the gate on Hodsoll road, see them enter through the gate, walk on the left side of the cones, crossing to the other side to support the flow of movement*
- Reception and Y1 and Y2 finish at 3.15pm families queue in the line furthest away from fence.*
- Y3-Y6 finish at 3.25pm, families queue closest to the fence*
- Gates open for Reception - Y2 families at 3.15pm, if you need to wait for older siblings, please do so in the middle of the playground between the cones, keeping collected children with you.*
- Gates open for Y3-Y6 families at 3.25pm*
- Children in Y5-Y6 where written consent has been received are seen off site by a member of school staff*
- Please continue to use the anti-clockwise one-way system that is set up to keep everyone safe.*
- NO mobile phones to be used on school site.*

Meet the Team and Parent Drop Ins

Tuesday 19th September – 3.45pm – 4.15pm – Reception – Y2

Wednesday 20th September – 3.45pm – 4.14pm – Y3 – Y6

Please collect your children as usual at the end of day, once all children have left site and clubs have started we will re-open the side gate for you to re-enter and register before entering your child's classroom.

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	Aashvi	For growing in confidence each day and being ready to learn.
Paddington	Hashem	For developing increasing amounts of confidence coming into school independently and doing some good learning with an adult.
KS1		
Gruffalo	Estelle	For an absolutely fantastic start to Year 1.
Pinocchio	Ikeoluwa	For coming back to school with a great attitude for learning.
BFG	Ace	For a good start to Year 2
Matilda	Makai	For being ready and settling in well.
KS2		
Kinney	Ben	For managing his feelings independently and setting a great example to his peers
Rosen		
Murphy	Derrick	For being a great role model for the kids and always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
Richards	Eva	For always being ready to learn and a great role model to her peers.
Avery	Darcey	Having a great start to the year and showing she is consistently ready.
Zephaniah	Melanie	For having a great start to the year and showing she is always ready.
Draper	Selena	For being an excellent role-model and showing she is consistently ready to learn.
Lewis	Maia	For her resilience and positivity despite a broken collar bone.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	
Paddington	
Gruffalo	
Pinocchio	
BFG	
Matilda	
Kinney	
Rosen	
Murphy	
Richards	
Avery	
Zephaniah	
Draper	
Lewis	

House Points

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

	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%					
Year 1	83%	87%					
Year 2	90%	90%					
Year 3	95%	97%					
Year 4	88%	91%					
Year 5	94%	93%					
Year 6	90%	91%					

A massive congratulations to our Year 3 for their attendance average this week 😊

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

Paddington and Elmer classes have settled in very nicely this week in class and have started learning the routines eg. checking in with adults with their emotions in the morning, washing hands before snack time, washing hands after toileting and eating our lunch in the lunch hall. This week we have started doing Phonics and have learned 4 sounds already – s a t p. The children have started sounding out and blending letters and words using their newfound phonics knowledge. With their Maths and Global Learning, we have started learning all about ourselves and people in the community who help us. It would be great if families at home discussed all the different people who help us in our community eg. Teachers, nurses, doctors, fire fighters, police, cleaners in school, train and bus drivers etc. With behaviour, all Reception children have been working hard to show that they are 'ready' for learning in line with our behaviour policy and showing that they are being respectful and playing safely.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

We have had a really busy week in Year 1. In Maths we have been learning about numbers that come 'before' and numbers that come 'after'. We are getting so good at counting forwards and backwards to 20! In English, we learned that nouns can be 'people, places and things' and that adjectives are describing words. We've also been practicing using capital letters and full stops in our writing. Next week, we will have a chance to write our very own narrative by applying all the skills that we have learnt so far. In History, we explored a 'family tree' and had great discussions about our families. In PSHE we learned that our teachers and school make us feel special and safe! In Computing, we have learned about what 'technology' is and how it helps us in our every day lives. In music we have been moving to the beat of Hip-hop.

Year 2:

This week in English, Year 2 explored the features of a narrative and focused on writing skills like expanded noun phrases, using commas and synonyms. In Maths, the pupils explored various ways to partition two-digit numbers using part whole models and dienes; they then focused on writing numbers to 100 in words. It would be fantastic if they continued to practise this skill at home. For Whole Class Reading, the pupils explored a poem, a fact file and continued reading George's Marvellous Medicine focusing on comprehension skills like summarising, inference and predictions. We had our first Geography lesson in Year 2 learning about the United Kingdom and using a map and compass. We used Google Earth to navigate the four countries in the UK and look at Reading! In Science, we are learning about animals including humans and this week we learnt about the different types of habitats such as ocean, rainforest and urban. Year 2 worked hard to achieve our whole school behaviour target for this week which was 'being ready' - we hope to see this continue! We look forward to meeting the families of our lovely Year 2s at the meet the parents evening! If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us through year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

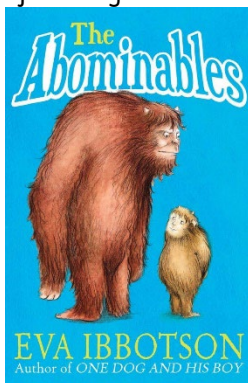
This week the children have continued to show how ready they are for school and learning. In English this week we have begun to explore our text 'The patchwork path'. We have used the text to support us with recognising and adapting writing in the first, second and third person. Next week we will begin looking at features of a narrative. In math, we have continued working on place value. We have been

recognising what 10's and 100's look like and how they can be represented using objects and base 10. We have been recapping our 2's, 5's and 10 times tables, next week will start practising our 3's. In Geography this week we looked at the United Kingdom and the countries that make up Great Britain and the U.K. We used Atlas's to help us complete our own maps. In Spanish, we have been learning how to greet each other and find out how we are. The children enjoyed holding a simple conversation and responding in Spanish. In Art we have started to create our own patchwork quilt designs ready to design and paint in the coming weeks.

Year 4:

We have started to look at the skills set for the diary entries we are making in English and have really started to get into our book "The Abominables."

In Maths we are still learning about place value and making sure our knowledge is secure. We have also been starting our modules on Judaism, the Romans and what is currently happening in the world such as the conflict in Ukraine. We cannot wait to properly get into the topics next week and start our project of making bread.



Year 5:

This week in year 5 we have been exploring skills needed to create amazing diary entries – including writing in the first person, past tense and using time conjunctions. In maths we have looked at numbers up to one million using a number line. We have learnt about the Mayan civilisation and the time period it existed. We have compared this to important periods in Britain and the rest of the world. In RE we conducted an investigation into Sikhism and produced our findings. In PE we have continued our learning from Year 4 with tag rugby.

Year 6:

This week in English the children were introduced to our WAGOLL narrative (what a good one looks like) inspired by our text the Lion and the Unicorn. We spent time discussing and identifying year 6 writing features within the WAGOLL which will support our own narratives next week. We also focused on writing skills such as prepositional phrases and using commas for lists. In maths we compared and ordered integers (whole numbers) and we consolidated learning using negative numbers. In humanities the children were introduced to our global theme for the term which is peace and conflict. We had our first year 6 geography lesson where the children identified located and described the location of the Congo National Park and in Science we conducted experiments creating shadows looking at how light travels.

Today all of our children heard from their class teacher about the Student Leadership Team which is a significant part of our vision and commitment to students. We have high aspirations for our children

and believe that developing them as leaders plays a crucial role in community transformation and improving their life skills. We aim to give students the confidence and oracy skills needed to navigate themselves later in life as well as the skills needed to lead and promote positive change within their own communities.

The student leadership team will equip all students with the skills, abilities, and qualities to pursue a fulfilling career, contribute positively to their communities and be an active global citizen. Student Leaders form an integral part of the Civitas Voice process. The teams will have the opportunity to meet regularly with the Leadership Team Leader and effect real change within our school.

Student Leadership Team

Our Student Leadership Team promote pupil voice at Civitas Academy. All members will be role models and be Ready, Respectful and Safe. Meetings will be once a month.



Read the job descriptions below. If you would like to apply for one of these roles, please email or hand in a letter (max 100 words) to your class teacher explaining why you should be chosen. Entries by 22nd September. Shortlisted applicants will read their letters to their peers. Voting will take place week beginning 25th Sept.

School Council

One child per class

- Whole school decision making and problem solving
- Develop personal and leadership skills
- Express points of view constructively
- Passionate about improving our school

House Captain

Year 6 children only

- Passionate about PE
- Team motivator
- Develop personal qualities
- Support Mr Khaliq with competitions

Eco Warrior

One child per year group

- Develop personal skills
- Willingness to improve and care for the environment
- Monitor recycling, water and electricity usage at school.

11B411 Ambassador

One child per year

- Develop personal skills
- Adventurous and thinks creatively
- Whole school decision making
- Organise events for school and our community

E-Safety Ambassador

One child per year

- Understand the importance of E-safety
- Passion for online learning
- Organise events for the whole school

Behaviour Champion

Two per class - UKS2 only

- Identify children who are RRS
- Organise playground equipment and support games for EYFS, KS1 and LKS2
- Monitor the various behaviour strategies across the school

Art Ambassador

One child per year

- Passion for Art
- Develop personal skills
- Organise events for the whole school

Dates for the Diary :

- Tuesday 19th Sept – R-Y2 – Parent Drop ins
- Wednesday 20th Sept – Beat the Street Assemblies 10:40 – 11:00 EYFS/KS1 11:00-11:30 KS2
- Wednesday 20th Sept – Y3-Y6 Parent Drop ins
- Thursday 21st Sept – Jeans 4 Genes – (School uniform with your jeans)
- 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