

Weekly Newsletter

19th May 2023

Message from the Head of School

Our Year 2s have been amazing this week, completing their end of Key Stage assessments (showing off booklets). These assessments will help inform their teachers about their attainment and progress, which will be reported to parents at the end of the year. We are really proud of all their efforts – they've been fabulous. Year 6 had their reward (Dominos Pizza) this afternoon, we're hoping to treat our Year 2s next week!

We know that we are coming to the end of the year, however we have noticed an increase in children not wearing appropriate uniform or footwear. This includes an increase of trainers that are not completely black and an increase in children not wearing ties. We really appreciate the support from parents in ensuring that children attend school wearing the agreed uniform.

All teachers are reminding children about the need to record their reading on Boom reader. Reading is the gateway to every other curriculum area, and the more children read, the more fluent and confident they become. Year 4 to Year 6 are encouraged to record their own reading, if any parents are struggling to access the app, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Next week, we have our sports days planned in. We plan the dates in early in the summer term so that if the weather doesn't cooperate, we have plenty of time to find alternate dates. A ping was sent earlier this week with further details.



Diary Dates

Summer Term

MAY

23rd – Y2 trip to Staircase house

23rd – EYFS Sports day

24th – KS1 Sports Day

24th – MHST transition workshop

25th - KS2 Sports Day

26th – School Closes for Half term

JUNE

5th – Fit 4 Life workshops

Y3 7th – Fit 4 Life workshops

Wb 12th – Phonics Screening

Check Week

14th – Fun Food Chef

Y5

19th – First Aid Training Y6 19th –

23rd – National School Sports

Week

27th – Tobacco Awareness

Workshop Y6

30th – INSET day (School closed to pupils)

JULY

4th – Year 2 Science Trip

5th – Year 2 Science Trip

17th to 19th – Year 5 Residential

21st – Leavers Assembly (9.30am)

Attendance

Whole School Attendance target is 96%

Reminders for attendance

There will be a **Punctuality** Focus Week 5th-9th of June.

We will have competitions, prizes and senior staff out and about early, catching people being on time!

More details to follow.

I have just booked this terms **Attendance Challenge** rewards for KS1 & Reception on **19th July** and for KS2 on **20th July**.

These are very exciting workshops.

Remember, to access the rewards, children must have either 95%+ for the Summer term or attend **every day between 10th-18th July**.

This gives **everyone** a chance to succeed.

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RRL	94.6	RWP	90.9
Y1RD	96.5	Y1LD	97.3
Y2CH	94	Y2AP	96.79
Y3LA	95	Y3LW	96.77
Y4AL	90.8	Y4AM	96.2
Y5ML	95.1	Y5AS	92.2
Y6GB	94	Y6DW	99.2



This week's winners are Y6DW !

They win 15m extra playtime

Note % is for Friday to Thursday

See what we've been up to!

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

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
 <p>A week of lovely weather in school this week, and EYFS have loved being able to get outside more. We have been taking risks in our play, climbing a few low branches of the trees and balancing on the construction materials. We have been continuing learning longer words in phonics and using this knowledge to write sentences with adjectives in English! In Maths, we have been learning to recall number bonds to 10 with increasing fluency. We have been learning about different places in Widnes, and talking about where we like to go with our families.</p>	<p>Year 1 have started writing their portal narratives this week in English. We are so impressed with what we have read so far! The children have worked completely independently and are producing some fantastic writing. We are definitely going to be ready for Year 2.</p> <p>The children have also enjoyed working on measures in maths this week. They enjoyed comparing lengths and heights using appropriate vocabulary.</p>	<p>Year two have been absolutely FANTASTIC this week!</p> <p>They have shown off all of the wonderful reading and maths skills they have built upon during their time in Year 2, by completing their assessments.</p> <p>We have been incredibly impressed with them and couldn't be more proud of the effort they have put in!</p> <p>As a reward for all of their hard work, we have decided to give them a homework pass this week.</p> <p>Enjoy your weekend off.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>This week in year 3 children have worked really hard! We had our last swimming lesson of the year and all received star of the week! We are very proud of the progress of all of our children.</p>  <p>Children also practiced for sports day and showed determination when competing in a variety of different sports- we can't wait to show off to you next week! Children also enjoyed forest school, we learned all about insects and their benefits to our world. Children then went into our forest area to hunt for the bugs they had been learning about, we found a very wide variety! We then made very cosy bug hotels for them to live... but they all kept escaping!!!!</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have had a very busy week. In writing we have been planning a diary entry using our vehicle text 'The Journey', we are looking forward to reading the finished product next week. In maths we have finished our final week on decimals, everyone worked particularly hard and did very well comparing and ordering decimals. In RE we followed the journey of a person going on pilgrimage to Mecca. We also completed an Islam quiz, it was great to see how much we have learnt this half term.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>We started thinking about the survival essentials in year 5 this week, to prepare ourselves for writing a survival guide later in our English unit. Some of the children visited our forest area to immerse themselves in the idea of being in this type of environment.</p> <p>In maths, we have started our statistics unit – reading and drawing line graphs.</p> <p>In science, we investigated dissolving. We discussed how we need to consider which variables to change and which to keep the same. It was great to see that every child in Y5ML read independently 5 times this week and recorded it on our reading app – Boom. Well done!</p>
<p>Year 6</p> <p>We have been fully immersed in exciting lessons this week; from singing to 3D modelling, team games to the English Civil War. We've also been exploring evolution and inheritance as well as the foundation of Buddhism. We were lucky enough to have a special assembly and visitor from the NSPCC on Wednesday. On top of this, we have also had a virtual careers assembly with a film maker! Finally, we are working hard writing first person narratives about a chosen animal and have practised writing about wolves this week!</p>		

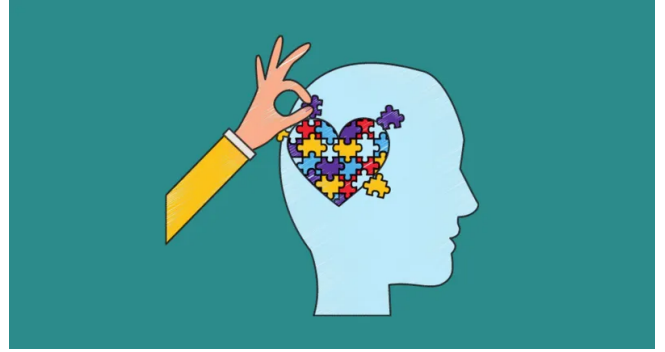


Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Ava B	Resilience	Exceptional effort in Writing and super behaviour.
Tisith N	Resilience	Working hard to extend and improve writing.
April C	Resilience	For working hard and improving her ability to read and write simple sentences.
Phoebe J	Child First	For bringing in her favourite books to share with others and promoting a love of reading for all!
Klaidi D	Pioneering	For consistently following our school rules and for being a positive role model for others.
Reegan	Children First	For a fantastic effort when writing our stories in English this week.
Elias	Pioneering	For a huge improvement in the work he is producing in all areas of his learning. I am really proud of you, well done!
Vanessa	Resilience	For increasingly growing in confidence in phonics and reading a sentence out to the whole class!
Sophie W	Children First	Always striving to succeed and supporting others to do the same along the way!
May B	Children First	Producing some excellent writing using wonderful vocabulary.
Phoebe A	Resilience	For being extremely resilient when faced with a challenge. Phoebe pushed through this with a big smile on her face! I am very proud of you Pheobe!!
Eliza A	Resilience	For coming into school and working hard to enjoy her learning
Meadow M	Resilience	For great progress in reading this year
Alina	Resilience	For making huge improvements in her reading
Christopher B	Pioneering	For coming up with some fantastic sentences during English
Connor R	Children First	For his consistently positive attitude and being a wonderful role model to others
Isabella S	Children First	For helping others in her first Booster lesson
Y2CH	Resilience	For working their socks off this week and blowing us all away with their achievements.

Mental Health Support



<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

ChildLine calm zone activities. It has some lovely games to help with stress and anxieties.

Please remember that if you feel you need support of any kind, our pastoral lead (Mrs Oldfield) is available to speak to.