



# Ditton Primary Newsletter

## Message from the Staff

As we welcome the final month of the academic year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown by! We are so proud of all our pupils and the many achievements they've made this year.

This week, our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time on their trip to Eureka! The National Children's Museum. It was a brilliant day full of hands-on learning and exciting activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the exhibits, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity in action.

Next week, it's Year 5's turn for adventure as they head off on their much-anticipated residential trip. This is always a highlight of the year and a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop independence, resilience, and teamwork. We can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they return!

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils will be taking their next big step by spending Monday and Tuesday at their new high schools. We are incredibly proud of each of them and know they will represent Ditton with pride. We are confident they will demonstrate our Ditton Expectations, as they begin this exciting new chapter.

## Diary Dates

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 Residential

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 transition to high school

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

# Attendance

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RTLB	98.2%	5	RRL	93.8%	2
Y1RH	94.2%	0	Y1RI	90.2%	7
Y2PF	87.8%	1	Y2AP	94.0%	6
Y3KD	96.3%	5	Y3AB	87.1%	9
Y4TP	89.7%	5	Y4CH	81.6%	4
Y5ML	94.8%	8	Y5FE	93.9%	9
Y6DW	99.1%	5	Y6GB	89.7%	9

## This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y6DW with 99.1%

2nd RTLB with 98.2%

3rd Y3KD with 96.3%

## This week's Punctuality winners:

1st Y1RH with 0 lates

2nd Y2PF with 1 late

3rd RRL with 2 lates



## Brilliant Behaviour

### Top classes this week

EYFS/KSI

1st - Y1RD

2nd - Y1RI

3rd - Y2AP

KS2

1st - Y3KD

2nd - Y4TP

3rd - Y5ML

### Top pupils this week

YRRL - Oakley

Y1RI - Emmi

Y2DP - Aliye

Y3AB - Elio

Y4CH - George

Y5ML - Ellie

Y6GB - Patsy

YRTL - Jalissa

Y1RH - Bobbie-Leigh

Y2AP - Amelia

Y3KD - Rosie

Y4TP - Darcey

Y5FE - Harvey

Y6DW - Roel



# Our Values Certificate Winners of the Week

Elijah	1RH	Pioneering	For an excellent effort in history exploring the Great Fire of London.
Sophia	1RH	Resilience	For coming into class with a big smile every day this week!
Zoe	5FE	Pioneering	For creating some excellent ideas in English and debating them with enthusiasm in our class debate.
Ella	1RH	Children First	For an amazing effort in everything she does. She follows the school expectations and is a role model for others.
Reva	6DW	Children First	Being helpful, kind and responsible
Thomas	Y1RI	Resilience	Having a great attitude when coming into school and starting his day positively.
Lewis	RTLb	Children First	For always working and playing well with his classmates!
Lyra	Y1RI	Pioneering	For always following our Ditton expectations and being an overall role model!
Jack	4TP	Children First	For developing the content of his written work and trying his best.
Aria	3KD	Resilience	For showing great determination and effort with her spellings.
Jacob	3KD	Resilience	For your fantastic attitude, determination and willingness to always try your absolute best.

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Nellie	RRL	Pioneering	For always following our Ditton Expectations and being a fantastic role model!
Archie	RRL	Pioneering	For becoming more confident in your written work, making phonetically plausible attempts at longer words!
Leo L	2DP/LF	Pioneering	For fantastic ideas in English, creating a super narrative!
Yvie	2DP/LF	Children First	For always speaking to others respectfully.
Aliye	2DP/LF	Children First	For always being a fantastic role model to others, following our Ditton Expectations.
Cooper	3AB	Resilience	For following our Ditton Expectations.
Lucas R	3AB	Resilience	For improved behaviour this week.
Rueben	3AB	Resilience	For trying hard on behaviour after time off.
Eliza	6GB	Children First	Always working hard and being a good role model for others.
Koby G	5ML	Children First	For contributing to our class debate

# What have we been up to this week?

## Reception

We have had a wonderful week in reception!

In Maths we have been exploring 3D shapes. We have recognised and named the shape of the faces and have also explored shape nets.

In English we have completed further research of whales and have used these facts in our sentence writing. Ask the children what amazing whale facts they can wow you with!



In Geography we have been learning about ocean pollution and were shocked to learn how much plastic is floating amongst the sea life. We came up with suggestions of how we can minimise our use of plastic and learned about the importance of recycling!

We have also enjoyed lots of outdoor learning this week, including creating potions in the mud kitchen, building impressive structures in the construction zone and tending to our plants!

Children have been working creatively in the continuous provision, we have had lots of imaginative play and examples of fantastic working together. Children have worked hard to demonstrate our Ditton Expectations, earning lots of green Tracklts!



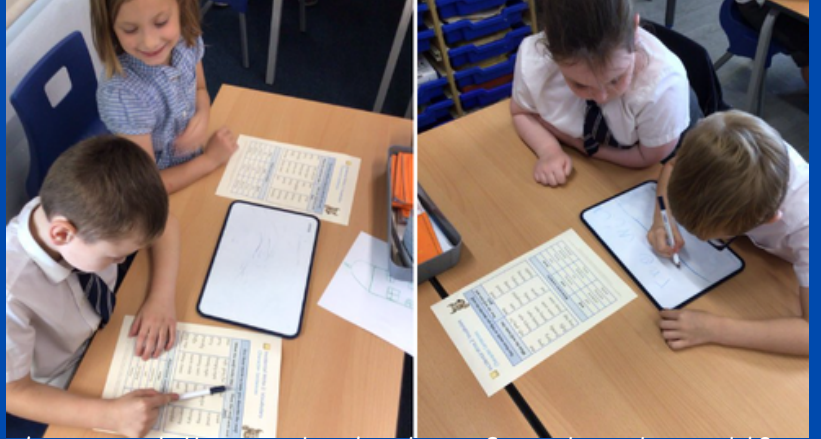


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## Year 1

Year 1 have worked incredibly well this week and have enjoyed immersing themselves into lots of new topics. This week in English, children worked collaboratively to write a character description based on the book *The Last Wolf* by Mini Grey. They discussed the main characters

in small groups, identified adjectives to describe appearance and personality, and co-constructed descriptive sentences. The focus was on extending vocabulary. In maths, children have learned to count objects from 11 to 19. They used concrete resources such as



ten frames, Numicon, cubes, and counters to support their understanding of numbers beyond 10. Activities included making and recognising teen numbers as "10 and some more," which built their confidence in place value knowledge.

This week in history, children began learning about events beyond living memory, focusing on The Great Fire of London. They explored what life was like in London in 1666, how the fire started, and why it spread so quickly. Children used pictures and simple historical sources to identify a timeline of the fire.

## Year 2

Another week of hard work in year 2!

In English we have continued to write our invention narratives, focusing on using exclamation sentences and noun phrases to enable our writing to be interesting and engaging.

In Maths we have continued to recall our 5- and 10-times tables and we have learned about arrays and how this can help us to write a number sentence.

In Geography we have researched all about the continent of Antarctica and compared this to the other continents we have learned about. In Science we have continued to monitor the growth of our plants focusing on different temperatures and writing up the results.

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## Year 3

In Maths, we have started an exciting new unit on Time! The children are working hard to secure their skills in telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. It would be fantastic if you could support this learning at home by asking your child to tell the time throughout the day. Every little bit of practice makes a big difference!

In English, we are continuing to plan our exciting Egyptian Mystery Narratives. They have been busy developing their characters, settings and plots, and we are looking forward to seeing their creativity shine when they begin writing their stories soon.

In RE, we enjoyed learning about the incredible Fauja Singh. The children were truly amazed to discover that he ran marathons even after turning 100 years old! It sparked some wonderful discussions about determination, faith and resilience.

In DT, we have started to plan and sketch designs for our pencil cases. The children have been full of creative ideas and are very excited to begin making their final products.



## Year 4



Both classes enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Eureka! Science museum this week. All children enjoyed learning more about the digestive system and had a great time exploring all of the 'hands on' activities that were available. Staff at the museum commented on the children's excellent behaviour and we are super proud of this. In Maths, we are beginning to place fractions on a blank number line, whilst moving on to looking at how to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers.

In English, we are beginning to make predictions about our new text, 'The Journey'.

In Science, we have planned an investigation to see what effect different liquids have on our teeth –watch this space for our results!



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## Year 5

Children have enjoyed another week of learning in Year 5!

In Miss Edwards' maths group, we have been estimating angles, as well looking at regular and irregular polygons. In Mr Linakers and Mrs Molloys maths groups, we have been consolidating our knowledge of multiplication and division using a range of strategies to solve problems.

In English, children have started their new text 'King Kong'. We have been making predictions about what the text is about, using key vocabulary from the text to write our own sentences, in addition to looking at arguments for and against keeping gorillas in captivity.

In DT, we have enjoyed looking at the differences between pulleys and gears. We have started to make our own pulleys and gears to consolidate our understanding.

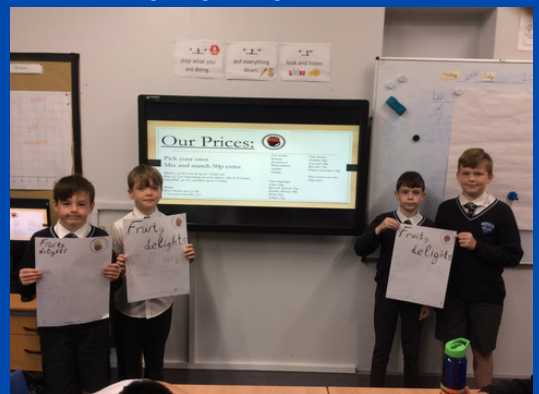
In Science, we have started our new topic 'Animals including humans'. Children have been learning about pre-natal development and gestation periods of different animals.

Year 5 children are very excited and looking forward to their residential to Conway next week!

## Year 6

We have been practising for the year 6 leavers afternoon which will now take place at 2.15pm (doors will open at 1.45pm) on the final day of term - Friday, July 18th. In class we have been finishing our narratives on the story of 'The Arrival', learning about perimeter and area in Maths, and in science finding out about reflection and absorption of light. In History, we have discovered about how Halton links to the English Civil War, including fighting at Halton Castle, while in Art we have 'painted with scissors' taking inspiration from the work of Picasso and Matisse.

Please don't forget that all year 6 children will spend Monday and Tuesday in their new schools for transition to secondary school and refer to communication from your child's new school as regards what to wear and bring.



Pictured: The winning Enterprise group – Fruity Delights (James, Alek, George and Luke).