

# Weekly Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## *Message from the Headteacher*

It is with great pleasure that we share the latest updates from our school. First and foremost, we would like to extend our congratulations to all the children who participated in the KS1 sports day, which went ahead as planned. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for the EYFS and KS2 sports days, but new dates will be communicated to parents after the half-term break.

In our efforts to strengthen ties within the community, I had the opportunity to meet with the head and staff from Ditton Nursery. We discussed ways to build links and support each other in the coming year, ensuring a seamless transition for our young learners.

Furthermore, we have been working closely with the English hub to continue improving standards in writing across the school. This collaboration aims to enhance our students' literacy skills and foster a love for the written word.

It is with great pride that we celebrate the remarkable achievement of over 340 children in our school who have not received a single reflection this half term. These children all received an icecream/lolly. In response to feedback from parents and pupils, we recognise the importance of acknowledging and celebrating the efforts of all our students, particularly when it comes to behaviour. As such, we are actively working on ways to ensure that every child in our school feels recognised and valued.



## **Diary Dates**

### *Summer Term*

#### JUNE

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – School reopens
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wade Deacon staff in school
- 4<sup>th</sup> – OCA staff in school
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 trip – Knowsley Safari
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5 trip to Liverpool University
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Y5 visit to Empire theatre
- 17<sup>th</sup> – P&P staff in school
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 trip to Eureka
- 28<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

#### JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 transition days
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Meet new teachers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Residential
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Students from China Visiting
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Reports to parents
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Fun food chef (Year 5)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for summer

# Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/NW	92.1	7	RRJL	91.6	2
Y1RD	82.5	6	Y1LD	88.1	2
Y2CH	89.6	4	Y2AP	94.2	3
Y3LA	95.7	6	Y3TP	89	6
Y4AL	96.4	5	Y4BM	99.3	3
Y5ML	89.2	4	Y5LW	98.4	4
Y6DW	89.4	5	Y6GB	91.4	10

## This week's Attendance winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Y4BM

2<sup>nd</sup> Y5LW

3<sup>rd</sup> Y4AL

## This week's punctuality winners:

1<sup>st</sup> RRJL & Y1LD with just 2 lates

2<sup>nd</sup> Y2AP & Y4BM with just 3 lates

### Reminder

Please don't forget to inform school before 8.50am for any unavoidable days of absence. There is still a small majority who never inform school. This leads to time wasted calling, pinging and making home visits.

You can inform the school of your child's absence by calling 0151 424 5861 and choosing option 1 or emailing [ditton.absence@wpat.uk](mailto:ditton.absence@wpat.uk)

It is school policy that parents contact the school every day of their child's absence before 8.50am

### News

The summer term Attendance Challenge will be 8-12 July.

If your child doesn't already have 95% or better attendance for the Summer term, they can earn the Summer Term reward for attendance by attending 5 days on the trot 8-12 July.

This term's incentive is a special Paris Olympics workshop to get the children ready for the exciting summer ahead.

# See what we've been up to!

Look at our twitter page (@ditton\_ps) to see even more!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<p>Wow! What a whirlwind of a half term this has been. We are all looking forward to a rest over the holidays, before we return to school for the children's final few weeks in Reception!! We have ended the term with another fabulous week in Reception.</p> <p><b>English</b> This week we wrote our stories linked to The Extraordinary Gardner. Some of them are published on our new writing display in the main corridor!</p> <p><b>Maths</b> We have been counting to 100! Noticing patterns in the numbers above 20, focusing on their digits.</p> <p><b>Topic</b> We planted our wildflower seeds and tended to the vegetables we already did earlier this term. Children were amazed to find radishes in the pots as we replanted some.</p> <p>We hope you all have a wonderful break and cannot wait to see you all back on 3<sup>rd</sup> June!</p>	<p><b>In Year 1 this week...</b></p> <p><b>English</b> This week the children have completed their information text for a 'Wild Thing'. We have worked hard to include key vocabulary, adjectives and verbs. We are really impressed with how independent the children are becoming within their writing. Keep up the great work!</p> <p><b>Phonics</b> Here are some useful websites to look at over half term. Focus on phases 3-5. <a href="http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk">www.phonicsplay.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.phonicsbloom.com">www.phonicsbloom.com</a></p> <p><b>Reminders</b> -Please ensure you are logging your child's home reads on Boom Reader. Books can only be changed if there is a record of completion. -Please ensure your child is returning their library books each week. If you have misplaced/lost a school book, please inform the class teacher. -Year 1 phonics screening checks will commence the week beginning 10/6/24.</p> <p>Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 3/6/24.</p>	<p>A busy week this week in year 2!</p> <p>We have been completing reading and maths booklets to show off the all the skills children have learnt in year 2 so far.</p>  <p>Thankfully, we got very lucky with the weather and KS1 sports day was able to go ahead and was enjoyed by all!</p>  <p>In Music children have been practising songs for our upcoming KS1 concert!</p> <p>We hope everybody has a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June</p>
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<p>As another half term comes to an end, the children have enjoyed another busy week. We have finished our work on Sikhism by looking at how Sikhs show commitment to their faith. In Music, we have been composing our own song lyrics and in Spanish, we have started our work on learning new vocabulary for fruit and vegetables. In Geography, we have been using an atlas to locate the longest rivers in the world and in Science, we have been looking at how seeds germinate and how they are dispersed. Have a lovely break and stay safe.</p>	<p>This week we have had some great moments of children seeing the end of their projects and hard work come to fruition. This has been some amazing diaries and letters written in our English lessons, some great use of mathematical thinking in playing games and puzzles and children creating their pots in art. We are thrilled that both classes earned their rewards and we hope they enjoyed them. We look forward to being just as amazing next half term. Please remember to practise your times tables over the half term, in between the resting you all deserve.</p>	<p>What a busy term it has been!</p> <p>The children have worked super hard this week! We have been recapping previous maths units to consolidate knowledge and have finished our final writing outcome in our English unit: A Survival Guide. Over the last couple of weeks, we have engaged in lots of science experiments to test how quickly products dissolve depending on their volume and the temperature of water that they are placed in!</p> <p>We have also finished our beautiful artwork inspired by the jungle! See X (formerly Twitter) to see what we have been up to!</p>  <p>We hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved break! Well done, year 5!</p>

## Year 6

We have had a wonderful week immersing in ourselves in the wider curriculum including studying whether Oliver Cromwell was a hero or villain, the science of inherited characteristics, and what a pension is and how to budget your spending (PSHE). The children have been practising for sports day in PE and in Music the children have been singing and studying different musical periods. In RE we have been learning about Christian festivals. In writing, we have written a descriptive narrative based on the short film, 'The Eye of the Storm', while in Maths we have been studying angles, square and cube numbers, and prime factors.



# Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Melody	Children First	For seeking support to deal with tricky situations.
Katie S	Resilience	Thoughtful and considered answers in RE
Kane Y	Resilience	A huge improvement in behaviour and attitude to learning!
Lewi F	Resilience	Always making the right choices and being engaged in lessons!
Darcey F	Resilience	For always setting excellent examples of behaviour and for never giving up – well done!
Jay	Resilience	For making new friendships and enjoying new activities!
Mia	Children First	For always having a positive attitude and constantly making others smile. Superstar!
Caleb G	Children First	For a fantastic effort writing an information text about his Wild Thing. Well done!
Oisin X	Children First	For always keeping our classroom clean and tidy. Thank you, Oisin and well done!
Grace M-F	Resilience	Working hard to improve handwriting and application of punctuation.
Archie S	Resilience	For working so hard this week! We are very proud of you!
Ada B	Pioneering	For being a super sensible helper and being a perfect role model
Daisy	Resilience	For working hard to become more involved in school life
Sophie	Children First	For showing wonderful acts of kindness