

Weekly Newsletter

8th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I want to say a massive thank you to all the children who participated in our recent World Book Day celebrations. They truly looked amazing in their vocabulary costumes, showcasing their creativity and love for literature. I am thrilled to announce that the winners of the vocabulary board competition will be revealed next Friday. The competition was tough, and it is evident that our students have a remarkable talent for bringing words to life.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the parents who attended our Mothers Day crafts session. It was great to see the children and their loved ones come together to create beautiful crafts. Your presence and support mean the world to us, and we appreciate your involvement in our school community.

In other news, our choir had the incredible opportunity to perform at St. Peter and Paul High School. They wowed the audience with their exceptional talent and dedication. I am immensely proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

Looking ahead, I would like to remind you that Red Nose Day will be taking place on the 15th of March. We encourage all students to come to school wearing something red and make a suggested donation of £1. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and support a worthy cause.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your child's educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children.



Diary Dates

Spring Term

MARCH

14th - Fun Food Chef (Y3 and Parent Session)

15th – Red Nose Day

15th – Interim Reports to Parents

15th – Self defence sessions

15th – Safer Schools Police visit (KS2)

18th/19th - Year 3

Residential Trip

20th/21st - Parent

Consultation Meetings

27th/28th - Attendance

Reward Sessions

28th – School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

8th – School reopens

10th – Y6 Kooth Assembly

24th – Paralympian visit

Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/NW	86.8	6	RRJL	97.2	1
Y1RD	95.2	6	Y1LD	94.2	5
Y2CH	92.2	6	Y2AP	98.8	1
Y3LA	94.1	3	Y3TP	94.5	6
Y4AL	98.1	7	Y4BM	96.5	3
Y5ML	85.6	4	Y5LW	95.8	2
Y6DW	94.2	6	Y6GB	94.3	7

This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y2AP

2nd Y4AL

3rd RRJL

This week's punctuality winners:

1st RRJL & Y2AP

2nd Y5LW

Ditton Spring Attendance Challenge

Our Spring Attendance Challenge commences on Monday 18th March (through to Friday 22nd March).

Children can qualify for the end of term Attendance Rewards on 27th and 28th March in two ways:

By having 95%+ attendance for this term by Friday 15th March (I will notify classes of names on this day) ,OR by making sure they are in every day for the 5 days of March 18-22.

WE want EVERYONE to enjoy these fun-tastic opportunities.

World Book Day



We had a great day celebrating being readers on World Book Day! Classes guessed the mask reader, completed World Book Day activities and looked FAB-U-LOUS in their vocabulary costumes! We had some really creative ideas including monochrome, brave, strong, romantic, magical, creative and vellichor (Thank you Mr Welsh!

Delighted to be Ditton!



Well Done to Andrew Curphey Theatre Company! They WON the Liverpool City Region's Arts Organisation of the Year award 2024. We are lucky to have Andrew and his theatre company as supporters of our school with their after-school activities and holiday clubs.




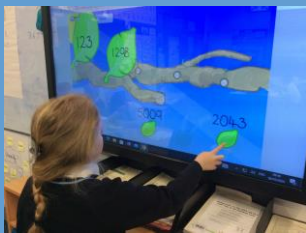

Staffing Update

Reception parents have already been informed, as their children are directly affected, the Mrs Wynne will be leaving our school on the 23rd March, and Mrs Warner will be leaving at Easter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school, and to wish them well as they start their next adventures.

Some parents will have been aware that we were expecting Mrs Pauls back at the end of this month. This has now been delayed and we hope to welcome her back in June. Mrs Bate will continue as SENDCo.

See what we've been up to!

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

<p>Reception</p>  <p>A lovely, sunny week in school! We have enjoyed taking our learning outside more. In English, we have started writing our story based on Little Red. We have been learning about One More and One Less in Maths and have been using numicon to represent this. In Forest School, we toasted our own bread on the fire, being very safe. We ended the week by dressing up as a word for World Book Day. We saw some excellent examples of vocabulary. We also got the opportunity to have some of the older children read stories to us.</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p><u>English</u> This week the children have planned their detective narratives and started to write them. We can't wait to read the completed stories!</p> <p><u>Maths</u> We have continued to work on addition and subtraction within 20, with a focus on addition this week. The children enjoyed using numicon to find 3 numbers that add up to 10.</p> <p><u>RE</u> We have continued to explore Judaism and this week we learnt about the Sukkot celebration. We were really impressed with the efforts for World Book Day, we had some very creative outfits to match interesting words, well done!</p> <p>Can parents please ensure that you are logging your child's reading on Boom Reader. Reading books and Library books should be brought to school EVERY FRIDAY to be changed.</p> <p>Homework books should be brought back to school every Wednesday.</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>What a week! Year 2 have been very busy this week.</p> <p>In maths we have been learning all about division and sharing into equal groups.</p> <p>We also had visit from a local nurse to discuss the importance of oral health</p>  <p>In science children have really been enjoying our unit on plants and have shared some great prior knowledge!</p> <p>Children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day and their costumes were fantastic!</p> 
<p>Year 3</p> <p>Another busy week in Year 3 and the children have displayed excellent attitude and focus. In DT, we have been evaluating a range of sandwiches as part of our unit on cookery and nutrition. In History, we have been learning all about life in the Roman times. In Maths, we have been practising our fluency by ordering numbers from smallest to largest and we have also celebrated world book day! Please keep up the good work with TT rockstars and logging in to boom reader.</p>  	<p>Year 4</p> <p>We have had a great week in Year 4. We continued to explore our new text <i>The Lost Happy Endings</i> and started to identify how characterisation works in story. In maths we have started to learn about fractions, firstly looking at what fractions are and how to count, identify and represent fractions. In geography this week we have started to investigate the mountain city of Machu Picchu; in DT we have looked at different types of torches whilst in science we have started to classify animals based on their properties. This week we have also been able to celebrate World Book Day and had some amazing and inventive costumes from the children.</p> <p>Please keep up with your Boom Reader logs and TT Rockstars. Please ask for an updated version of your child's times tables progress to help support their learning at home.</p> <p>We also want to remind you to access the following website for more support: https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/catalogue/7/multiplication-and-division</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>A busy, busy week for year 5 again! This week we have started to write our character narratives – we have been extremely impressed with the vocabulary choices that the children have made!</p> <p>The children have had a lovely time engaging in a range of World Book Day activities including The Masked Reader, colouring in their bookmark and playing guess the book!</p> <p>This week, we also had a visit from the local dentist to teach the children all about oral hygiene and how to look after their teeth!</p> 

Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy week planning and writing an environmental narrative! Having read the book "Varmints", the children have chosen two opposite environments in which to base their story and have worked hard to write in both third and first person, as well as in the past and present tense! In Maths we have continued our work on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. We have looked at how we convert a decimal into a fraction and a percentage, we have compared fractions, decimals and percentages and put them in order. In Computing, we started work on Tinkercad which is a 3D modelling software. We will use this program for the next few weeks to design our own houses, parks and bedrooms in a 3D model! SATs revision is ongoing. We would like to thank the children and parents of those who regularly attend our booster sessions after school.



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
George D	Resilience	
Mia C	Resilience	Amazing results on her reading assessment!
Archie T	Pioneering	For just being an absolute delight. Sharing his ideas with the class, looking after his friends and trying so hard in everything he does.
Alexa B-B	Pioneering	Designing a fantastic healthy snack and using your knife skills sensibly to practise cutting and chopping. Your healthy snack is going to be great!
Thomas B	Pioneering	For giving some amazing answers in class, including explanations for his ideas
Freddie	Children First	For having an excellent attitude towards reading.
Louie	Children First	For sharing excellent answers during shared reading.
Kyra	Resilience	Making an effort to join in during carpet time this week!
Ben C	Resilience	For coming to school every day this week, with a smile on his face and staying all day.
Delilah Y	Resilience	For excellent effort in planning, writing and editing an environmental narrative!
Frankie RM	Resilience	For excellent effort in planning, writing and editing an environmental narrative!
Ava B	Children First	For excellent behaviour, attitude to work and effort in all subjects this week.
Alicia H	Resilience	For trying hard writing your character narrative