

Weekly Newsletter

6th October 2023

Message from the Head of School

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the autumn season. As we approach the end of another fantastic week at our school, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate some of the exciting events and achievements that have taken place.

Firstly, I would like to say well done to our Year 5 students who recently visited the Liverpool Slavery Museum and Tate Art Gallery. This trip provided them with a unique opportunity to delve into the rich history of our country and explore the world of art. The students were engaged, enthusiastic, and truly embodied our school values throughout the day.

In addition to this, our Year 1 students had a wonderful time during their visit to 'Imagine That'. This interactive learning experience allowed them to unleash their creativity, science skills and imagination, fostering a love for learning that will stay with them for years to come. Well done to all the students for their exceptional behavior and engagement during this trip.

I am also delighted to introduce Mrs. Scott as our new Safeguarding Coordinator. Mrs. Scott brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this role, and I am confident that she will excel in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Scott to our school community.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that our Spooky Film Night is just around the corner. Tickets will be on sale shortly, so be sure to keep an eye out for further details. This promises to be a fun-filled event!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we can create a nurturing and inspiring environment for our students to thrive.



Diary Dates

Autumn Term

OCTOBER

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	95.4	3	RRL	95.3	3
Y1RD	95.1	4	Y1LD	94.9	3
Y2CH	98.1	4	Y2AP	94.4	2
Y3LA	92.0	4	Y3TP	94.8	6
Y4AL	86.8	4	Y4AM	96.7	4
Y5ML	93.6	4	Y5LW	95.4	1
Y6DW	93.8	6	Y6GB	98.4	6

The Attendance winner in KS2 is Y6GB. The whole class wins 15m extra play next week. There was a prize draw for the class and the winner won a voucher for Candy Cube. The Attendance winner in KS1 is Y2CH. The whole class wins 15m extra break next week. There was a prize draw for the class and the winner won 2 vouchers at Velocity Trampoline Park.

Its great to see that the year groups with best attendance this week were Y2 and Y6. These year groups have important assessments at the end of this year so any days off means missed learning and lost marks in tests.

The class with the fewest lates in KS2 was Y5LW .The whole class wins an extra 15m break next week. The class with the fewest lates in KS1 was Y2AP . The whole class wins an extra 15m break next week.





Attendance and Punctuality Coffee Morning this MONDAY morning

Our Attendance and Punctuality Coffee Morning is in the School Hall from 8.50am. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your children to school on time, join us for a chat and we'll see what we can do to improve matters.

Our new Pastoral Lead , Katie Scott will be there ,as well as myself and Joanna Brown, the new Education Welfare Officer from Warrington .

See what we've been up to!

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

<p>Reception</p> <p>Reception have been reading their class text 'Dan and the Ball', themed on 'The Something' by Rebecca Cobb. We have been thinking about where Dan's ball could have gone, and whether the hole could have been involved!</p> <p>In Maths, we have been recognising digits to 5 and matching them to quantities.</p> <p>In Phonics, we have been learning the 'ck, e, u and r' graphemes and have continued to blend graphemes together to read words aloud.</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>Year 1 have had a brilliant week. They particularly enjoyed our trip to Imagine That! The behaviour from the children was outstanding and was commented on by the staff who work there.</p> 	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Year 2 have begun writing their setting descriptions this week, based on the story The Night Gardener. They have worked incredibly hard to produce wonderful pieces by including adjectives, verbs, adverbs and similes, all of which have made their writing very interesting.</p> <p>In Science we have been discussing the suitability of materials for different items.</p> <p>In history we learnt key facts about Samuel Pepys.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>It has been another busy week in Year 3! In English, we have written our 'Threat Narrative' and the children have worked hard to develop their use of vocabulary and descriptive language. In Maths, we have looked at 'Greater/Less than' as we have been comparing numbers to 1000. In Science, we have been comparing food labels to look at the sugar and fat content. Please encourage your child to do this at home if you can and talk about which types of food might be the healthier option, and why.</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have been busy this week exploring and analyzing our new type of text – a newspaper report. We have looked at how language and structure is used to inform and present news to people and how we can use this type of communication in our lives. In maths we have explored rounding and its uses. We have become more confident in rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 and with the use of place value in general. In history we have continued to explore the Romans and we have continued to enjoy music and learning to sing and play our new song. In science we have started an experiment to see the effects of different liquids on teeth. We look forward to seeing the results.</p> 	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Year 5 have had another fabulous week! The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the International Slavery Museum and were keen to learn about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. The children were extremely respectful throughout this experience and were eager to discuss what we can learn from history, and how we can respectfully challenge ideas and opinions that we do not agree with.</p> <p>The children also enjoyed the workshops at the Walker Art Gallery and learnt a very unusual way to draw a self-portrait!</p>  

Year 6



This week we have been exploring square, cube, and prime numbers in Maths and analysing a bravery award speech in Writing. We have been looking at the causes of World War One in History, while in Art, the children began blanket stitching. There have been more chords on the acoustic guitar learnt in Music, and in Computing we have learnt about plagiarism. If you have received a Ping about after school sessions, please let us know as soon as possible if your child can attend. Thank you!



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Mason	Pioneering	For impressing us all with his blending in phonics.
Cyra	Pioneering	For making excellent contributions in Maths all week!
Rebeca	Children First	For setting excellent an example of behaviour and being a good role model.
Ru	Pioneering	For being an excellent listener and always doing as asked.
Noah T	Pioneering	For being very hardworking and greatly improving his presentation
Holly	Resilience	For excellent effort in phonics!
Logan L	Pioneering	For listening carefully and asking some great questions on our trip to Liverpool
Keira S	Resilience	Trying hard with her spellings and not being deterred by setbacks!
Mason B	Pioneering	Excellent exploration of number, and getting into school on time!
Lucas C	Pioneering	Working incredibly well in class and consistently producing work of a very high standard
Shayar	Children First	ay working hard in Phonics all week. Amazing work, Shayar, well done!
Joel M	Pioneering	Using resources in the classroom to support his learning
Gracie L	Pioneering	Working incredibly hard in maths this week. She is able to estimate the placement of numbers on a number line and justify
Precious	Pioneering	For working hard in all of her lessons this week. Amazing effort!
Joseph P	Pioneering	For having beautiful, joined up handwriting all week.