

Weekly Newsletter

10th November 2023

Message from the Head of School

Welcome back after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break. It is always a pleasure to see the children return with renewed energy and enthusiasm for their learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 2 students on their recent trip to Staircase House. They had the opportunity to explore and learn about the Great Fire of London, which has greatly enhanced their understanding of this historical event. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers who made this trip possible.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the IceCats team who came in to train both the children and staff on emergency preparedness. It is vital that we equip our students with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe in any situation. Thank you to all the parents who attended the coffee morning to learn more about this important work.

This week, our children in Years 1 to 6 have been undertaking assessments. These assessments will provide us with valuable insights into their progress and areas for development. The results will be shared with parents during the upcoming parent consultation sessions.

Looking ahead, we have Children in Need day on Friday, 17th November. We encourage all students to come to school dressed in their spottiest attire and to donate £1 for non-uniform. Let's come together as a school community to support this worthy cause.

Lastly, I would like to remind parents about the upcoming parent consultation sessions on 22nd and 23rd November. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress during the first term and to explore ways to support them going forward. You will also have the chance to discuss the interim reports that will be sent out on 20th November.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that they achieve their full potential.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term

NOVEMBER

- 17th – Children in need Non-Uniform
- 20th – Parent Surveys
- 20th – Interim reports to parents
- 22nd/23rd – Parent consultations

DECEMBER

- 1st – Own Clothes day (items for hampers)
- 6/7/8th – Breakfast with Santa (more details soon)
- 8th – Y6 Frodsham Forest trip
- 11th – Christmas Crafts with Parents (Reception/Y1)
- 12th – Christmas crafts with parents (year 3 and Year 4)
- 13th – Christmas crafts with parents (Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6)
- 12th – KS1 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)
- 13th – EYFS Nativity (1.30pm)
- 13th – KS1 Nativity Performance (5pm)
- 14th – EYFS Nativity (9.30am)
- 14th – Christmas Disco
- 15th – Y4 at St P&P
- 18th – Attendance Reward Sessions
- 19th – Christmas Fair
- 20th – Attendance reward sessions
- 20th – School Closes for Christmas

Attendance

Class	% Attendance	Lates	Class	% Attendance	Lates
RMWLB	95.7	4	RRL	90.8	0
Y1RD	94.0	6	Y1LD	95.8	2
Y2CH	94.9	6	Y2AP	96.0	3
Y3LA	96.5	2	Y3TP	90.0	3
Y4AL	95.3	4	Y4AM	94.3	2
Y5ML	88.5	3	Y5LW	95.9	3
Y6DW	94.3	5	Y6GB	98.6	4

The class with the best attendance in lower school was Y2AP with 96% from Mon –Fri this week.

Y2AP children will be entered into a prize draw this week.

The class with the best attendance in upper school is Y6GB with 98.6% from Mon-Fri this week.

Y6GB children will be entered into a prize draw this week.

The 3 classes with the fewest lates this week were RRL (0 lates), Y3LA (2 lates) and Y4AM (2 lates). Each of these classes has won 15m extra playtime in the coming week

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

If you do not ring in for each and every day of absence by 8.50am, the school is obliged to mark your child's registration certificate with 'NO REASON'.

Safeguarding protocols do not allow us to leave this code unchanged in the register. Therefore, we are obliged to ring all your contact numbers, ping messages to you, send emails or come out on a home visit in order to obtain a reason from you for your child's absence.

So please, save us all this trouble and inform us of any and all absences by 8.50am each day.




Thankyou,

Mr. Gornell

Attendance Officer

See what we've been up to!

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

<p>Reception</p> <p>The children have had a busy first week back after half term. The week started with a Diwali workshop where the children learned a special dance to retell the story of Rama and Sita. In English we have introduced our new text The Star in the Jar. We have looked at some treasures from the story and discussed things that are special to us. In maths we have been counting accurately to 10 and have been on a number hunt where we had to count the correct amount of objects to match the numeral. In phonics we have learned the sounds ff, ll, ss and j and have been working really hard on blending words to read.</p>	<p>Year 1</p>  <p>The children have had a great first week back after half term. We loved hearing about all of the wonderful things the children got up to over the holiday. The children have been introduced to their new book 'Old Bear' and have enjoyed writing predictions about what might happen in the story. Please remember to read at least 3 times a week and log on Boom Reader to ensure your child gets extra play.</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Y2 made a great start to the half term by going to learn more about the Great Fire of London at Staircase House. The children enjoyed dressing up as significant people from the time and acted out the main events of the fire. We looked at sources from the time such as extracts from the diary of Samuel Pepys, paintings and leather buckets. We even had a go at making our own wattle & daub by weaving sticks and adding clay to seal any holes.</p>  
<p>Year 3</p> <p>Year 3 have really impressed us this week as they have started the new half term brilliantly. We have enjoyed exploring our new English text 'Fox' and have been learning all about similes and why and how we can use them. The children enjoyed writing their own simile poem about the Fox from our story. In maths we have been using our number bonds to 10 to help us when adding tricky calculations. We have also enjoyed completing our termly assessments and showing off all that we know. We are very impressed with the children and how hard they are working.</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the term. We have started to explore our new book in English 'Leaf' and we are looking forward to investigating its themes and techniques even more. We had a wonderful visit from ICECATS to learn about safety in emergencies. In maths we have continued to look at our addition and subtraction, but we have also been busy completing our termly assessments. We are proud of how much the children have done and how hard they are working. Please remember to log your daily reads on boom reader and don't forget to keep up with TT Rockstars!</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Year 5 have started the new half-term with the attitude that we have come to expect from them. We have begun reading our new English text – 'FARThER' and will be working towards writing a first-person setting narrative describing a key event. In maths we have been consolidating our use of formal written methods for subtraction. Our science unit this half-term is focused on 'forces' and we have recalled previous learning and reminded ourselves of some of the scientific vocabulary associated with this topic. Our reading challenges will continue this half-term, Children who read and log this on Boom on 5 different days will be rewarded each Friday.</p>
<p>Year 6</p> <p>We have had a great start to the new half term, which has included visits from both ICECATS (regarding emergency procedures) and our Spanish teacher. On top of this, we have used pooters and magnifiers to explore the invertebrates living in our school's back garden! We found ten known species and discussed the features of six unknown species! Thomas was particularly proud of the False Widow spider that he found (see pictured). In English, we have begun exploring the fictional narrative 'A Story Like the Wind', while in Maths we have been using the long division method to calculate. We have also been learning the pentatonic scale for the acoustic guitar in Music and begun learning about Hinduism in R.E.</p> 		



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Lucianna M	Resilience	Working hard and completing tasks even when not feeling 100%.
Reece F	Children First	Working hard to improve his understanding and contributing to class
Natalya	Children First	Being a kind friend and helping others with their work
Oscar P	Pioneering	Being an excellent role model in all aspects of school life and always completing his work to a high standard
Tyler M	Resilience	Scoring top marks in a Maths assessment test.
Ronnie M	Pioneering	For fantastic sight reading in phonics sessions this week. Keep up the great work, Ronnie!
Eliza A	Resilience	For gaining confidence and overcoming worries
Amberly R	Resilience	Consistently producing fantastic work during maths sessions!
Charlie M	Children First	Being a fabulous friend and helping others. Well done, Charlie!
Perry G	Resilience	Excellent effort with phonics all week, well done!
Broadie P	Children First	For coming back to school with an excellent attitude and following instructions.
Lily Miller	Children First	For contributing well during class and for having a positive attitude at all times.
Thomas R	Resilience	For showing enthusiasm during carpet inputs, well done!
Charlie R	Resilience	For trying hard when given new tasks and working hard to read tricky words
Reegan	Resilience	For working so hard to perform well in Maths assessments
Jacob B	Resilience	For having a positive attitude all week, despite his injury. He has been full of sunshine and optimism all week
Presley C	Children First	For making a wonderful start to the half term. He has been working hard and trying his best.

Delighted to be Ditton!

We have such a talented group of children in our school! This week we have celebrated achievements in dance, rugby, jujitsu and ice skating! Please remember that we are happy to share achievements from activities outside school in our newsletter and in our Friday celebration assemblies! Email the office (ditton.office@wpat.uk) with any pictures of achievements you are happy to share!



Well done Ollie – he was awarded player of the season by the coaches at his rugby club! Well done to Ollie for being a valuable member of the team for the whole season!

Well done Connor! He achieved his yellow belt in jujitsu (the third belt!). Well done for all his hard work and dedication each week!

