

Weekly Newsletter

10th May 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Our Year 3 pupils had a wonderful day out in Chester, where they consolidated their learning about the Romans. The experience allowed them to immerse themselves in history and gain a deeper understanding of the subject. We have captured the memorable moments of the day and shared them on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Additionally, we are proud of our Year 2 students who represented the school at a football tournament. They displayed exceptional skill and sportsmanship, making us all proud of their achievements on the field.

We have been working closely with the company that will be taking over the provision of school meals after Halton informed us of their decision to discontinue this service. We are excited to invite parents into the school soon to taste the meals on offer and have any questions answered. This will ensure a smooth transition and provide you with the opportunity to experience the new offerings firsthand.

Finally, we would like to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our Year 6 students as they prepare for the upcoming tests. We have encouraged them to have a relaxing weekend, enjoy the sunshine, and approach the tests with confidence, knowing that they are well-prepared and ready to shine.



Diary Dates

Summer Term

MAY

13th – Year 6 Tests and Breakfast Club
21st – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day (1.30pm)
22nd – EYFS Sports Day (2pm)
23rd – Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Sports Day (1.30pm)
24th – School Closes for Half term

JUNE

7th – Year 1 trip – Knowsley Safari
20th – Year 4 trip to Eureka
28th – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

JULY

1st/2nd – Year 6 transition days
3rd – 5th – Year 5 Residential
8th – 12th – Students from China Visiting
12th – Reports to parents
9th – Fun food chef (Year 5)
18th – School Closes for summer

Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/NW	81.	4	RRJL	95.0	3
Y1RD	91.6	3	Y1LD	90.8	3
Y2CH	96.3	3	Y2AP	94.2	0
Y3LA	94.3	3	Y3TP	89.5	9
Y4AL	93.1	2	Y4BM	93.3	4
Y5ML	84.1	4	Y5LW	89.0	2
Y6DW	84.6	3	Y6GB	91.0	5

This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y2CH

2nd RRJL

3rd Y3LA

This week's punctuality winners:

1st Y2AP

2nd Y4AL & Y5LW

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO INFORM SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FOR ANY REASON.

Y6 KS2 SATS WEEK ALL NEXT WEEK

Y6-Don't forget its SATs Week next week and a good breakfast is fuel to get the children through their exams.

Y6 Classroom doors will be open from 8.00am and there will be croissants, pancakes and chocolate spread on the menu to support our hard-working Y6 pupils through the week.





If you don't normally arrive till around 8.30-8.35, don't worry, we'll save you some.

If you usually find it hard getting up in time to eat a hearty breakfast, come early and a free breakfast will be served by your teachers and teaching assistants.

Remember, tests start at 9.30am so if you are running late, give us a call to help if we can

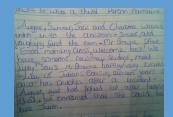
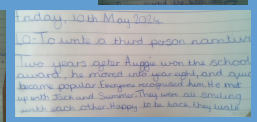
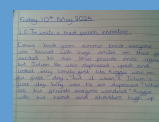
See what we've been up to!

Look at our twitter page (@ditton_ps) to see even more!

<p>Reception</p> <p>This week we have really enjoyed the sunny weather and have been making the most of it by learning outside as much as possible! We even enjoyed our snack outside and had an outdoor dance party as a treat! In maths we have been focusing on identifying and naming 3D shapes. We have been on a shape hunt and built models using a variety of different 3D shapes. In English we have continued to work on our key text 'The Extraordinary Gardener' and have been writing transformation sentences. We also enjoyed practicing for sports day on the field and were brilliant at cheering our friends on!</p>  	<p>Year 1</p> <p>In Year 1 this week... The children have enjoyed writing a kenning poem and character description for a 'Wild Thing' in English. The children have looked at nouns, adjectives and verbs and have included these within their independent writing. In Maths this week, we have been learning to count in 2s and 5s. The children were looking for patterns in numbers and were even able to solve some word problems! In RE, we have continued to look at Hinduism and how Hindus worship statues (murtis) and photographs of their favourite deities. We linked this to other faiths we have looked at previously and discussed how statues play a role in worship. In Art this week, the children are continuing to work on their final piece 'Wildflower Meadow'. The children have been able to draw inspiration from the lovely plants and flowers in our outdoor environment.</p> <p>Reminder -As the weather is becoming much warmer, please ensure your child has a sun hat for break/lunch times and suncream is applied. Thank you :)</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>In Maths this week we have been learning about measure and have been looking at volume and mass.</p> <p>We have been writing our letters to the King to ask him lift the ban on the dark. Children have been applying all of their wonderful year 2 knowledge and their writing has really impressed us!</p> <p>In Science we have been discussing habitats and the plants and animals that live in them. Children are beginning to understand how these living things adapt to their environment. In RE children are enjoying learning about the religion of Hinduism and the ways Hindus show their devotion to God.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>It may have been shorter week but we have had so much fun! We enjoyed our trip to Chester on Tuesday, where we learnt different Roman army defensive techniques in the amphitheatre. We enjoyed a workshop in the museum, where we learnt about what life was like during the Roman times. There was lots to do and it supported our learning in class! In other news, we have continued to learn about the Sikh faith and we have started to plan and write our character narrative in English.</p>  	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have enjoyed another busy week. In writing we have looked at a diary entry from one of the characters, 'Maheek,' and took inspiration from this using emotive language and working towards writing our own diary entry. In maths we have been using our knowledge of decimals and applying it to the topic, money. We have enjoyed converting pounds to pence and working out amounts of money from coins we are given. In PE we enjoyed a game of cricket and rounders, the sunshine even came out for!</p> <p>In music we sung 'Mr Blue Sky' with different harmonies and parts and some people even had a go at being the choir master.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Another busy week for Year 5! The children have started looking at our new writing genre: A survival guide. We have been looking at bossy, imperative verbs and their importance when giving instructions!</p> <p>This week, we have also moved onto our new unit in maths: measure. The children have been thoroughly enjoying our new science unit and the range of experiments we have been able to carry out!</p>

Year 6

A big thanks to every pupil and parent that have helped the after-school tuition sessions happen. They have been a real success and we have seen some amazing progress from children who have attended and worked hard. They have now ended so please be aware that children will return to the routine of being picked up or walking home after school. In school this week, children have applied their cricket skills to rounders in PE, have learnt about different types of classical music in the Presto music sessions. In Writing, the children have been creating their own third person narratives based on R.J. Palacio's seminal novel 'Wonder'. As you can see from the example, there have been some really superb efforts – well done Lois, Mila and Polly!





Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
May B	Children First	For being a supportive friend and helping others with their learning!
Gabryellah	Children First	For displaying excellent behaviour, kindness and good manners.
Bobby G	Children First	Fantastic effort in his narrative writing.
Poppy	Pioneering	For a fantastic effort to take part in class discussions this week. She has shared some brilliant ideas, especially in science. Well done!
Lyra D	Children First	For always demonstrating positive behaviour and contributing to all of our class discussions!
Jake B	Pioneering	Answering questions and getting involved during our Roman trip to Chester
Thomas O	Pioneering	For writing a fantastic character description plan in English this week. Thomas used fantastic adjectives and verbs in his plan.
Polly W-H	Children First	Demonstrating fantastic friendship qualities.
Ruben	Resilience	For working hard in our carpet sessions.