



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 4 Term 5 - Friday 12th May 2023

Dear parents

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been sitting their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) this week. They have had a full timetable starting with the Punctuation and Grammar paper and finishing today with their third maths paper. The 'SATs Breakfast' of toast and pastries has helped to fuel them across the week. We are so proud of their amazing attitude and determination to do their very best and they look brilliant in their new hoodies.

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Coronation picnic which was a huge success despite the rain. 85% of our families were able to attend which is really pleasing and feedback from our parents was really positive describing the party like atmosphere and how nice it was to be in school to see the children's classrooms and work. The children were obviously proud to show how much progress they have made.

The cakes were delicious - raising £260. Thank you so much.

Shelly Hubbs

A busy week in Lime Class



Let's celebrate!



Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Seb H for his fantastic questions and knowledge during our firefighter visit.
Cherry Class	All of Cherry Class for brilliant behaviour on the trip today and great questions.
Ash Class	Harry for using perseverance in geography to find all of the listed countries in his atlas.
Willow Class	Alice O for growing in confidence in Maths and being proud of her achievements.
Chestnut Class	Freddie H for some amazing explanations.
Beech Class	Tallulah for working so hard to constantly improve her work.
Oak Class	All of Oak Class for their efforts and determination in the SATs.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	Jasmine for her great work and effort with doubling.
Ash Class	Harmony for thinking carefully when giving and following directions.
Willow Class	Charlie for continuing to persevere in completing his Maths work.
Chestnut Class	Kai for great progress with decimals.
Beech Class	Chloe for superb explanations of her answers.



TT Rockstars:

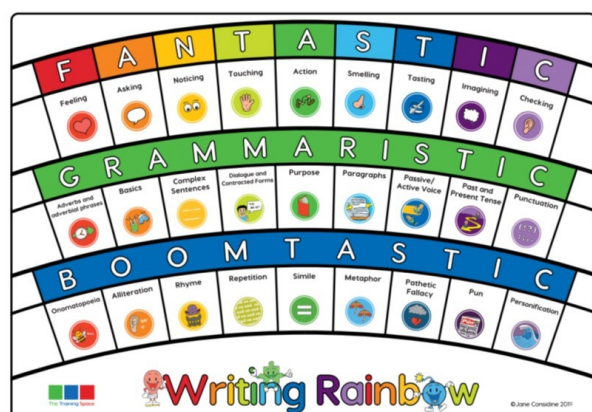
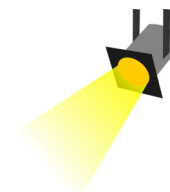


In the last 14 days these children have earnt the following certificates:

Most improvement in accuracy – Edward and Elijah in Willow
 Most improvement in Studio Speed – Matilda and Ezra in Willow
 Biggest increase in correct answers – Oliver in Beech for both weeks
 Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Oliver in Beech & Jack in Chestnut
 Biggest increase in coins earned – George and Sammy in Ash

This weeks spotlight - How do we teach writing at Dilton Marsh School?

In September, we introduced a new approach to the teaching of writing known as 'The Write Stuff'. Different types of fiction and non-fiction writing are mapped out for each class across the year. Each writing unit has two aspects: firstly, in our sentence stacking lessons we start by initiating our thinking and generating ideas for writing – vocabulary gathering is a key part of this. We then teach the children about the 'writing lenses' and how to include these in our writing, for example, writing about feelings or what the character can see or hear; or perhaps we will focus on different types of sentences or on different literary techniques from alliteration to puns to repetition. Over the course of the unit, the class co-construct (write together) a text as the children develop their understanding of its key components.



The second phase is when the children apply the skills they have developed to their own writing text. Once completed, it is in this second stage of writing that the children are given time and taught the skills to edit and improve their work.

Whilst still at an early stage of development, we can already see the positive impact this approach has had on the children's writing. They too enjoy learning to write in this way. Rhys, year 6 said, "The vocabulary I use now is much better than in September." Eleanor, year 6 added, "Now I know to think about the techniques to use to get across a particular message or feeling."

Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th May – SCARECROW TRAIL – the much loved event will also have **CREAM TEAS** being served on SUNDAY 14th May between 12noon-2pm at the school.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th May 2023	Scarecrow Trail
Tuesday 16th May	Beech Class trip to Winchester Science Centre
Tuesday 23rd May 2023	Art Exhibition—in school hall after school
Wednesday 24th May 2023	Chestnut Class Pentecost experience
Friday 26th May 2023	End of Term 5
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Term 6
	School nurse - Reception height & weight checks
Monday 12th June 2023	Oak Class Residential to Tile Barn
Thursday 15th June 2023	Year 7 Parents' Evening at Kingdown—6pm
Monday 19th June 2023	Willow trip to Tutankhamun exhibition, Dorchester (details to follow)
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning activity days at school
Wednesday 21st June 2023	Class photos
Thursday 22nd June 2023	KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Monday 26th June 2023	Rags2Riches collection
Tuesday 27th / Wednesday 29th June 2023	Year 6 transition days to Matravers
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Ash class trip to the STEAM Museum, Swindon (details to follow)
Monday 3rd / Tuesday 4th July 2023	Year 6 transition days to Kingdown
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th July	Oak Class Sailing (details to follow)
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Sports Day (Parents invited from 1pm—3pm for races)
Friday 21st July 2023	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

Parking

We have been notified yet again about the disrespectful parking taking place each afternoon in The Circle. Please do not obstruct residents' driveways or use allocated parking spaces. Thank you.

ACORN EDUCATION TRUST COMPUTING PRESENTS

THE FIRST

ACORN ACADEMY AWARDS

YOUR CHANCE TO CREATE AN AWARD WINNING FILM

CHOOSE FROM 1 OF 3 CATEGORIES:

ORIGINAL NARRATIVE

(YOUR OWN STORY – 3-5mins)

ADAPTED NARRATIVE

(A STORY TAKEN FROM A BOOK/FILM OF YOUR CHOICE – 3-5mins)

SHORT NARRATIVE

(ANY STORY OF YOUR CHOICE – 30secs-3mins)

DOCUMENTARY

(BASED ON ANY SUBJECT OF YOUR CHOICE – 3-5mins)

DELIVER YOUR FILM AS A VIDEO FILE TO YOUR TEACHER BY FRIDAY 9TH JUNE 2023 TO ENTER.

AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO:

- ★ BEST FILM IN EACH CATEGORY ★
- ★ BEST DIRECTOR ★
- ★ BEST EDITOR ★
- ★ BEST SOUND ★
- ★ BEST ACTOR ★

