



# Ditton Primary Newsletter

## Message from the Staff

As we approach the final week of what has been a fantastic school year, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful things happening across Ditton Primary Academy.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families to our Stay and Play sessions. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces, and we're excited to officially welcome them into our school community in September.

Our Year 5 pupils have returned from their residential with glowing reports from the staff who accompanied them. They represented the school brilliantly, showing kindness, resilience, and great teamwork – we are incredibly proud of them.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils enjoyed two exciting days at their new high schools, taking part in transition activities. They returned full of enthusiasm and stories about the new experiences and friendships they've already started to form. We know they'll continue to shine in their new settings. We were delighted to welcome a group of Chinese exchange students to our school, where they spent time working with our Year 5 classes and formed wonderful friendships with their buddies. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about their school life and culture back home, while sharing our own routines and traditions. Before they left, we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea party together to celebrate the special time we shared.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to finishing the term with joy and celebration.

To remind you, on Monday we have our transition morning, where all children will enjoy spending time with their new teachers.

## Diary Dates

11<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year reports to parent

14<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Morning - All Classes

15<sup>th</sup> July - Y3 Trip to Chester

16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 trip to Gulliver's World

18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 2:15pm

Pupils finish for Summer at 3:20pm

# An Important Message

Stay safe this summer

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble:

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble, Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit:

<https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>

Have a very happy, and safe, summer!

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# Attendance

Class	Attendance	Lates	Class	Attendance	Lates
RTLb	96.44%	6	RRL	95.31%	1
Y1RH	92.75%	3	Y1RI	92.75%	3
Y2DP/LF	87.01%	12	Y2AP	93.18%	9
Y3KD	97.31%	3	Y3AB	92%	8
Y4TP	85%	7	Y4CH	81.82%	3
Y5ML	96.10%	3	Y5FE	89.26%	6
Y6DW	96.83%	7	Y6GB	91.60%	3

## This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y3KD with 97.3%

2nd Y6DW with 96.8%

3rd RTLb with 96.4%

## This week's Punctuality winners:

1st RRL with 1 late

2nd Y4CH, Y3KD, Y5ML and Y1RH with 3 lates

3rd RTLb and Y5FE with 6 lates



## Brilliant Behaviour

### Top classes this week

EYFS/KSI

1st - Y1RI

2nd - Y1RH

3rd - Y2FP

KS2

1st - Y3AB

2nd - Y3KD

3rd - Y5ML

### Top pupils this week

YRRL - Thea

Y1RI - Holly

Y2DP - Aliye

Y3AB - Elio

Y4CH - Henry

Y5ML - Lewis

Y6GB - Eliza

YRTLb - Jesse

Y1RH - Amelia

Y2AP - Jaxon

Y3KD - Rosie

Y4TP - Oliver

Y5FE - Arna-Leigh

Y6DW - Reva



# Our Values Certificate Winners of the Week

Koby G	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Kaylee P	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Sophie W	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Max B	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Emily S	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Grace B	Y5ML	Children First	For being a fantastic 'buddy' and supporting our Chinese students
Alex A	Y3KD	Resilience	For trying your best to stay focused and not get distracted. Well done!
Henry	Y4CH	Resilience	For completing a whole piece of writing independently
Kai	Y5ML	Resilience	For putting in lots of effort during the activities at the Conway Centre.
Aaron	Y5ML	Pioneering	For showing excellent outdoor skills, especially in raft building, rowing and climbing!
Lily	Y4TP	Children First	Always demonstrates our school values – a great role model to others!

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Katie	Y5FE	Pioneering	Showing lots of enthusiasm and getting stuck in to all activities at the Conway Centre despite feeling nervous.
Connie	Y5FE	Resilience	For facing your fears and getting stuck in to canoeing and raft building at the Conway Centre.
George	Y5FE	Children First	For being kind, helpful and encouraging to others at the Conway Centre.
Ellie	1RH	Children First	For being a kind and caring friend, offering help and support to others during class discussions.
Mubarram	RTLb	Pioneering	For showing amazing patience and creativity when building large scale models in the construction zone!
Liam R	Y2AP	Children First	For always having wonderful manners and being a role model to his friends.
Hallie	RRL	Resilience	For being a great role model to her peers, following our Ditton Expectations
Caleb	Y2DP	Resilience	For always arriving with a ready to learn attitude.
Jack	4TP	Children First	For continued hard work, effort and determination.
Jacob A	Y1RI	Pioneering	For consistently following our school expectations every day.
Bobby H	Y1RI	Resilience	For showing great determination to improve writing in English!
Ronnie	6GB	Children First	For learning all of the script for his role as Shrek in the Leavers Assembly

# What have we been up to this week?

## Reception

Reception have been enjoying the sun this week! We have built 'houses' with the large-scale construction materials to create some shade and even enjoyed our own foot spa to cool down in the hot weather!

In maths we have been working on pattern. We have identified and created repeating patterns and were even able to spot the mistakes in an extended pattern. We even used our knowledge of AB and AABB patterns to create our own bracelets.



In Art we have been creating observational paintings. We have studied real flowers and plants and thought carefully about their shape, colour and size to create beautiful artwork with water colour paints.

In English we have been planning and writing our own version of The Storm Whale story. We have been trying really hard to use our phonics knowledge to write story sentences independently.





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## Year 1

In English this week, the children have been busy finishing their hunting narratives - their final story of Year 1! We are so impressed with the imagination, effort, and writing progress they've shown. A special highlight was looking back at their very first pieces of writing from Reception. The children were amazed by how far they've come and were proud to see their own development.

In maths, we've continued working with numbers to 20, focusing on partitioning and understanding number structure. We also explored patterns—something the children found both fun and fascinating!

In PSHE the children have focused on staying safe. They discussed what to do in different situations, such as getting lost or being approached by a stranger. We also practised how to contact emergency services and talked about what information they would need to give. These are vital life skills, and the children handled these discussions with great maturity.

## Year 2

In English this week we have been editing and publishing our invention narratives. We have focused on making improvements such as spelling and grammar as well as trying our hardest with handwriting. Well done year 2!

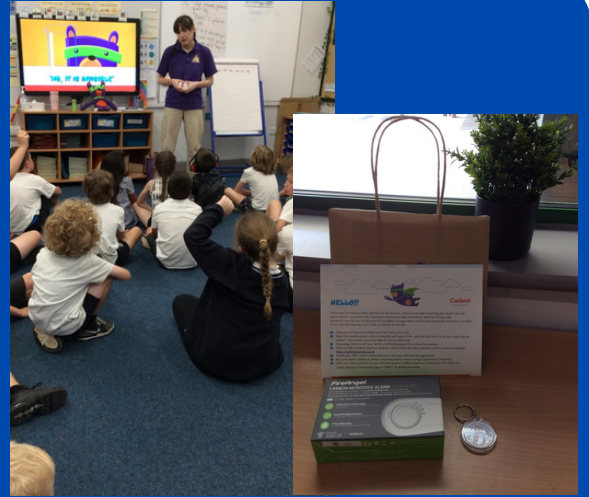
In Maths we have learned about commutativity of multiplication, leading us onto division and dividing amounts into equal groups. For this, we used resources to help calculate our answers.

In shared reading this week we have been enjoying reading the non-fiction text 'Everything Under the Sun' learning all about creatures such as spiders and bees and recalling interesting facts as well as focusing on fluency and year 2 common exception words.

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## Year 3

This week, the children took part in a workshop all about Carbon Monoxide. They really enjoyed the session and learned lots about the importance of staying safe and how to spot the dangers of Carbon Monoxide. It was a valuable and engaging learning experience for everyone! Thank you very much for the thoughtful gift bag, which included a carbon monoxide alarm and a keyring.



In English, we have been busy planning our Egyptian Mystery Narrative and we've been amazed by their creativity. The children have come up with some fantastic—and rather spooky—ideas, from secret tombs to ancient curses. We can't wait to see their imaginations come to life in their final pieces next week!

In Maths, we have been so proud of how hard the children have been working on telling the time. They have been learning to read the time to the nearest minute and I've been so impressed with their determination, focus and resilience. It's wonderful to see their confidence growing with such a tricky skill.

In Science, we have been learning all about vertebrates and invertebrates. The children have enjoyed exploring the differences between these animal groups and even had a go at using a classification key to sort and identify different animals. It's been great to see their curiosity and scientific thinking in action.

## Year 4

This week, we have been enjoying learning all about the digestive system in Science. We have named and labelled the important parts of the body that help us to digest our food.

In Maths, we are continuing to develop our understanding of fractions. Please keep practising your times tables as this will help the children when they become Year 5!

In English, we have been consolidating our knowledge and understanding of our Spelling curriculum. The children have been busy spelling words with various prefixes, such as 'auto', 'il' and 're'.

In RE, we have been learning all about Diwali—the festival of light. The children have enjoyed learning about the ways in which Hindus celebrate Diwali and have designed their own sweet treats!



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## Year 5

We have had a very different week in year 5 this week. Half of our pupils have been on their residential trip to the Conway Centre in Anglesey enjoying activities such as raft making, canoeing and zip lines (check X and Facebook for some photos) whilst the other half have enjoyed making simple hovercrafts, sculptures and participating in music lessons. We also welcomed 6 exchange students and their teachers who have travelled to the UK from China. They received fantastic support from our Y5 'buddies' who ensured that they could join in with the activities this week. They got to experience some traditional English activities and treats, including Bingo, fish and chips and afternoon tea. It has been great to see how kind our pupils were, ensuring our visitors felt welcome.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week! On Monday and Tuesday, all of our children went to their new school as part of their transition from primary to high school. The children returned on Wednesday full of excitement and stories about their new schools! Upon their return to Ditton, they were very busy rehearsing for their leavers assembly next week, even performing a dress rehearsal for our Chinese visitors on Thursday. In class we have researched, drafted and then published a biography of Oliver Cromwell and debated whether or not he was a hero or a villain! We have also completed final pieces for our own Picasso style portraits in Art in which the image appears from two different angles.