

Weekly Newsletter

5th May 2023

Message from the Head of School

As usual, lots has been happening this week at Ditton! Please check out our twitter page (@ditton_ps) as classes add to this as the week goes on.

Our Coronation picnic thankfully went ahead as the weather was kind to us! It's not often we have the whole school together given that there are almost 400 children, so these occasions are special to us. We hope that all our families enjoy the weekend and the extra bank holiday.

Next week is an important week for our Year 6's. They have worked hard to prepare for the assessments that will be taking place and I am sure that they will do us all proud. It's important that they have a good rest, enjoy time with their families and are chilled out – they have done all the preparation they need to do.

We are running a Year 6 breakfast club next week and all our Year 6 pupils are welcome to join us from 8am to start the day in a relaxed, calm manner.

It is vital that all Year 6 pupils attend school next week and are on time. If you have any difficulties, please contact school as soon as possible.



Diary Dates

Summer Term

MAY

- 8th – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- 9th May to 12th May – Year 6 SATs (free breakfast club for Year 6)
- 10th – NSPCC Workshop
- 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

Please ensure that you use one of these methods for informing school that your child is going to be absent:

- 0151 4245861
- Ditton.absence@wpat.uk

This way, we can ensure that your messages are received before our first day response procedures are put in place.

Whole school attendance for this week was: 93.69%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RRL	88.36	RWP	94.4
Y1RD	97.12	Y1LD	91.83
Y2CH	95.83	Y2AP	92.92
Y3LA	95.31	Y3LW	91.53
Y4AL	93.75	Y4AM	94.94
Y5ML	91.49	Y5AS	91.01
Y6GB	92.0	Y6DW	99.07

This week's winners are Y6DW

They win 15m extra playtime

Note % is for Friday to Thursday









Proud to be part of Ditton!

We love to hear about all the extra clubs our children attend out of school hours. We are especially proud of Kian who, with a couple of his team mate, are raising money for a new kit for their team. Kian's a great example of how our children take responsibility and aim to contribute to the wider community. If you wish to support Kian please see the details below:

Can you help raise £800 to help fund some new training kit, 5 of our team U10's Widnes Moorfield Tiger's are completing a running challenge throughout May, they are going to collectively run 250km!!! Please donate to their JustGiving Crowdfunding Page: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wmtu10s?utm_term=rVpbq38w5

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 short, but busy week in Reception! We enjoyed exploring the different life cycles in our outdoor area this week. We have had some seeds sprout and grow roots and have enjoyed seeing how our caterpillars are growing!</p> <p>We have planned our instructions for planting seeds in English, making sure that the steps are in the right order!</p> <p>In Maths, we have been learning about Odd and Even numbers! Learning a trick using Numicon and tens frames.</p> <p>We enjoyed making flags and crowns to use at our Coronation Picnic!</p>		 <p>Year 2 had fun in Music this week. They played the glockenspiel together and worked hard to maintain a steady rhythm.</p> <p>They were able to increase and decrease the tempo on command and showed great listening skills!</p>  <p>Children were also asked to create sculptures using materials, at home last weekend, after we were inspired by artwork by Andy Goldsworthy.</p> <p>A big thank you to those that participated! Here are some fantastic examples:</p> 
<h3>Year 3</h3> <p>The children in year 3 visited Catalyst Science Discovery Centre this week. We had an excellent time learning how to be scientists and how to discover if something is acid or alkali. The children took part in a volcanoes and fossils workshop, we showed off our knowledge of</p>  <p>how fossils are made and even used a science experiment to create one. The children then looked at chemical reactions and used</p>  <p>white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create their own volcano. The children all behaved incredibly and staff at Catalyst commented on what a lovely, polite and engaged group of children we had. We are very proud of them.</p>  	<h3>Year 4</h3> <p>Year 4 have put a lot into a short week. We have written and published our narratives with massive emotional impact. We have started to explore decimals in maths and understand what tenths and hundredths are and we continue to learn deeper knowledge about the Romans. We have also made some art work to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We think we have earned our bank holiday weekend!!</p>	<h3>Year 5</h3> <p>This week, albeit short, was one of hard work for both Y5 classes. As well as both classes enjoying their music lesson with new music teacher Miss Underwood, the children began planning their survivor narrative which they will begin writing next week. In Mathematics lessons, the children continued their unit of work on measurement which involved converting units of measure and using that knowledge to solve a variety of problems. The week ended with a brilliant picnic and afternoon of fun and games outside to celebrate the coronation of King Charles.</p>
<h3>Year 6</h3> <p>The children have had a busy week preparing for SATS but have also started creating our own collages and exploring assemblages. The children will be creating their own image out of recycled waste so if you have any plastic or metal products that would otherwise be thrown out, please bring them into school.</p>		



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Bella U	Children First	For working hard on her place value to 100 in maths
Zara M	Pioneering	For writing an excellent letter about human rights to the local MP
Arya S	Resilience	For blowing us away with her phonics work this week, sounding out words carefully and reading them aloud.
Arlo C	Pioneering	An amazing independent write in English
Alessia R	Children First	Consistently working hard to improve and demonstrating our golden rules and values
Kenny Q	Pioneering	For having a great attitude towards learning and always pushing himself within his work.
Rueben H	Resilience	For making great choices in class this week and following our school rules.
Olivia RW	Resilience	For showing an amazing improvement in maths and working hard, even when she finds things tricky!
Polly W H	Children first	For trying hard to improve reading and comprehension.
Jack L	Resilience	For trying so hard with your independent challenges!
Reva C	Children First	For always working hard and participating well in all subjects.
All of 3LA	Pioneering	For being an absolute credit to our school during our visit to Catalyst Science Discovery Centre this week. The children behaved impeccably.
Aaron E	Resilience	Trying really hard to improve his presentation.
Amelie M	Children First	Always trying her best and being an excellent role model for others.
Noah T	Children First	For making wonderful contributions during maths lessons this week!
Pearl B	Children First	For being such a helpful and caring member of our class.