



# Ditton Lodge



*A message from  
Mrs Tweed*

I would like to start  
by saying....



I agree and would  
like to add....



I disagree because...



*The children really enjoyed our Art Week last week. They used a variety of skills, materials and techniques. Year 5 had an extra opportunity to complete some Artist in Residence work and created a stunning 'Reach for the Stars' display.*

*Please see photograph above that models the sentence stems that we have introduced to the children this term. It would be great if you could reinforce these at home.*

*Thank you for your on-going support in all that we do. It has been another super half-term at Ditton Lodge - the children continue to work as hard as they can each and every day.*



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## *This week our class spotlight is Year Three*

*Year 3 have had a fantastic term learning about lots of different, exciting topics. We have been focusing on measuring the perimeter of shapes and converting mm to cm. In reading, we have finished our exciting adventure book, Sam Wu is Not Afraid of the Dark. We have practiced our retrieval and inference skills, thinking deeply about the text and understanding the characters. This term, we have continued to compare the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in History. We have learnt about the roundhouses they lived in and about the different rituals they followed. In Science, we have started a new topic about forces. We have carried out some interesting experiments to understand how to measure in newtons and to see how different materials create more friction. Year 3 are really enjoying tennis and cricket in PE, focusing on throwing, catching and hand eye coordination skills. In Art, we have been practicing print making using tie-dye and water colours, we especially enjoyed the art festival! We are looking forward to another great term!*





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## *This week our subject spotlight is PE*

*Early years have been learning how to move safely around the hall. They have practised finding their own spaces and freezing in different positions. They have also been playing team games to encourage good listening skills and how to respond appropriately to their partners actions. In Year 1, the children have been learning skills to play invasion games. They have learnt about attackers and defenders and the purpose of each of these roles in invasion games such as football and basketball.. Pupils in Year 3 have been learning tennis skills. They have learnt how to hold a racket correctly and use their forehand to hit a ball back over a tennis net. In Year 4, children have been learning ball skills in tennis to prepare them for hitting ground strokes. Children have been perfecting their forehand technique and improving their consistency by rallying. Year 5 have been working on their netball skills, practising chest, bounce, and shoulder passes. Also making sure that their feet are 'glued to the floor' when they have possession of the ball. In Year 6, the class have been working on improving their fitness, focusing on balance, coordination, agility, strength, stamina and speed. It has been great to see their fitness improving and pupils' beating their personal best on the fitness activities.*



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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

*Palace House - 218  
Tattersalls House - 236  
Severals House - 194  
Hyperion House - 207*





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## Attendance



### *This week's Year Group Attendance*

Reception: 91.11%    Year 1 - 97.4%    Year 2 - 97.5%  
Year 3 - 95.97%    Year 4 - 96.3%    Year 5 - 98.81%  
Year 6 - 97.5%    Whole School Attendance - 96.37%



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## Diary Dates

*February Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February*

*Tuesday 25th February - Year 5 Forest School*

*Tuesday 4th March - Year 1 Forest School*

*Wednesday 5th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - all year groups except Year 3 & 6*

*Thursday 6th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - all year groups except Year 6*

*Friday 7th March - PTFA After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Tuesday 11th March - Vision Screening for Reception*

*Tuesday 11th March - Year 2 Forest School*

*Wednesday 12th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - Year 6*

*Thursday 13th March - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.00 pm - Year 3 & 6*

*Thursday 13th March - Bags2School Collection Day*

*Friday 14th March - PTFA After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Week Beginning 17th March - Year 5 Bikeability*

*Tuesday 18th March - Year 3 Forest School*

*Friday 21st March - Mother's Day Pop Up Shop*

*Tuesday 25th March - Year 4 Forest School*

*Friday 28th March - School Disco*

*Tuesday 1st April - Whole School Forest School*

*Friday 4th April - Break the Rules Day*

*Friday 4th April - Last day of Term*





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## PTFA Diary Dates

*Friday 7th March - After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Thursday 13th March - Bags2School Collection*

*Friday 14th March - After School Ice Cream Sale*

*Friday 21st March - Mother's Day Pop Up Shop*

*Friday 28th March - School Disco*

*Thursday 3rd April - Easter Bonnet Competition*

*Friday 4th April - Break the Rules Day*