



Civitas Academy

Summer Bulletin – Friday 30th June 2023 – Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot believe we only have a few more weeks before we approach the end of this academic year.

Next week on **THURSDAY 6th JULY** is our Transition Day for our children from Reception to Year 5 and for our new families joining us in September. This is such an important time for our children and families to prepare themselves for the routines for the following year and to get to know the adults that will be in their teams.

Letters will come home that evening so our families will know which classes their children will be in.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING **ALL** our children on Thursday 6th July 😊

Our Year 6 children are invited to come into school in their PE kits on this day as they will be entering the 'Mini World Cup Multi Sports' Event 😊

Today is Ms. Ison's last day with us in our EYFS team, although Ms. Ison has only been with us a short while, she has been an integral part of the team and we thank her for everything she has done to further improve the experiences for our children at Civitas Academy. We wish her all the very best for the new direction she is taking in her next role.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Naru	For always being a fantastic role model to her classmates.
Paddington	Maithili	For great independent writing about ways to help our world.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Liyan	For coming up with brilliant predictions about our new English text.
Pinocchio:	Aribatise	For being a good friend to others.
BFG:	Leila	For writing an amazing biography and using a broad range of vocabulary and punctuation,
Matilda:	Mikaela	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen		
Kinney	Sheza	For settling into Kinney class and setting a great example to those around her.
Richards	Tessanne	For becoming more confident and contributing in class discussions.
Murphy		
Zephaniah	Mitradev	For being respectful and considerate during PSHE lessons this week.
Avery	Vinnie	For showing fantastic resilience during Sports Day!
Draper		
Lewis	Isabelly	For an amazing piece of writing which shows how far Isabelly has come!

Class

Sports Star of the Week

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	470	11558
Ignis	488	11456
Terra	582	11324
Atmos	568	11528

Elmer	Whole Class
Paddington	Whole Class
Gruffalo	Whole Class
Pinocchio	Whole Class
BFG	Whole Class
Matilda	Whole Class
Kinney	Whole Class
Rosen	Whole Class
Murphy	Whole Class
Richards	Whole Class
Avery	Whole Class
Zephaniah	Whole Class
Draper	Whole Class
Lewis	Whole Class

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL	
Eva– Year 3	Well done Eva who had a gymnastics competition last weekend. Eva placed Gold on the vault and Silver with her floor routine. Amazing achievement!
Lily- Year 3	Well done to Lily who had a gymnastics competition last weekend. Lily placed 6 th on the vault. Amazing achievement!

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	09/06	16/06	23/06	30/06	07/07	14/07	21/07
Reception	90.8%	92.3%	93.6%	91.8%			
Year 1	93.5%	95.3%	97.1%	89.2%			
Year 2	96.6%	96.3%	95.8%	93.4%			
Year 3	92.4%	92.4%	89.0%	85.4%			
Year 4	95.3%	97.8%	94.7%	91.0%			
Year 5	92.0%	91.7%	93.9%	94.3%			
Year 6	97.5%	95.4%	94.9%	87.5%			

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

We had such a lovely week again in Reception! We had a great sports day, and it was nice to see that all the children had a good time. When we came back to class, we did some independent writing about our favourite part of sports day. In literacy this week, we read the text '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World', by Melanie Walsh. We have been learning about the ten things everyone can do to help conserve their world and have been writing and drawing about some of these ten things in our literacy books. We also discussed what other things we can do to help our world. At the funky finger table, the children used tweezers to pick the rubbish out of the ocean, as the children did not want the underwater animals to get stuck in the rubbish, or to accidentally eat the plastic. In our art area, we looked at our planet. The children used blue and green paper to create a picture of the Earth. In maths this week, we focused on spatial reasoning. We replicated simple constructions and models. The children also continued to sort numbers into odd and even. Today it is 'bend the rules' day, and it was great to see the children having so much fun!

Key Stage 1

Year 1: What an exciting week in KS1 filled with lots of learning, sports and a little rule-breaking! In English, Year 1 started exploring a new text called 'The Beeman' written by Laurie Krebs. We made predictions and shared ideas about who or what 'The Beeman' could be. In Maths, we have started learning about 'money', focusing on recognising notes and coins, then ordering them by value and size. As part of our Science learning, we investigated the importance of gravity and forces. We learnt about Galileo and his theory of air resistance, so we experimented dropping different objects from the same height. For RE, we continued our research about Judaism and how Rosh Hashanah is celebrated; we discussed different ways to show and seek forgiveness. Then, we designed our 'fingers of forgiveness' posters. Well done to Year 1 for trying their best on Sports Day and most importantly, having fun! A fantastic

end to the week with 'bend the rules' day – we had lots of fun!



Year 2: This week Year 2 have written their biographies in English. The children have written these using a wide range of vocabulary and punctuation. The children have worked hard on these and they have added some interesting facts about Wangari. In Maths, the children have been looking at position and direction. The children have been looking at half turns, three quarter turns and quarter turns. The children have been looking at patterns with shapes and predicting which way the shape will be in the next pattern.

In Science, the children have recapped life cycles and have looked at which animals lay eggs to which animals give birth the same as humans. The children have really enjoyed this and have enjoyed making their own animal life cycle. As a whole class the children have continued to read Fantastic Mr Fox and they have been working on their inference and retrieval skills.

All the children had great fun at our sports day and every child took part. If you were able to come and watch, thank you very much!

Key Stage 2

Year 3: Another fun filled busy week! We had such fun at our sports day with every child taking part. In Math we are continuing with the unit Shape. We have learnt about perpendicular and parallel lines; we can recognise and describe 2-D shapes. We also learnt how to draw polygons. In English we explored the features and purposes of a motivational speech. We identified how emotive language is used in motivational speech. In Humanities we finished a record of our experiences as an archeologist last week. In Spanish we continued to learn how to read and write various animals names, we also used un or una in front of the correct word. In Science we learnt about Marie Currie and how she invented the x-ray machine.

Year 4: We have had a very busy week in Year 4. In Maths, we have continued our topic of shape. We have explored polygons, quadrilaterals and lines of symmetry. Next week we will be moving onto a new topic of statistics. This week we have carried on our learning on the topic of the Windrush. This week marked the 75th Anniversary of the first time the HMT Empire Windrush Ship arrived at Tilbury Dock, bringing with it over a thousand people from The Caribbean, who were ready to start their new lives in England. In English, we planned, wrote, edited, and published our own narratives, based on the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. In History, we explored the life of Evelyn Wauchope another member of the Windrush Generation. During Art, we have been inspired by Vanley Burke to use the iPad to capture photographs of our school community and learnt techniques to edit these images. In Science, we have set up a very exciting experiment to test our scientific question of 'Does sugary and acidic drinks cause damage to teeth?'. We are looking forward to seeing the result next week. We ended our week with an extra afternoon play time to celebrate everyone in Year 4 being awarded 'star of the week' for all of our hard work last week in our multiplication check. Well Done Year 4!

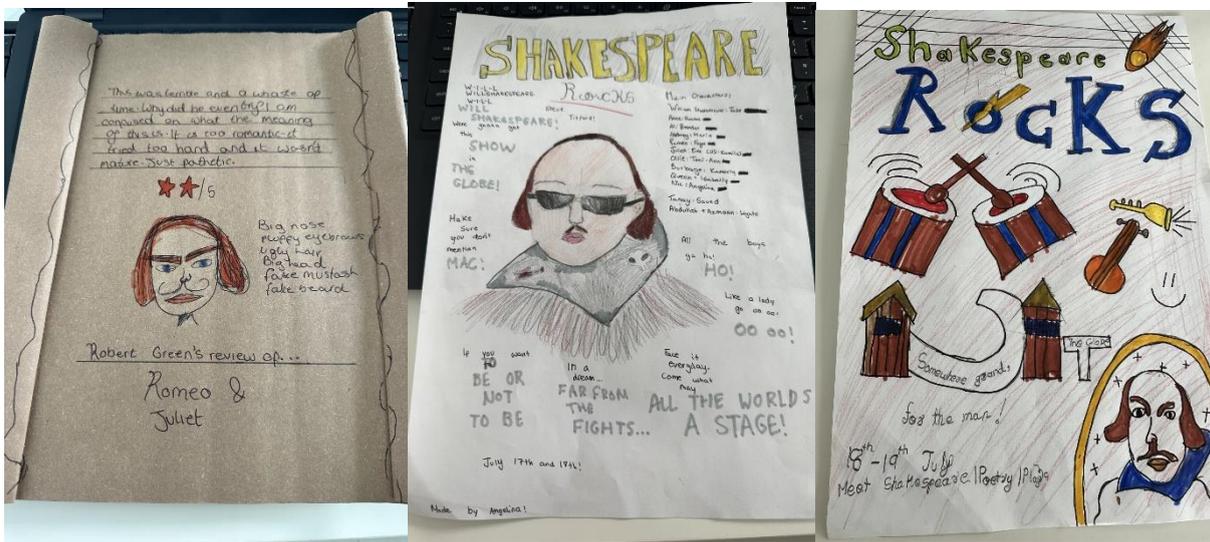


Year 5: In Year 5 this week we have been writing our final crime drama narrative and we have also started to move onto our new writing genre – instructions! To do this we have played the 'blind drawing game' where we were verbally instructing our peers to create a drawing and we have looked at the key features of instructional writing. In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting decimal numbers and used this knowledge to understand number lines with decimals. In DT we have begun to create our Victorian torture devices and will be using this as inspiration for our instructional writing. This week we finished reading our class novel – street child – and discussed the importance of the true story of Jim Jarvis. Year 5 really enjoyed Sports Day this week and every one of us put in our best effort. It was great to see the children working as a team and supporting each other.

Year 6:

“WILLS WONDERFUL WORD HAVE A PLACE TO BE HEARD!”

We are getting closer to the end of the year, and we are working hard on our production of Shakespeare ROCKS! We have also been prepping for our end of year party and have started to get organized for the end of the year!



News items from this week

Brigade: Brigade’s school delivery service has switched to home delivery now until the end of September. Please place your orders as soon as possible as Brigade expects to be busy this summer. **Deadline is 22nd July 2023.**

Victoria Park Community Group: Victoria Park Community Group is looking for volunteers to help water the new trees in our area (both in the park and outside Civitas Academy) throughout the hot summer months.

If you have a watering can or bucket, and can spare even half an hour over the summer to water one or two trees, we need you!

Hot weather: During this hot weather, please can we remind all families to provide a named sunhat and water bottle for their child every day. Where possible, please apply sunscreen before coming to school.

School lunches: A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have some severe allergies in school. This includes chocolate nut spreads. Lunches need to be ordered a week in advance via SCOPay. Menu’s can be found on the school website.

River Academy Secondary School:



River Academy are wanting to seek your views on the proposed River Academy Secondary School which has been approved by the Department for Education into the 'pre-opening' phase with a proposed opening in September 2024. River Academy is proposed to open for up to 1500 young learners from Year 7 to Year 13.

This consultation period runs for 7 weeks, from 12:00 noon, Wednesday 24 May 2023 until 12:00 noon, Wednesday 12 July 2024. Maiden Erlegh Trust values your opinions and thoughts and are committed to ensuring that the community remains central to the new school. All are welcome to attend one of our consultation events:

This will be an opportunity to meet members of the Trust, ask questions and share your views. If you would like to attend one of our events, it is essential that you register using our [Registration of Interest Form](#). It will take you less than a minute to complete and will ensure you receive the most up to date information about our drop-in and online events, stakeholder consultation and project progress.

To share your views, you can also fill in our online survey [River Academy Section 10 Consultation Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](#)

To find out more about River Academy and the consultation, please visit: <https://www.river-academy.co.uk>

PE Timetable:

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

Please note:

On Thursday 6th July, year 6 children will be required to wear PE kit as they will be taking part in a year 6 multi-sport house competition.

Due to transition morning next week, Year 3 PE will be on Friday 7th July. Please can all year 3 children wear PE kit on this day.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 3 rd July	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 5 River Academy session 3.40pm – parents invited
Thursday 13 th July	Summer Family Funday
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term

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

