

# Weekly Newsletter

20th October 2023

## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am sure that you're aware that we recently welcomed Ofsted to our school, and I am proud to say that our children were a credit to their parents. We will be sharing the Ofsted report with you as soon as it is published, and we would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the parents for their valuable contribution to the inspection process.

In other news, our classes have been working hard to earn their 'Ditton Dots' rewards. Although some activities had to be amended due to the weather, I would like to extend a big well done to all the classes that successfully achieved their targets. It is always a pleasure to witness our students' dedication and determination.

I would also like to thank all the parents who attended our phonics meeting. We firmly believe that children make the greatest progress when school and home work in partnership, and we hope that the information shared during the meeting will be of great support to you.

Our recent spooky film night was a resounding success, and I am thrilled to announce that we raised over £800 for our school funds. Your continued support is truly invaluable, and we are incredibly grateful for it.

Please note that we will be breaking up for a two-week holiday today. The children will return to school on Monday, 6th November, at the usual start time of 8.35 - 8.50am.

Lastly, I would like to remind you to keep an eye out for our Facebook page (@dittonprimaryacademyschool), as important notices and information will be posted there. We are also planning to further develop this page next half term, so stay tuned!

On Monday, 6th November, ICECATS will be hosting an information coffee morning for parents. They will be working with our children on how to stay safe, and this coffee morning will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about their work.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.



## Diary Dates

*Autumn Term*

**NOVEMBER**

6<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens

6<sup>th</sup> – Y2 History Trip

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – ICECAT training

6<sup>th</sup> – ICECAT coffee morning

9am

20<sup>th</sup> – Parent Surveys

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> - Parent consultations

**DECEMBER**

12<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)

13<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity (1.30pm)

13<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Nativity Performance (5pm)

14<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Nativity (9.30am)

14<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Disco

19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fair

20<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for Christmas

## Attendance

Class	% Attendance	Lates	Class	% Attendance	Lates
RMWLB	86.1	4	RRL	84.6	4
Y1RD	89.1	6	Y1LD	90.8	5
Y2CH	93.3	6	Y2AP	92.4	3
Y3LA	90.6	5	Y3TP	91.0	8
Y4AL	91.2	4	Y4AM	93.2	4
Y5ML	88.8	7	Y5LW	89.5	2
Y6DW	93.5	6	Y6GB	89.6	6

KS1 Attendance winners this week are Y2CH with 93.3%. They will have a prize draw.

KS2 Attendance winners this week are Y6DW with 93.5%. They will have a prize draw.

The class with the fewest lates in Lower School was Y2AP. They win an extra 15m playtime.

The class with the fewest lates in Upper School was Y5LW. They also win an extra 15m play time this week.

Our KS2 winner chose a family voucher to Ice Planet.

Our KS1 winner chose a voucher for 2 to visit Jellybeans.

I hope our prize winners enjoy using their vouchers during the half term break.

### Reminder

When we return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, if your child is absent for ANY reason, please inform school before 8.50am.

You can inform the school of your child's absence by calling 0151 424 5861 and choosing option 1







or emailing [ditton.absence@wpat.uk](mailto:ditton.absence@wpat.uk)

It is school policy that parents contact the school **every day** of their child's absence before 8.50am

If you do not inform us, it is our duty of care to make every effort to contact you to establish the reason for your child's absence. This includes sending pings, emails and making home visits.

# See what we've been up to!

Look at our twitter page (@ditton\_ps) to see even more!

<p><b>Reception</b></p>  <p>EYFS have had a very busy week. We have competed our first writing outcome for our story Dan and the Dark Hole. We have completed our first phonics assessments, and impressed our teachers and we have ended the week with a spooky film afternoon, wearing our PJs all day and enjoying dances and party food. On behalf of the whole EYFS team, we hope you have a fantastic holiday and thank you for your continued support.</p>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p>  <p>The children have finished their first story in Year 1 and we are so pleased with their efforts! We can't wait to watch them progress over the year into wonderful writers! Year 1 also had a great time in Forest School this week, toasting marshmallows over the fire. The weather didn't put them off! Over the holiday, we would like the children to read as much as possible and the adults to log this on Boom Reader. There will be a prize for children who read the most!</p>	<p><b>Year 2</b></p>  <p>Year 2 have had a very busy week this week! We ended the week with a spooky film. This was so much fun as children got to come in dressed up in Halloween costumes, which they loved! We ended the half term with our Ditton Dot rewards. 2CH had a Teddy bear picnic with a movie and 2AP Enjoyed a pyjama party! We wish everybody a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all after the two-week break.</p> 
<p><b>Year 3</b></p> <p>Exciting news! This week, we have received a letter from the Town Mayor. They have asked for some help to capture the Iron Man. It is believed that he was last seen running away from a big hill, having disturbed a young family who were having a picnic. During half term, please can you keep a look out for this monstrous, metallic machine that is causing mayhem in the local area. If you see any possible sightings, could you please send us a picture to the school twitter page?! Have a lovely break.</p>	<p><b>Year 4</b></p>  <p>Year 4 have worked hard this week to finish their newspaper reports in a formal style with lots of quotes. In maths we have worked on formal subtraction, starting the rename when working with thousands numbers. In art we looked at the work of mosaic artist Cleo Mussi and enjoyed working in her style, making mosaics. 4AM enjoyed a great silent disco as their Ditton dots reward and 4AL have had an arts and crafts afternoon. Have wonderful half term.</p>	<p><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>What a busy half term it has been! The children have continued to work super hard this week and the year 5 team are extremely proud of them!</p> <p>This week the children have finished publishing their biographies about Henry 'Box' Brown.</p> <p>The children have finished their science unit on Animals including Humans and have been able to show off their fantastic knowledge in their end of unit assessment.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>  <p>A big thank you to all the parents and staff (including our governor Mr. Whittaker!) for supporting our children during the Widnes Football League. The boys and girls produced some wonderful football throughout and finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, in the top half of the table. Congratulations to Ava for a dazzling display in defence this week which won her the Player of the Week medal. We had a really fun and interesting week with the Spooky Film on Thursday, and a Silent Disco in 6DW on Friday!</p> <p>In classroom studies, we have solved multiplication problems, written a Bravery award speech and studied the Treaty of Versailles in History. On top of this, the children have been learning daily routines in Spanish and have practised basketball in PE. Have a great half-term holiday!</p>		



# Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Kai L	Resilience	For trying really hard with his biography writing
Noah R	Resilience	For being a happy member of our class all week and always trying his best. Well done, Noah!
Oisin	Children First	For always trying his best in everything he does. His confidence is building by the day and it is fantastic to see. Well done, Oisin!
Mila S	Children First	Excellent speaking and listening about our school and the work we do.
Layla Q	Children First	Excellent speaking and listening about our school and the work we do.
Brooke M	Children First	Excellent speaking and listening about our school and the work we do.
William E	Children First	Excellent speaking and listening about our school and the work we do.
Alex O	Children First	Excellent speaking and listening about our school and the work we do.
Mia	Pioneering	For fantastic retrieval work in art this week. Mia was able to name specific techniques used in college.
Fraser	Children First	For supporting his friends when they need help with their work.
Sophia	Pioneering	For trying hard with blending CVC words in phonics.
Jacob	Pioneering	For excellent work in phonics and during carpet sessions.
Darci K	Children First	For being a kind, considerate member of our class.
Koby G	Children First	For following the school expectations and being a great role model.
Freddie	Children First	For having an excellent attitude towards his learning.
Chloe	Pioneering	For using new vocabulary.
Phoebe J	Children First	For always being her best self and setting a wonderful example to her friends.

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# 500 WORDS

2023

Calling all 5-11  
year-olds!  
Can you write an  
amazing story of  
500 words or under?

Your story could  
be read on TV to  
**millions!**

Competition opens  
26th September - 10th November.  
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to  
[bbc.co.uk/  
500words](http://bbc.co.uk/500words)

