



Another fantastic week at Ditton Lodge....We appreciate your continuous support.

Thank you to all of you that attended Parent Consultations. We hope that you found these and targets shared with you helpful. At Ditton Lodge, our aim is to work in partnership with you to ensure your child is happy and thriving both personally and academically.

This week we have been focusing on the word 'independence' in school. After we have modelled learning and had a go together, we are encouraging children to try on their own whilst some calm music is playing in the background. We are so impressed with how, even our youngest children, are building up the stamina and confidence to do this.







This week our class spotlight is on Year One

This week the children in Year 1 have been completing their Phonics screening check. They have made me proud with their determination to give it a try. Well done everyone!

This week in art, we have been looking at the work of Anne Kelly. She worked mainly in textiles and her pictures contain a lot of different textures. The children have drawn self-portraits and are using different marks and media to complete their pictures. We can't wait to see their final

pieces.

In science, we have been revisiting the topic of animals including humans. The children have identified why we cannot call a whale a fish, using their knowledge of the features of animal groups. They have also discussed the pros and cons of humans having fur like a cat. It has certainly been an interesting week!

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This week our subject spotlight is on Children's University

We are thrilled that Years 4 and 5 are taking part in our first year of working with Children's University. Did you know that children only spend 9% of the time they are awake before the age of 18 in the classroom? Children's University celebrates everything else children learn and all the skills they develop outside of the classroom. It is wonderful to see the many varied clubs our children attend and all the stand-alone activities they are taking part in and receiving credits for. There will be a graduation ceremony for all the participating schools in July. Our goal is for every child in Year 4 and 5 to graduate. Children who reach 30 hours will receive a bronze award, 65 hours or more a silver award and over 100 hours a gold award. So, keep remembering to log your hours and look out for the next Children's University newsletter coming soon with lots more ideas for how you can collect hours.

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Attendance



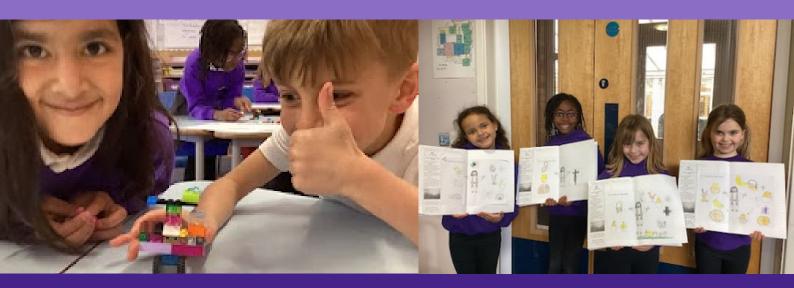
This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 97.74 % Year 1 - 96.33% Year 2 - 94.29%

Year 3 - 95.67% Year 4 - 96.33% Year 5 - 100%

Year 6 - 96.3% Whole School Attendance - 96.67%





House Points

This Week's House Points Winner is:

Palace House - 1390

Tattersalls House - 1480

Severals House - 1750

Hyperion House - 1800





Diary Dates

Monday 18th - Thursday 21st March - Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 21st March - Y3/4 Tag Rugby Competition - pm
Thursday 21st March - Reception Book, Toy & Sweet Sale - pm
Friday 22nd March - PTFA Ice Cream Friday - after school
Wednesday 27th March - Reception visiting South Angle Farm
Thursday 28th March - Wellbeing Day
Thursday 28th March - Last day of term
Summer term opens - Monday 15th April





We currently have 2 competitions running with prizes to be won.

Sunflowers seeds are available to buy from the school office for £3 to be in with a chance of winning our Sunflower Competition in July.

Decorate an egg and enter the competition for £1 with entries being judged on 26th March. Easter egg prizes for the winner in each class.

Ice Cream Friday is back next Friday, 22nd March after school. Look out for further details next week.

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