

Weekly Newsletter

29th September 2023

Message from the Head of School

Another busy week! Staff completed a book look taking samples of work from each class to look at consistency and progression across the school. It was fantastic to see the positive start made and the learning that is evident already. We are looking forward to sharing these achievements at the parent consultations in November.

In other news, our school football team had their first matches this week. They displayed great sportsmanship and determination, winning one match, drawing another, and unfortunately losing one. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to their future games.

I am pleased to announce that eight more members of our staff have successfully completed their training as paediatric first aiders. This ensures the safety and well-being of our students, and we are grateful for their dedication to our school community.

Our Year 6 students recently visited the Imperial War Museum, and it was a tremendous success. They had the opportunity to deepen their understanding of history and learn about the sacrifices made during times of conflict. We are immensely proud of their engagement and respectful behaviour during the trip.

I would also like to address an important matter regarding our car park. We have recently implemented the use of "metal children" to remind parents not to park on the yellow hatchings. I am pleased to say that there has been a noticeable improvement, and I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents and carers who are using the car park responsibly.

Please be reminded that our school relies on parental contributions for curriculum trips. While these contributions are voluntary, we kindly request your support to continue offering these valuable experiences to our children. Unfortunately, due to rising fuel costs, the expenses associated with coach hire have increased since last year. If the school is unable to cover these costs, certain trips may not be able to proceed.

Lastly, I would like to inform you that the school photographer will be visiting next week on Monday and Tuesday. This is an excellent opportunity to capture your child's school memories, so please ensure they come to school looking their best.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term

OCTOBER

- 2nd/3rd - School Photographer
- 4th - Year 5 visit to Liverpool
- 5th - Year 1 visit to Imagine That
- 9th - Coffee morning (donations to Macmillan) to meet EWO and new pastoral lead
- 19th - Flu vaccinations
- 19th - Spooky Film Night
- 20th - School Closes for Half Term

NOVEMBER

- 6th - School re-opens
- 20th - Parent Surveys
- 22nd/23rd - Parent consultations

DECEMBER

- 12th - KS1 Nativity Performance (1:30pm)
- 13th - EYFS Nativity (1.30pm)
- 13th - KS1 Nativity Performance (5pm)
- 14th - EYFS Nativity (9.30am)
- 14th - Christmas Disco
- 19th - Christmas Fair
- 20th - School Closes for Christmas

Attendance

Class	% Attendance	Lates	Class	% Attendance	Lates
RMWLB	85.7	3	RRL	95.1	2
Y1RD	93.9	4	Y1LD	89.4	0
Y2CH	97.4	3	Y2AP	90.4	2
Y3LA	93.7	5	Y3TP	87.5	5
Y4AL	91.2	1	Y4AM	91.9	2
Y5ML	93.2	3	Y5LW	95.0	1
Y6DW	91.7	5	Y6GB	94.4	5

The following classes have won 15m extra playtime this week:
 Y2CH,RRL and Y5LW for attendance and
 Y1LD,Y4AL and Y5LW for fewest lates this week
 Children in Y2CH and Y5LW won attendance draw prizes.

REMINDER

We have seen a spike in illness (from staff and children!) over the last week with some cases of covid and covid type symptoms.

Please remember how important hand hygiene is when bugs are about and teach the message below.

CATCH IT 

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT 

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.





KILL IT 

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



See what we've been up to!

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

<p>Reception</p>  <p>Reception were shocked to discover a hole in the outdoor area this week. We have been thinking about where it came from, what could have made it and what could be down there! We had lots of great ideas. We have continued learning about conceptual subitising in Maths, exploring different groups of objects within one whole quantity. We have continued our phonics learning, introducing the 'g, o, c and k' graphemes. We have been practicing blending short 3 letter words (CVC</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>We have had another busy week in Year 1. Here are some of the things we have been learning about...</p> <p>Music In music this week, the children have been creating their own lyrics to play alongside the djembe drums.</p> <p>History In History this week, the children have been exploring the royal family and looking at how the monarchy has changed in England over the past 100 years.</p> <p>Maths In Maths this week, the children have been finding one more and one less for a given number. We then represented the number using</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>In English this week, Year 2 have been planning their setting description and will be ready to create their final pieces next week! We cannot wait to read the wonderful work that they produce, using all the writing knowledge they have acquired so far.</p> <p>In maths, we have comparing numbers up to 100 using the symbols < > and =.</p> <p>And in Science we have continued to explore materials and their use.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>Year 3 have had another busy week. We have produced our Kenning poems in neat and they are now ready to be displayed. In Maths, we have been plotting numbers on a number line and we will continue to develop this skill next week. As part of our computing work, we have been learning about how to keep safe online by creating safe and secure passwords. Please talk to the children about this and ask them to explain what they have remembered.</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have finished their setting narratives this week and we are so proud of the amount of writing they have done for their first long piece. They have continued to explore place value and are becoming more confident with partitioning and manipulating numbers. In science we have investigated the digestive system and how we take nutrients from food, making our own poo!!!</p> 	<p>Year 5</p> <p>The children have written some fantastic diary entries in role as Henry Box Brown. We challenged them to write a letter to Dr Smith recounting his journey to freedom. In maths we encountered negative numbers and Roman numerals. Our research into the human life cycle improved our understanding of the key stages we go through as we age. The children enjoyed trying to draw an abstract portrait in the style of our chosen artist, Picasso. Check out our X(Twitter) page to see more of our work.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>		
	<p>The highlight of our week was in no doubt the trip to the Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. The children really enjoyed the experience on the whole, and they gained invaluable skills making their documentaries about their chosen area of World War 1 or 2. We have also been writing diary recounts from the perspective of the protagonist in our vehicle text – Rose Blanche. Additionally, we have been exploring mental health and community in PSHE, and classification keys in Science.</p>	



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Bobbie-Leigh	Children First	For setting a good example to other children on the carpet.
Zac A	Resilience	For trying really hard with his handwriting.
Aleksandar P	Pioneering	Fantastic ideas during writing and effective vocabulary choice. An overall superstar!
Bobby G	Pioneering	Fantastic reading at home and logging reads on boom reader.
Harry	Pioneering	For always trying hard with his learning.
Caleb	Pioneering	For keeping our school tidy by picking up litter at playtimes.
Vanessa	Resilience	For settling back in and trying super hard in class.
Liam M	Resilience	For settling in so well to his new class 1LD.
Carly Mc	Pioneering	Working hard to improve her understanding in lessons
Emmi	Children First	Always following our school rules and being an excellent listener.
Kian M	Resilience	For excellent effort when planning, writing, editing and improving a diary entry!
Benji L	Children First	For being a kind and helpful member of the class
Georgia C	Pioneering	For trying her best in everything she does
Meadow	Children First	Great sharing and kindness shown on the school trip.
Frances-Jane	Pioneering	Super creative thinking and ideas in Maths and Science.
Ada B	Pioneering	Trying her best in all she's done this week
Darcie S	Children First	Excellent behavior and setting a great example.
Clayton A	Pioneering	Excellent character description of the iron man.
Layton A	Resilience	Fantastic effort in phonics.



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reading...

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