



# Ditton Primary Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for an exciting few weeks ahead at Ditton Primary Academy.

We're kicking off the term with updates from our Year 5 and 6 pupils on their incredible residential trip to Peru. An unforgettable experience full of cultural discovery and personal growth. We can't wait to hear all about it when they return!

Back at school, there's plenty to look forward to. Transition events are planned for all pupils, including two days with their new teachers to help them feel confident about the year ahead. Each year group will also enjoy an end-of-year enrichment, a chance to celebrate their achievements and make lasting memories.

As always, our Children First value guides everything we do. This term, we'll continue to build resilience and help every child finish the year with pride and a strong sense of readiness.

Thank you for your continued support—we're excited for a fantastic end to the school year!

## Diary Dates

### JUNE

10<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS New Starter Meeting - 4:30pm

- Y5 trip to Bewilderwood

13<sup>th</sup> June - Rec/Y1 Trip - Safari Park

25<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 Trip to Otterspool

27<sup>th</sup> June - INSET day: School closed to pupils

### JULY

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Y4 Trip to Eureka

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Days

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

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 @9.30am

# What have we been up to this week?

## Reception

Welcome back to the final half term of Reception. This half term we will be spending lots of time preparing for the move to Year 1, ensuring that children are fully prepared for the transition.

In English, we found a whale that needed our help. We thought about how we could look after it, thinking about its needs and what it might eat. We read *The Storm Whale*, by Benji Davies, and made links to our own ideas about how to look after a lost whale.

In Maths, we have been learning about the number system beyond 20, we looked at a 0-99 square, and noticed patterns in the lines of numbers. We applied our knowledge of digits to identify the missing number from the tracks.

In our topics this week, we have started to identify key features of the seaside, and compared the setting to our own environment. We looked at some seaside resorts around the UK.

Reminders: Please can you ensure that children's reading books are in school each day, to ensure their availability when there are opportunities to read with an adult. Please can we also ask that snack money is paid ASAP.

## Year 1

It's been a fantastic start to the second half of the term! Year One have returned full of energy and enthusiasm.

In English, we've introduced our exciting new topic based on the story *The Last Wolf*. To help bring the story to life, the children have enjoyed engaging in roleplay, stepping into the shoes of the characters to explore their thoughts, feelings, and actions. This has really helped deepen their understanding of the story and inspired some brilliant discussions and imaginative responses.

In Maths, the children have now completed their work on subtracting within 10 using partitioning. They've worked hard to build their confidence with this method and are now ready to move on to the next stage in their learning journey.

In Science, we've continued our exploration of energy sources, looking at how we use energy both in the classroom and at home. The children have shown great curiosity, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their own observations about how we power different appliances and why it's important to think about where our energy comes from.

## Year 2

Year 2 have settled in well after the half term. We have worked really hard and have been focused with our learning.

In English we have begun reading our new narrative 'Rosie Revere Engineer', making predictions and looking closely at vocabulary. We have also written a character description for Rosie Revere, which will help to embed ideas for our invention narratives.

In Maths we have been finding the difference using number lines, bar charts and bar models. We have also been solving word problems using our learned subtraction methods.

In Geography we have explored the continent of North America. We have compared the continents we have learned so far in terms of size and population as well as the number of countries.

What a fun week of learning! Keep up the enthusiasm Year 2!

# What have we been up to this week?

## Year 3

Year 3 have started off our last term of the year really well. We have compared destinations in maths, looking at the start and end times. In English, we have begun our new unit 'Egyptology', we have predicted what might happen and we have also wrote sentences using vocabulary from the vehicle and example texts. In science we have looked at the function of a skeleton and we have also looked at the function of muscles. In geography we have wrote a fact file all about Greece.

## Year 4

Year 4 have had another great push on times tables and most of us have completed our multiplication check. We have also completed arithmetic assessments which covered all four operations, and fractions. We can't wait to see our results. In English, we were introduced to a persuasive letter written by the story enders imploring parents to forgo bedtime stories until the happy endings have been returned. We used it to explore some new vocabulary such as traumatic, catastrophic and conscience. In Geography, we continued our work on Rivers and investigated how rivers are used. We explored the positive and negative effects of each use. In Science, We continued our work on electricity by investigating which materials are conductors and which are insulators. In Music, we were very excited to begin learning how to play the guitar. Miss Mather was very impressed!

## Year 5

The children have settled quickly back into a routine after the half term. In English, we have completed our survival narrative- the children have tried hard to include the writer's knowledge and vocabulary we have discussed over recent weeks. In computing we have started creating films on the I-Pads, considering the different techniques to get the best shot. We are all looking forward to our visit to BeWILDerwood next Tuesday. Please make sure you have given permission for your child to attend. There will be further information next week about our residential visit to Conway. Don't forget to check if you have an outstanding balance for this visit.

## Year 6



Year 6 have had a busy but enjoyable first week back that has included pie charts, discussions about secondary schools in PSHE, as well as visits from staff from Wade Deacon and OCA, as well as beginning our leavers performance. We have also been writing diary entries as the character Auggie from RJ Palacio's wonderful novel 'Wonder'. Don't forget that we are going to Gullivers World on July 16th and payment is required in advance, and on the last day of term there will be a Leavers performance in the hall for all year 6 parents.

# Certificate Winners

Name	School Value	Reason
Elio	Children first	Being helpful within lessons
Noah	Resilience	Contributing to lessons
Grace B	Resilience	For working hard in our arithmetic assessments
Aaron E	Resilience	For working hard in our arithmetic assessments
Tommy	Pioneering	For a super effort in your phonics assessment!
Alek	Pioneering	An incredible diary entry with great use of adverbials
Alina	Pioneering	For being an amazing role model to others
Noah T	Pioneering	For being an amazing role model to others
Lillie R	Pioneering	For your fantastic work on the most recent phonics assessments
Hugo B	Resilience	For an excellent start to school life at Ditton Primary
Holly F	Children first	For being a great helper to our new member of our class!
Jay C	Resilience	For showing wonderful resilience while working with a new adult. Your bright smile makes everyone smile too!
Amelia B	Pioneering	Excellent work in English. She was able to demonstrate brilliantly how to trap a wolf through roleplay! Well done!
Anna	Children First	For fantastic effort reading regularly at home.
April	Children First	For fantastic effort reading regularly at home.
Poppy	Children First	For fantastic effort reading regularly at home.
Ezra	Children First	For always presenting himself with kindness and respect.



## Achievements outside of school



We are congratulating Aaron this week! He competed at two Kuk Sool Won (Korean martial arts) championships over the holidays.

At both tournaments he entered 3 categories in the 9-12yr old group for his belt level.

In Scotland, he achieved a gold and 2 bronze awards and at the European Championships, he achieved 2 golds and a silver. What an amazing achievement! We are all so proud of you.

*Proud  
of you*

# Attendance

## Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/LT	94.1%	3	RRJL	94.5%	3
Y1RH	100%	1	Y1LD	98.1%	6
Y2LA	73.3%	6	Y2AP	94.3%	3
Y3KD	95.9%	4	Y3AB	91.7%	2
Y4TP	91.5%	7	Y4CH	92.1%	3
Y5ML	96.4%	4	Y5LW	85.5%	4
Y6DW	98.0%	2	Y6GB	86.5%	3

### This week's Attendance winners:

1st YIRD, with 100%

2nd YILD with 98.1

3rd Y6DW with 98%

### This week's Punctuality winners:

1st YIRD with 1 late

2nd Y6DW and Y3AB with 2 lates

3rd RRJL, Y2AP, RKLB&LT, Y4CH Y6GB with 3 lates

## *Attendance and Punctuality Reminder*

As we settle back into the school routine after the half-term break, we've seen a noticeable increase in late arrivals. We'd like to kindly remind all parents and carers to ensure children arrive on time each day.

If your child is going to be late, please call Mrs Noone on the attendance line at 0151 424 5861 (Option 2) to inform us.

For any absences, it is essential that you contact Mrs Noone daily before 8:50am. If no reason is provided, a home visit may be necessary to check on your child's welfare.

If you're planning time away from school for reasons other than illness or a medical appointment, you must complete an absence request form in advance. These are available from the school office or on our website. Please note that holidays during term time are not authorised, and may result in a fine.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality.



# Brilliant Behaviour

We are so proud of our pupils - out of all the behaviour logged on Track-it lights this week - 97% has been positive!

## Top classes this week

EYFS/KSI

1st - YIRD

2nd - YILD

3rd - 2AP

KS2

1st - Y4CH

2nd - Y4TP

3rd - 3KD

## Top pupils this week

YRRL - Lillie

YIRI - Emmie

Y2DP - Ezra

Y3AB - Cooper

Y4CH - Alfie T

Y5ML - Ellie

Y6GB - Yasminne

RTLb - Grace

YIRH - Ellie

Y2AP - Skyla-Mai

Y3KD - Finn K

Y4TP - Darcie

Y5FE - Harvey R

Y6DW - Holly

