



**Civitas Academy**

## *Summer Bulletin – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Message from Celia Frain – Deputy Headteacher*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all pupils and staff members for taking part in our NSPCC Day, organised by our wonderful Miss Heslop. This day helped us raise awareness of safety for the children, and a variety of activities took place throughout the day including a Danceathon! Everyone looked fantastic in their green clothing.

We would also like to thank our Year 2 team – particularly Miss Cole and Miss O-Reilly – for their support with the KS1 SATs which took place over the past two weeks. The children were able to calmly and confidently take part in the tests and all staff involved created a positive and supportive environment for the children. All our staffing teams across KS1 have supported in getting our children ready for these and we are incredibly grateful.

It has been a fantastic week of learning which has showcased the broad range of opportunities we strive to provide for our children; from mummification, contacting Greenpeace and auditions for our Year 6 production!

Thank you to our families, staff and children for a great 6 weeks.

We wish you all a healthy and happy half term together, and we look forward to seeing you – ready for the final half term of this academic year – on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 8.40am.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

We would like to highlight the following – as outlined in our Mobile Phone Policy – as a reminder for all parents and pupils from Year 5 and 6:

- While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if their child is in **Years 5 or 6** and **only if they walk to and from school without adult supervision**, Civitas Academy discourages pupils bringing mobile phones to school due to the potential issues raised in our policy.

- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a **serious offence** and sanctions will be taken according to our **Behaviour policy**.

- Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, **the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege** and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.

### **Online Safety**

It's natural to worry about the dangers of games and apps. But you can help your child learn to keep themselves safe. Teach your child why they should avoid giving out personal information. Details about their life can give away more than they might realise. This includes their name, address, and telephone number. But it can also include where they go to school or images of them in uniform. You can make sure your child is playing age-appropriate games as all modern video game consoles, smartphones and tablets provide tools for parents and carers. Games often have parental control options built in. You can control how children interact with other people, what they spend money on and what content they can access. If you can, set these up with your child and agree how much time they're allowed to spend playing. We suggest working with your child agreeing a list of websites they can visit. Most social media channels have an age limit of 13. Please see below for guidance on the most popular websites and apps:

## APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS



Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our children safe.

## Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Jeswika	For a fantastic first week in her new school.
Paddington	Stefy	For working so hard in her phonics.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Avie	For always demonstrating kindness and patience – a super role model.
Pinocchio:	Maxwell	For settling in well to his new school.
BFG:	BFG class	For working extremely hard in their SATs.
Matilda:	Matilda Class	For working extremely hard in their SATs.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Gabriela	For engaging well when we did our experiment on mummification.
Kinney	Samaira	For using correctly punctuated fronted adverbials consistently in her writing
Richards	Reuben	For his increased focus and trying his best in every lesson.
Murphy	Logan	For working really hard on his writing in English.
Zephaniah	Sneha	A great playscript full of exciting features.
Avery	Tessa	A fantastic playscript using great features.
Draper	Leksha	For her excellent contributions to our science discussion.
Lewis	Adithya	For always contributing to class and making sure he is still working hard even though SATS have ended.

### ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Venba – Y1 G	For receiving a medal and special commendation for her solo jazz performance! Well done!
Miss Burr Miss Cole	Miss Burr and Miss Cole – our Early Career Teachers – were invited back to the University of Reading where they completed their training, to talk to the new cohort of trainee teachers embarking on their career!

House Points – Well done house for gaining the most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	388	9909
Ignis	430	9905
Terra	436	9705
Atmos	478	9856

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Alexis
Paddington	Harnoor
Gruffalo	Leandra
Pinocchio	Ezekiel
BFG	Trishika
Matilda	Umaima
Kinney	Layla
Rosen	Adit
Murphy	Darcey
Richards	Alaiyah
Avery	Stela
Zephaniah	Alioune
Draper	Tanay
Lewis	Steve

**Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - 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.**

Year Group	21/04	28/04	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05
Reception	89.3%	93.1%	93.5%	92.8%	90.0%	96.8%
Year 1	87.1%	93.4%	94.9%	98.6%	92.7%	97.5%
Year 2	94.5%	94.7%	97.2%	95.4%	97.9%	96.4%
Year 3	84.9%	96.9%	96.8%	91.9%	96.7%	97.1%
Year 4	92.6%	95.2%	98.3%	89.5%	94.5%	90.5%
Year 5	93.4%	96.9%	94.5%	97.6%	94.8%	94.2%
Year 6	88.2%	92.9%	93.9%	99.3%	94.8%	94.4%

## What have we been learning this week?

### Reception

We can't believe it is already half term! It was so lovely to see so many children coming in wearing their traditional costumes for Cultural Diversity Day. The children have been learning about each other's cultures and we looked at different countries on a big map. The children enjoyed learning about jungles and rainforests and their endangered animals this term. This week we continued to read the text 'The Rainforest Grew All Around'. We learned more about deforestation and palm oil. The children produced some lovely pieces of writing about this topic, using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. It was great to see the children continue to write inside and outside the classroom. As the weather has improved, a lot of children chose to write more outside on the playground. In maths this week, we focused on adding and taking away again. During our maths carousel, we played different games to practice these skills. In art, the children used their observation skills to draw a vase of flowers, using water colour paint. In the funky finger areas, they cut out spiral snakes and used tweezers to pick up cotton balls to practice fine motor skills. We ended the week wearing green in celebration of NSPCC day. The children have been doing lots of different fun activities to celebrate. We hope you will all have a lovely break, and we look forward to seeing you for the next and final half term!

**Year 1:** Wow, what a fantastic half-term it has been! We kickstarted this week with Cultural Diversity Day – it was brilliant to celebrate each other and learn more about others. Thank you for celebrating you! We used a world map to locate many of the countries that Civitas student families are from, including the UK. This week in English, Year 1 have written letters on behalf of Greenpeace to explain why sharks cannot live in ponds! They have worked hard to include fantastic facts using their previous knowledge. In maths, we started a new unit of learning based on Geometry, focusing on position and direction. We investigated different positions and directions using a range of concrete resources including ourselves! We also learnt a fun trick to remember our left and right. This supported our learning in Computing as we explored the meaning of 'debugging' and 'commands' using our beebots. In Geography, we investigated the impact of plastic pollution on animals and how it affects their lifestyles, diets and habitats. We ended our week with a sea of green in celebration of NSPCC day – we completed many fun activities including creating a Buddy box. Our half term ended with an incredible whole school danceathon – well done everyone! Have a lovely break and we look forward to our final half-term in Year 1.

**Year 2:** Over the last 2 weeks year 2 have worked so hard in preparing and completing their SATs. Well done to all of you! This week started with Culture and Diversity Day, and it was lovely to see all your lovely outfits. It was lovely for all the children to learn more about others. We completed a worksheet where we compared our cultures to our partners, and we learnt so much about one another!

This week in English, year 2 have been busy producing a leaflet all about reading. In the leaflet it contains information about how we can help

and protect our local environment. In maths, the children have been practicing dividing and have been dividing 2-digit numbers. In whole class reading the children finished their text on the Hodgeheg and all explained how much they had enjoyed this book. We have ended the week wearing green for our NSPCC day and have completed a danceathon as a school. Everyone had so much fun. We hope everyone has a restful break and we look forward to seeing you back for the final half term of year 2!

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3:** This week in maths we continued with learning about time. We have learnt the difference between 'am' and 'pm' and how to apply this. We practiced our knowledge of years, months, and days. We did lots of adding and converting with hours and days and then with hours and minutes. English started with a bang! We mummified chicken legs! In English! It was equal parts disgusting as it was fascinating. We learnt the method to mummify chicken and then using our gloves we handled the salt and bicarb of soda mixture that will dehydrate and preserve the chicken. We then practiced mummifying our friends! It was World bee day on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. In Science we explored the diverse ways bees are important. We consolidated our learning in a poster. Everyone had a lot of fun on Monday talking and showing interesting things about our diverse cultures. We created an informative poster about bees. In the Global learning theme 'Power and Governance' we finished our speeches from last week and practiced them before saying them before our peers. A big congratulations to every child who said their speech. Miss Fitchett and Mrs. Fuchs were so immensely proud of you! We then followed a democratic voting process whereby each child was given the opportunity to vote for someone based on their speech. In Year 3 Adit was chosen as Year 3 Civitas Prime Minister. He wanted each child to learn about astrology to make the UK a leader in space technology so an alternative earth could be found if needed. Friday was so much fun; we were all in green to celebrate the NSPCC. We loved the dance –a- thon and other fun activities.



**Year 4:** This week in Year 4 week has had a very productive week. In math, we have finished our topic of time and will be moving onto our new topic of statistics after half term. We began this topic by learning about and comparing these lengths of time: years, months, days, hours, minutes, and seconds and the children applied all this knowledge to an end of unit quiz! In English, we have focused on learning some of the important features that need to be included in our instruction writing. These included fronted adverbials, imperative verbs, adverbs, and rhetorical questions. The children then wrote their final pieces and published them for a display. Closely linked to our English work, in science we have continued looking at different types of switches and built our own types of switches. We made selector switches, slide switches and push switches. In Guided Reading, we have continued using our inference and summarising skills when reading our text "The Explorer". After half-term, the children will complete their multiplication tables check so have been working hard on their times tables! Have a good and restful half term.

**Year 5:** This week in year 5 we have written our final playscripts portraying a criminal trial in Victorian England. We have incorporated real crimes and punishments received during the Victorian era. In maths we have begun our new topic of position and direction, using coordinates to plot points on the first quadrant. In Science we explored forces further, discovering water-resistance. In History we discussed what life was like for children in Victorian schools. On Friday we looked fantastic, wearing green for NSPCC day! We look forward to the new term and seeing what the rest of summer has in store for us 😊

**Year 6:** What a week! We have started to slow down after a really busy half term. We are finishing up on our English writing for the year and going on to editing our piece to make them the best piece of writing follow our TAF as much as possible. We are also closing our topic in sciences on circuits and will be finishing our cushions soon. It was so great as teachers to be a part of the auditions for Shakespeare Rocks – our production – and we are very proud of the children who put themselves forward even though it was scary. We will be giving our scripts for the children to practise and our productions dates will be announced soon.



# Shakespeare Rocks!

Junior Script  
by  
Steve Titford

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News items from this week



The poster features a blue background with a central illustration of a white and orange striped circus tent. Above the tent are two white poles with orange and white bunting. At the top left is the Civitas Academy logo, a green book with a tree. At the top right is the REAch2 Academy Trust logo, featuring three stylized figures. The text is arranged in a clear, festive layout.

Civitas Academy  
presents

REAch2  
ACADEMY TRUST

**SUMMER  
FAMILY  
FUNDAY**

**THURSDAY 13TH JULY**  
**4.00-6.00PM**

BBQ, DRINKS, CAKES, ICE-CREAMS, BOUNCY CASTLE, TOMBOLAS,  
FACE PAINTING AND HENNA, GAMES AND LOTS MORE

ENTRY PRICE: £1 per FAMILY

**PE Timetable:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 am	Year 5 Avery am	Year 5 Zephaniah am	Year 3 am	
Year 6 pm	Year 1 pm	EYFS pm	Year 2 pm	

**Dates for the Diary:**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	May half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Provisional – EYFS and KS1 Sports day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Provisional – KS2 Sports day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Break the rules day – info to follow
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Inset day – school closed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Family Funday 4-6pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

**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)

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