

Autumn Bulletin

Friday 24th November



Message from Mrs. Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was fantastic to hear that so many of our families were able to attend our online parent review meetings that have taken place so far; it's great that we continue to work in partnership so we know, together how we can all do our very best for our children, looking at what the successes are and think about all our next steps. Thank you too for your patience as there were definitely a few challenges booking on as systems were updating, refreshing, new passcodes were being given out and training was taking place.

As you know we had our Trust progress review take place on the 10th of November, thank you to those families that participated in the survey that was sent out too, once we have analysed the data we will share our findings from this with you too.

Areas for focus followed on from our last Ofsted inspection and Review:

- Continue to embed our new validated Phonics scheme Little Wandle
- Develop new subject leads in our foundation subjects so they are as strong across all areas
- Continue to improve attendance levels so all children when able attend school every day

In the Spring term we will be sharing some dates with you for some parent workshops to help support in some of these key areas,

Thank you and have a great 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	Rishi	For fantastic progress in phonics!
Paddington		
KS1		
Pinocchio	Maisie	For being a kind and considerate member of the class.
Gruffalo	Krishika	For fantastic progress due to hard work and a fantastic attitude to all learning.
BFG	Leandra	For trying hard in phonics and constantly being a role model.
Matilda	Zoraiz	For consistently displaying positive teamwork and remaining positive!
KS2		
Rosen	Umaima	For always being ready for learning and having a positive attitude to her work.
Kinney		
Richards	Fatima	For settling into Civitas well and always trying her best.
Murphy	Chandrika	For being kind to other members of the class and doing good listening,
Avery	Zarish	For continuously showing dedication to learning.
Zephaniah	Sandra	For consistently being ready, respectful and safe
Draper	Alioune	For his progress in his writing
Lewis	Larisa	For her positive approach to her learning

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	233	2003
Terra	251	1955
Ignis	542	2179
Atmos	560	2144

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

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Dhwiti
Paddington	Kiara
Gruffalo	Garvit
Pinocchio	Mia
BFG	Ismatullah
Matilda	Makai
Kinney	Enoch
Rosen	Raisa
Murphy	Shanmukha

Richards	Vedhashruthi
Avery	Sophia
Zephaniah	Dhruvi
Draper	Deekshita
Lewis	Stela

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%	91.76%			
Year 1	94.5%	95.3%	92.72%	89.66%			
Year 2	92.5%	94.7%	93.96%	91.62%			
Year 3	89.7%	98.5%	95.21%	92.53%			
Year 4	94.3%	97.7%	97.27%	98.25%			
Year 5	96.7%	97.6%	98.17%	93.3%			
Year 6	93.8%	93.3%	96.36%	96%			

We wanted to thank you and the staff within the school for all the work they are doing to support with attendance. Currently, our school's overall attendance is at 95.3%, which is great to see that we are starting to get closer to our whole school target. We want to ensure that this continues going forward so attendance will remain as a focus for the school but than you all for your ongoing support in this area.

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

We have had another lovely week with exciting challenges and new learning opportunities. In maths we have been learning about representing 4 and 5 and learning how to use a 5 frames. In phonics this week we have been learning ch, sh, th and ng. The new words we have been learning to read are shell, moth, wing and sink. We have been learning tricky words she, push, he and of. In Literacy and Global Learning, we have been looking at the book 'Emma Jane's aeroplane'. The children have been writing about where they would like to go on holiday and why. We have also been replicating some Kandinsky art work cutting out different size circles and sticking them together. Can you please bring in a plastic bottle to make your own aeroplane in school.

Can you also please make sure you are logged on to Collins eBooks so you can access the books and tapestry to access the homework. If you have any problems logging in please let your teacher know.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

It was such a pleasure to discuss your children at Parent's Evenings this week. Thank you for your time. In Phonics we have been learning split digraphs, alternative sounds and new tricky words. Additional information for this week's learning is included on a separate sheet that should be in your child's bookbag. We have used our skills and knowledge to apply our phonics to our writing and practice dictation daily. Reading at home really makes a difference and consolidates learning in Class. In PSHE we discussed who our trusted adults are at home and at school. In Maths we completed our end of unit assessment about addition and subtraction to 10. We are learning about maps and symbols in Geography. We looked at different examples and then made some a map of our school. In Science, we compared the life cycle of a fish and a frog. We learned new vocabulary included the difference between an amphibian and a fish. We designed our umbrellas in DT. We will be building our own umbrellas shortly. In RE we considered the birth of Jesus and the key beliefs of Christianity. The children designed a card to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In Music we are learning our Christmas songs ready for our production. Please remember to send homework books and reading records on Monday, library books on Friday.

Year 2:

This week in Year 2, we have spent our English lessons publishing our narratives about magic pencils and how we would use them to solve the problems of the world. In Maths, we completed our end of unit assessment linked to 'shape' and explored patterns. For Science, we compared human and animal life cycles discussing each stage in detail. In RE, we discussed how Jesus is like a superhero to Christians and designed our own superheroes to help promote kindness to nature and people. In History, we explored sources of evidence and listened to a statement from Alice Hawkins' journal from her arrest following the events of Black Friday (1910). For Computing, we learnt about landscape and portrait and used the iPads to explore how this affects photographs. We have had a lovely week in Year 2 and thank you for attending Parents' Evening!

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

Year Three have had another very busy week with a range of learning going on across both of the classes. The children have been continuing to rehearse their arithmetic through their Maths lessons within the week and the children are showing some great fluency within this area. Alongside this, the children have been doing really well within their English lessons where their writing has been coming together really well in some of their final writing pieces.

Year 4:

This week has been so exciting in year 4. On Wednesday to lunch our new Maths topic of multiplication and division we had our TTRS Rockstar Day. We loved spending the afternoon practicing our timetables through many different games, singing times table songs, and challenging ourselves on Timestable Rockstars to become Rock Hero's. We even challenged some of the teacher at timetable battels. In English this week we have written, edited and published our newspaper reports all about migration to England. In Science, we are continuing the topic of animals and humans, this week's focus is food chains. Learning out omnivores, herbivores and carnivores and the foods they need to survive.



Year 5:

This week has been really positive for year 5. We started the week in English by looking at public service announcement about global warming. We considered that announcements like this should be passionate and exciting to engage the audience. In maths, we have begun our new topic of fractions through comparing equivalent fractions in pictorial and abstract models. In science this week, we have been looking at the changes that happen both internally and externally during adolescence. In history we have studied the decline of the Mayan civilisation through exploring the three main theories: deforestation, warfare and droughts and disease.

It was lovely to talk to so many parents this week to share how Year 5 have settled into this year. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Year 6:

We continued our division work in maths whilst looking at multistep word problems. Additionally, we used the acronym BODMAS to help us remember the order of operations. In English we have applied the different skills we learnt last week - such as using synonyms and verbs to create a consistent picture - to the final version of our written narratives. In PSHE we learnt about the use of power in a variety of scenarios and how we can prevent someone gaining power over us. We understand the impact of diet, drugs, exercise and lifestyle on our bodies; we were shocked to learn that children between the ages of 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours of sleep a night.

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

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 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

Looking forward to assisting you all,
Kind regards,

Maura Ammundsen & Kate Bevan

KEY DATES

7th December – Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – EYFS/KS1 – Productions – Details to follow

18th December – Christmas Dinner day – let's wear our jumpers again 😊

20th December – Last day of term