

Weekly Newsletter

7th June 2024

Message from the Headteacher

It is my pleasure to share with you the latest updates from our school. Firstly, let me express how proud we are of our Year 1 students who recently visited Knowsley Safari Park. Their exemplary behaviour during the trip was truly commendable, and we couldn't be more delighted with their conduct.

Furthermore, we had the privilege of welcoming our School Improvement Partner (SIP) this week. They were highly impressed with the behaviour of our students and the presentation of their work. The SIP also worked closely with our dedicated teachers to further develop our curriculum, ensuring it remains tailored to the unique needs of our students at Ditton.

Exciting news! Mrs. Pyne had an online meeting with the Principal of Berkeley School in Lima, Peru, to initiate a partnership between our two schools. Some of our current Year 5 students will have the incredible opportunity to visit the school in Peru next year. More information on securing a place for your child will be provided before the end of the school year.

Please note, for the safety of our entire school community, we kindly ask parents to encourage their children to walk their bikes and scooters to the bike park at the start of the day and to the gates at the end of the day before riding them.



Diary Dates

Summer Term

JUNE

10th – Year 5 visit to Liverpool University
13th – Y5 Theatre visit
17th – P&P transition meeting
20th – Year 4 trip to Eureka
25th – Year 2 trip Knowsley Safari park
28th – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

JULY

1st/2nd - Year 6 transition days
1st/2nd July – Transition days – meet your new teacher!
3rd – 5th – Year 5 Residential
8th – 12th – Students from China Visiting
8th-12th July – Summer Attendance Challenge Week
12th – Reports to parents
9th – Fun food chef (Year 5)
15th & 16th July - Attendance Challenge
Reward days-Olympics Workshops
18th – School Closes for summer

Attendance Updates

Class	Attendance %	Lates	Class	Attendance %	Lates
RKLB/NW	85.1	6	RRJL	88.8	0
Y1RD	90.4	7	Y1LD	90.8	4
Y2CH	92.2	5	Y2AP	92.2	3
Y3LA	90	6	Y3TP	88.6	10
Y4AL	88.8	5	Y4BM	96.0	5
Y5ML	84.6	4	Y5LW	99.6	5
Y6DW	88.4	6	Y6GB	81.3	7

This week's Attendance winners:

1st Y5LW

2nd Y4BM

3rd Y2CH & Y2AP

This week's Punctuality winners:

1st RRJL

2nd Y2AP

3rd Y5ML & Y1LD

Don't Forget

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

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

Later this term

The Summer Attendance Challenge Week is 8th-12th July.

Details to follow.

The Attendance Reward days for this term (Paris Olympics workshops) will be on 15th and 16th July.

See what we've been up to!

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

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
 <p>Welcome back! We have loved seeing the children</p> <p>back this week and have enjoyed hearing about their holidays. So thank you for completing the homework and uploading onto Tapestry, this has helped the children to talk about their break.</p> <p><u>English</u> We are beginning a new unit of work based on The Storm Whale, by Benji Davies. Children have enjoyed learning the model text this week and answering comprehension questions. We have been writing about the different events in the story.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> We have been recapping some of our learning this week, particularly about composition and number bonds. Children have enjoyed hanging socks in the maths challenge, discussing the number bond they have represented.</p>	 <p>In Year 1 this week...</p> <p><u>English</u> This week we have introduced our new vehicle text 'Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children wrote imaginative predictions about what they thought would happen.</p> <p><u>Maths</u> We have started our new unit 'time'. The children started by sequencing their day and discussing what comes before and after events.</p> <p><u>Safari Trip</u> We had a wonderful day at the Safari Park. We enjoyed a guided safari, sealion show, train ride and may more fun activities. The children were fantastic and did our school proud with their exemplary behaviour. Superstars!</p> <p><u>Reminders</u> Log all reads on Boom Reader. Library books must be returned to school to be exchanged. Phonics screening checks start next week.</p>	<p>A great first week back after half term</p> <p>This week we have been busy writing character descriptions in English this week, about the King Who Banned the Dark and have produced some wonderful pieces!</p> <p>In maths we have been learning how to tell the time. We have been looking at o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We will continue this learning next week, looking into telling the time to five minutes.</p> <p>In Music children have been practising the songs for their upcoming show which the children are very excited about! In RE children are beginning to learn about Judaism and have enjoyed the story of Moses freeing the Israelites.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>Year 3 have worked really hard this week as it has been assessment week. We have been really impressed with the children's attitude towards the assessments and we are really proud of them.</p> <p>We have also finished our unit on Sikhism and the children enjoyed looking at the Sikh festival of Vaisakhi. We enjoyed writing our instructions inspired by our book 'Seen and not heard' about how to be a naughty child. The children enjoyed coming up with mischievous things for the us to do!</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>What a hard working first week back! All of year 4 have worked hard on their assessments and should be proud of their resilience. We have started to enjoy our new text The Secret Sky Garden and already come up with ideas of how to create our own stories based on the book. In art we have finished our Mayan pottery and they look a-MAZE-ing! In music we have started to write our own class song and can't wait to have a full performance to share!</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>In English, the children have enjoyed reading their first part of our new text 'King Kong' by Anthony Browne. They made some informed predictions based on the evidence they were given. In maths, we have explored volume and have learnt how to work out the volume of different shapes. In science this week, we investigated how to separate a mixture, using sieving, filtering and evaporation. We joined an online lesson organised by the WWF to discover some of the threats that our oceans are facing and what we can do to help.</p>

Year 6

We have had an interesting week which has included a live Science lesson for World Oceans Day, as well as a science lesson that involved exploring light and shadows. In History, we have been studying the civil war of 1642, while in Geography we have begun exploring the fascinating continent of Antarctica. In R.E we have explored purpose and how Christians gain a purpose in life through their faith. Meanwhile, in Art we have looked at the works of both Picasso and Matisse in our final unit on collage.



Delighted at Ditton!



May took part in a Show Day at the stables last week and came first in her riding competition. Here she is with Bella (the horse she rides) with the rosette displayed proudly! Well done May and Bella!

We had lots of children show their trophies and medals in assembly today – we had football trophies, swimming medals, kickboxing trophies, carting trophies, football medals and martial arts medals – we are a talented bunch!!



Certificate winners!



Name	School Value	Reason
Ivy	Pioneering	Making more sensible choices with regards to friendships and during carpet sessions.
Heidi	Resilience	Super explanations of problems involving coordinates
Thomas	Resilience	Working hard to retain focus for extended periods
Lyla	Children first	Being a fantastic role model to our class!
Gracie	Resilience	Working really hard to make good choices
Stevie	Children First	Excellent singing in music lessons
Amelia	Resilience	For developing her independence within her writing and applying her phonics knowledge. Superstar!
Jack	Pioneering	For fantastic contributions to our class song
Ronnie W	Children First	For great arithmetic skills.
Ben C	Pioneering	For including wonderful ideas in his character description
Alek P	Resilience	Fantastic results on our recent assessments!
Elio D	Resilience	For a wonderful start to his Ditton Journey. Making new friends and working incredibly hard during his first week
Harry	Pioneering	For a wonderful character description based on The King Who Banned the Dark