



# Ditton Primary Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher

It's been another exciting week at school, filled with learning, adventure, and some wonderful feedback!

We were pleased to welcome our School Improvement Partner this week, who spent time in classrooms and around the school. They were particularly impressed with our children's excellent behaviour and the fantastic progress being made in maths – a testament to the hard work of both pupils and staff.

Year 5 had an action-packed trip to Bewilderwood, where they embraced the great outdoors! From building dens and zooming along zipwires, to bravely crossing the 'Broken Bridge' and working as a team to navigate the Sky Maze – it was a day full of challenges and triumphs. Meanwhile, our Year 1 and Reception classes enjoyed a wild day out at Knowsley Safari Park. They learned all about animal habitats and were thrilled to spot the elusive tiger on the Tiger Trail – a truly special moment!

## Diary Dates

### JUNE

25<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 Trip to Otterspool

27<sup>th</sup> June - INSET day: School closed to pupils

### JULY

3<sup>rd</sup> July - Y4 Trip to Eureka

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 5 Residential

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Days (Y5 transition information to follow)

11<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year reports to parent

15<sup>th</sup> July - Y3 Trip to Chester

Reception attending Ditton Wonky Garden

16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 trip to Gulliver's World

18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leaver's Assembly @9.30am

# Important Notices

## Online Safety

As children become more confident using digital devices, it's more important than ever that we work together to keep them safe online. We kindly ask for your support in regularly monitoring your child's online activity at home.

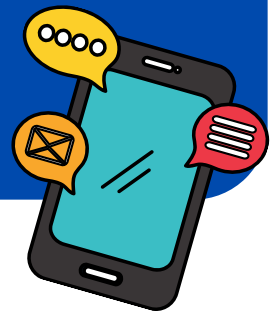
Many popular social media platforms such as Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, and Facebook have age restrictions of 13 and above, meaning they are not appropriate for primary-aged children. These restrictions are in place to protect children from content, interactions, and features that are not suitable for their age group.

We encourage you to:

- Talk regularly with your child about what they are doing online
- Check privacy settings and security features on devices and apps
- Set clear boundaries around screen time and app use
- Report and block any concerning content or interactions

If you need support or advice on how to manage online safety at home, we are always happy to help or signpost useful resources.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and responsible in their digital world.



## School Uniform

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to remind families about the importance of maintaining our school uniform standards, which are clearly outlined in our uniform policy available on the school website.

We understand that uniforms can become worn over time, and we appreciate the efforts you make to keep your children looking smart. However, we have recently noticed an increase in students attending school without key uniform items, school ties, and wearing trainers that do not match those in our uniform policy (all black, with black soles).

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct uniform each day. Consistent uniform helps promote a sense of pride, equality, and readiness for learning across our school community.



# What have we been up to this week?

## Reception



We have had a super busy and enjoyable week in reception!

In English, we have been diving deeper into our story, *The Storm Whale*. We have enjoyed learning our story song and making up actions to help us remember key story vocabulary. We have also mapped out the story using illustrations and labels and have written some super sentences about the characters!

In maths, we have been building on composition of numbers to ten. We have used a systematic approach to recall number bonds to ten and have used the part-whole method to show our learning.

On Friday we had a very exciting trip to Knowsley Safari Park! We loved learning about different animals and seeing them up close! The children displayed excellent behaviour and represented our school brilliantly! We had so much fun that some children even had a little snooze on the coach journey home!

## Year 1



What another busy week we have had in Year 1!

This week the children have worked incredibly hard doing their Phonics Screening Checks. We are so proud of them all.

We have started to read our new class story in English, *The Last Wolf* by Mini Grey. The children are enjoying it and can't wait to see what happens.

We have also completed lots of assessments in English, reading and maths. Again, the children have worked very hard on this.

We had an amazing time at Knowsley Safari Park today! The children saw a range of animals and particularly enjoyed the sealions and birds of prey.

## Year 2

We always work hard in Year 2, but wow we have been busy this week!

All week we have been working hard to complete our end of key stage 1 assessments. Although we are mindful not to put any added pressure on the children, the children are always determined to do their very best.

We are so proud of the children and how well they have worked this week. As a thank you and to say 'well done', we treated the children to a lolly ice and an extra play in the sunshine Friday afternoon. We even had the parachute out. Look at our happy smiley (and sticky!) faces.



# What have we been up to this week?

## Year 3

This week the children have worked very hard during their assessments. We are extremely proud of you all!

In Science, the children enjoyed learning the function of a skeleton.

In RE, we enjoyed learning about the festival Rakshk Bandhan. We are looking forward to starting our new unit next week!

## Year 4

This week, the focus has once again been the multiplication check. The children have worked hard all year to learn their times tables and we have now completed all checks – well done everybody for your efforts.

We have also been completing our end of year assessments in English and Maths. The children have worked hard and we are proud of them all.

Next week, we will begin our new Science topic about animals (including humans). Over the weekend, please think about what you already know about the benefits of exercise and the importance of maintaining good hygiene.



## Year 5



In maths this week, Year 5 have been continuing to improve their arithmetic skills, as well as looking at different mental and written strategies they can use to answer a variety of questions.

In English, we have started our new topic, with the outcome of writing a survival guide.

Children have come up with some brilliant ideas so far!

On Tuesday, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Bewilderwood. We built dens, had a go on the zipwire, faced our fears on the broken bridge and worked together to find the exit of the Sky maze.

## Year 6

This week Year 6 have been busy writing their own sequel to the book "Wonder" by R.J Palacio (who is one of our focus authors). The children have had to plan this extended piece entirely on their own and have been very imaginative in their choices for Auggie's next adventure! In Maths, we have been learning about different units of measure. We have concentrated on our understanding of capacity, length and mass as well as converting the different units. In History, we have researched and learned about Oliver Cromwell and his part in the English Civil War. The children had a good discussion in class about whether he should be remembered as a hero or a villain! In Science, we learned about how we see different objects. The children explained this in their own (written) words and drew scientific diagrams showing how we are able to do this. We have also enjoyed experimenting with collage in Art. We used the technique of Henri Matisse known as "painting with scissors"; this involves drawing and cutting different shapes using coloured paper and then arranging them into a collage (sometimes based around a "figure").

# Attendance

## Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RTL	93.4%	4	RRL	97.4%	3
Y1RH	99.6%	0	Y1RI	97.8%	6
Y2PF	85.6%	4	Y2AP	91.3%	6
Y3KD	95.4%	5	Y3AB	89.7%	4
Y4TP	87.5%	8	Y4CH	84.2%	2
Y5ML	99.1%	1	Y5FE	92.2%	8
Y6DW	99.7%	4	Y6GB	91.7%	5

### This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y6DW, with 99.7%

2nd Y1RH with 99.6%

3rd Y5ML with 99.1%

### This week's Punctuality winners:

1st Y1RH with 0 lates

2nd Y5ML 1 Late

3rd Y4CH with 2 lates



## Brilliant Behaviour

We are so proud of our pupils - out of all the behaviour logged on Track-it lights this week - 97% has been positive!

### Top classes this week

EYFS/KSI

1st - Y2AP

2nd - Y2PF

3rd - Y1RH

### Top pupils this week

YRRL - Jacob

Y1RI - Hugo

Y2DP - Ezra

Y3AB - Lucas

Y4CH - Taylor

Y5ML - Reece

Y6GB - Lewi







## Achievements outside of school



Being a part of Ditton family, goes beyond Year 6, and we love to learn how our ex pupils are doing after they leave us. This week we recieved a lovely email from Mrs Scott, principal at Saints Peter and Paul, regarding an ex Pupil, William. Here are some of the lovely words she shared:

We're thrilled to share that former pupil William Earnshaw is the first student this academic year to reach 1,000 achievement points—a fantastic milestone that reflects his dedication to our school values of compassion, respect, and aspiration.

William has consistently shown these values through both his academic work and his positive impact on others. His commitment, attitude, and involvement in co-curricular and volunteering activities are truly commendable.

Today, alongside his form tutor Mrs Hines, I had the pleasure of awarding him a platinum badge and certificate. Balancing his studies with a wide range of after-school clubs, William continues to enrich our school community in and out of the classroom.

What a fantastic achievement, and we join Mrs Scott in sharing our pride in you William!

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