

Weekly Newsletter

26th May 2023

Message from the Head of School

Wow – what a fantastic term we have had at Ditton! I'm really proud of all that has been achieved this half term, it's been an exciting and eventful time filled with growth, laughter and triumph.

Sports Days

Our sports days were an absolute delight, showcasing the incredible talent, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship of our students. It was heartwarming to see our young athletes push their limits, cheer on their peers, and display true teamwork. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding performances, and a special mention to all the staff who enabled the event to take place.

SAT Assessments:

Our Year 2 and Year 6 students tackled their SAT assessments with determination and resilience. They have put in countless hours of hard work and preparation, and we are immensely proud of their efforts. Regardless of the outcome, we want to emphasize that these assessments are just one measure of their abilities. We believe in the holistic development of our students, focusing on their well-being, character building, and the joy of learning.

Progress and Achievements:

It fills me with immense pride to witness the progress and achievements of our students across all year groups. Our dedicated and passionate teachers have nurtured and guided them to unlock their full potential. We have witnessed exceptional growth in academic skills, creativity, critical thinking, and personal development. Each student has contributed to the vibrant tapestry of our school community, and we commend their individual successes.

In the next half term, we will be building on the work already done to prepare all students for the next phase in their education. I am aware that the thoughts of parents and children move towards the next academic year and the transition between teachers. Information will be given to parents as soon as staffing for next year is confirmed.

I hope that all our families have a fantastic half term and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 5th June, at the usual time (especially is it's our punctuality focus week!!!)



Diary Dates

Summer Term

JUNE

5th – School reopens
5th – 9th – Punctuality Focus week
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

Remember, first week back we are having our Punctuality Focus Week.

Please read our letter about punctuality pinged out earlier this week_

Lets work together to improve learning time lost through lates at Ditton.

Hope everybody has a lovely half term break.

Mr. Gornell

| CLASS | % | CLASS | % |
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| RRL | 91.5 | RWP | 92.8 |
| Y1RD | 94.2 | Y1LD | 97.6 |
| Y2CH | 89.6 | Y2AP | 96 |
| Y3LA | 92.5 | Y3LW | 86.4 |
| Y4AL | 95 | Y4AM | 95.8 |
| Y5ML | 87.4 | Y5AS | 97.7 |
| Y6GB | 84.8 | Y6DW | 97.7 |

This week there are joint winners: 5AS and 6DW

They win 15m extra playtime

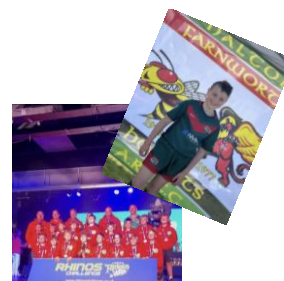
Note % is for Friday to Thursday

Delighted to be Ditton!



Well done, Arya, for completing your level 1 in your swimming lessons! It's a vital skill and we're really proud of you!




Well done to Ollie and the rest of his team for wining their tournament! They played 7 matches and were victorious in them all!! Well done Ollie for your contribution to the team, we're really proud of your accomplishment.



Well done to Lois, who represented Cheshire in a tennis tournament. What an honour to represent your county! Well done!

See what we've been up to!

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

| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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|  <p>What an end to the term in Reception. We have had lots going on: writing our stories based on The Extraordinary Gardner; consolidating our knowledge of number bonds; explaining the life cycle of a butterfly and learning about plants we can eat!</p> <p>Our biggest achievement this week was completing our first sports day! Thank you to the parents who came along to cheer us on, the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, and thank goodness for the weather! Have an amazing break, ready for our final few weeks in Reception!</p> | <p>The children have worked very hard this term and we are so proud of them all. They had a fun afternoon for Sports Day, working well in teams and supporting each other.</p> <p>We also finished the term with our (very well deserved) Ditton Dots treat of a 'Wild Rumpus,' which was inspired by our story this term Where The Wild Things Are.</p> <p>The children will have a homework pack to complete over the holidays. This will provide support for the Phonics Screening Check after the holiday and has fun activities to complete. We hope you have a lovely week off - we can't believe that we are already moving into our final term of Year 1!</p> | <p>On Tuesday this week, Year 2 finally enjoyed their trip to Staircase House, after it being postponed back in December. We learnt lots more about the Great Fire of London and the children had a chance to dress up and reenact parts</p>     |
| <p>Year 3</p> <p>What a fantastically busy half term Y3 had! From swimming to forest school to sports day, the children have worked super hard, and the Y3 team are extremely proud of their efforts!</p> <p>A big shout out from Miss Woodward to 3LW for engaging with TTRockstars this term! A massive 27/31 children have accessed this useful resource this week! Keep up the hard work Y3!</p>  | <p>Year 4</p> <p>Y4 have done brilliantly this week to finish their English write ups, a diary from the perspective of a child escaping a country at war. It's been very emotional. We have also finished off our history topic of the Romans by looking at the impact they have had on the world and why we still study and learn about them. Both classes achieved their reward afternoon and have enjoyed some time to relax and have fun.</p> <p>We want to say a big well done to all our children who achieved the Reading challenge and a massive well done to all who took part in sports day. You have made us very proud.</p> <p>We hope you all enjoy a big, well-deserved rest.</p> | <p>Year 5</p> <p>The children have continued to work hard in this busy end of half-term week. In English, they have examined our model text, which explained how shelters could be essential in surviving in a hostile environment. The children will be using the ideas from these activities to plan and write their own survival guide after the half-term break.</p> <p>We continue to reward the children who read each night at home and log this on Boom – our reading app. Don't forget to continue to do this over the holiday. In science, the children have been continuing to plan and carry out investigative work into solubility.</p>  |

| Year 6 | | PE |
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| <p>Well done everyone in Y6 who helped out and participated in this week's Sports Days. It was a great event full of sportsmanship and kindness, on top of some super athleticism.</p> <p>Another well done for the excellent writing this week in completing the first-person descriptions of animals in the wild – keep it up!</p> <p>We also had a visitor talking to us about alcohol awareness. Once again, there were some great questions and discussion from the children. Finally, we begin our swimming lessons on Thursdays in the final half-term. These will act as our PE sessions instead of Monday/Friday. Enjoy the break!</p> | <div data-bbox="555 195 854 380" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="873 226 1040 380" data-label="Text"> <p>We say a sad farewell to our PE teacher Miss Stubbs! Good luck!</p> </div> <div data-bbox="686 394 1016 600" data-label="Image"> </div> | |

Mental Health Support

<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2026/mindfulness-calendar-daily-5-minute-activities.pdf>

A two week calendar of mindfulness activities



Certificate winners!



| Name | School Value | Reason |
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| Riley N | Resilience | For coming into school with a big smile and being ready to learn, every day this week. |
| Archie C | Pioneering | For consistently reading at home and logging it on Boom Reader. Fantastic effort! |
| Charlie M | Pioneering | For excellent sentence writing, reminding other children to include their punctuation. |
| Lottie W | Children First | For always offering a helping hand when others are struggling with their work. |
| Aria | Resilience | For making great progress in phonics and applying this within her independent reading. |
| Sam S | Resilience | For your positive attitude towards reading |
| Skyla-Mai | Resilience | For trying so hard with phonics, reading and writing this week! |
| Rosa | Resilience | For using all your reading and comprehension skills to complete all your assessments. |
| Nico T-H | Pioneering | For always trying his best and making fantastic progress this half term. |
| Jackson | Pioneering | For showing enormous progress across all your assessments. Your hard work has paid off! |
| Jack S | Resilience | For improvement in his use of punctuation, handwriting and behaviour. |
| George T | Children First | For helping others both in class and out of class |