

Weekly Newsletter

24th March 2023

Message from the Head of School

We had lots of reasons to be proud of our children this week and we were delighted to share these with parents on our parent consultation evenings. If you didn't manage to attend one of these – please see your child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. These discussions are important as they give you a clear indication of how your child is progressing at this mid point of the year.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the parent questionnaire. Attached to the newsletter are two files, one with the positive comments from parents and the other with some of the parental concerns. We will share the other results of the questionnaire in another newsletter later this year.

We were delighted to see our pupils on the Channel 4 news on Thursday evening. They attended a mobile art gallery and were filmed and interviewed. They spoke so well and were a credit to the school and their parents.

Further in the newsletter is information about our Easter Attendance Challenge! If you have any questions, please see Mr Gornell. The aim is as many children as possible get the reward for attending school.



Unfortunately, I also have some sad news to share. A member of the WPAT central team sadly lost their life earlier this week. Ste supported our school at various points over the last three years and was a larger than life character who literally brightened up any place as soon as he arrived. He was not known to most of our children as he was based at Beamont, another of our WPAT schools. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and all those who knew him well.



Diary Dates

Spring Term

March

28th – No More Knives Workshops (Y6)

April

6th – Easter Bonnet Parade

6th – School closes for Easter

21st – Earth Day

24th – Young Carers Assembly

Attendance

Whole School Attendance target is 96%

Reminders for attendance

We will be having a special Attendance Challenge **Starting** from this **Monday 27th March**. There will be an amazing Scoot-Fit Disco on the last 2 days of this term on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of April.

All children who already have excellent (95%+) attendance will be rewarded with a session on the Scoot-Fit course. **And** to give everybody a chance to participate, children can qualify by being a Ditton HERO (**H**ere **E**veryday **R**eady **O**N Time) and have full attendance **27th March to 4th April** (not including medical/dental issues/appointments etc.) Unavoidable lates won't count against pupils either!

We're hoping everyone can celebrate improved attendance on these last days of term.

There will be pings and posters to advertise and remind everyone of this fun event.

Of course we can please all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time but we can't please all of the people all of the time. 😊

Please contact Mr. Gornell if you need further clarification.

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RRL	92.4	RWP	91.7
Y1RD	97.2	Y1LD	97.5
Y2CH	93.1	Y2AP	93.8
Y3LA	94.5	Y3LW	97.3
Y4AL	93.8	Y4AM	93.5
Y5ML	91.2	Y5AS	92.0
Y6GB	95.0	Y6DW	95.0

This week's best attending class winners are Y3LW, who get to have 15m extra break one day next week.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CONTACT SCHOOL TO INFORM US ABOUT THE REASON FOR YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE FOR EVERY DAY OF ABSENCE.

See what we've been up to!

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

<p>Reception</p> <p>It has been another busy week in Reception. We started with a trip to Widnes Library! The children enjoyed a story there, and used their library cards to check a book out each. Which they have taken to share at home. In maths we have been learning directional language, and directing our blindfolded friends. We also learnt about Wassily Kandinsky, and have been making some art work inspired by him.</p> 	<p>Year 1</p> <p>This week in geography, we have been discussing Widnes and the area we live in. We have been investigating whether or not we think our town is rural, urban, industrial or a combination. The children enjoyed exploring different images and maps to determine this. They then created their own information booklets about what we have been learning.</p> 	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Year 2 have been exploring 3D shapes in Maths this week.</p>  <p>We learnt all of the different names of the shapes and explored the number of faces, edges and vertices each had.</p> 
<p>Year 3</p> <p>This week the year 3's had an incredible opportunity. They were invited to be VIP's to the Art Explora Mobile Museum. This was based at the Catalyst Museum and showcased a variety of different art pieces based around the theme of 'Radical Landscapes'. We were even lucky enough to meet the artist of one of the pieces showcased, Turner prize nominee Ingrid Pollard. She showed us her art work and explained her inspiration behind it. The children asked her lots of amazing questions. The children then had the opportunity to use a variety of resources to create their own landscape picture. They created some wonderful pieces inspired by the wonderful artists they had explored. I really was so incredibly proud of the whole class, they were a credit to our school. You can visit the mobile museum outside the Catalyst Museum on Saturday 25th March between 4 – 5pm.</p>    	<p>Year 4</p> <p>This week Y5 have enjoyed starting to create their own torches in DT. We have designed them and started to build the case and even put in our circuits for the bulb and switch! Busy beavers! We also enjoyed finishing our Twisted Tales stories which give an evil ending to a beloved story! Make sure to ask your children about their version. We have so many reasons to be proud of our year and we have enjoyed watching so many of them be good friends this week, we hope they continue to demonstrate our school values.</p>  	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Y5 have had another busy week of hard work and excitement, writing their character narratives in English, practising the running and back stitch in DT, learning about Ancient Maya in history and measuring and drawing angles in mathematics. In addition, the children were fortunate enough to visit the mobile Tate Exhibition at the Catalyst Museum where they had the opportunity to view, discuss tremendous pieces of artwork and even were able to their own.</p>

Year 6

We've had a really exciting week which has included some great work and experiences in the foundation subjects, especially Design Technology, Art, Music and P.E. The children have been playing cricket in P.E. - learning how to bowl over-arm and how to use the defensive shot when batting.

The trip to the Catalyst Museum was a super afternoon; year 6 really excelled in asking questions and creating their own creative pieces.

Thank you to all the year 6 children who helped out at Parents Evening!



We enjoyed discussing exceptional works of art as well as creating our own.



PE

Some of our KS1 children attended the School Games Multi Skills Festival and had a wonderful time!



They learnt lots of new skills and really enjoyed themselves.





Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Bobby G	Resilience	Trying really hard to be an independent learner.
Emily S	Resilience	Writing an excellent piece for our end of unit write. You have used excellent vocabulary and really tried your best. I am very proud of you!
Eva B	Resilience	Great effort with your reading and using your phonics
All of 3LA	Pioneering	Being an absolute credit to Ditton Primary on their trip to the mobile museum at the Catalyst Museum yesterday. We are all so proud of all of you!
Kyle D	Pioneering	Fantastic use of questioning during the Tate mobile art exhibition.
Darcy D	Resilience	For a great effort with her writing of a third person character narrative
Alina	Resilience	For working hard to overcome obstacles with a consistently positive attitude.
Amelia	Pioneering	For outstanding use of BoomReader to record an amazing amount of reading at home!
Yvie	Pioneering	For trying hard to read and spell common exception words, and making excellent progress.
Lottie W	Pioneering	For always pushing herself within her writing and thinking of fantastic vocabulary to include in her stories.
Katie S	Resilience	For writing and editing an impressive character narrative.
Jess S	Pioneering	For always following the golden rules. What a great role model you are!
James T	Children First	For showing great friendship towards his classmates
Kane Y	Pioneering	For an outstanding effort in everything this week. Keep up the hard work.
Aurora	Pioneering	For working hard to transform her handwriting.
Elias L	Children First	For a brilliant effort with the beginning of his detective story.
Kane Y	Children First	For working really hard all week and giving 100% to everything he has done.
James T	Pioneering	For being a wonderful friend.
Lyssiah G	Pioneering	Showing great knowledge and enthusiasm during writing sessions!

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Attendance Challenge!

Can you meet this term's attendance challenge?

Have **95%** or above attendance

OR

be a **H.E.R.O.** (Here, Everyday, Ready, On time) during our attendance focus week! (27th March – 4th April)

All pupils that achieve the challenge will earn a session at the AMAZING Scoot fit Disco! (5th or 6th of April)

