



# Trafalgar Schools' Federation



Sarah Keefe, Headteacher

## Golden Newsletter

Autumn 2, 2022



Harry Owen, Chair of Governors

### HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a very exciting and hectic term with so many activities across the schools. The Christmas celebrations have been an amazing experience for the children thanks to all the help and support of our many parents and helpers.

In the infants the Christmas Bazaar was an exciting experience, and this event supported the children with understanding the joy of giving at Christmas. In the Juniors, fun was had by all with the many entertaining and creative activities.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked tirelessly this term and during the Christmas period.

Wishing all our children, families, staff and governors a very happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 4th January.

*Sarah Keefe* – Federation Headteacher

### Chair of Governors' Message

**One of the governors' visits to the school this term was to evaluate EQUALITIES across the schools.**

*'The review took us into the classrooms where I observed portraits on the wall portraying different skin colours. It is awesome that consideration is given to ensure materials are available which enable the pupils to confidently create portraits of themselves using appropriate colour tones.*

*In one of the classrooms, there were candle torches that the children made which illustrated Diwali – festival of light...*

*In the library, there were book displays by various authors from ethnic backgrounds which was very beneficial in showing the children that authors can be from anywhere in the world. I also observed that there is an inclusive toilet in the school which is available for use by anyone on the premises.*

*The way the school deals with neuro-diversity was positively evident during my visit. I observed a young child dressed in a costume with binoculars who was moving around during assembly. The children knew the child was special and did not appear distracted by this. Similarly, the child did not cause any disruption and felt at ease in the environment. This showed me that special consideration had been taken to make things work and it was very impressive...*

I appreciate all the effort and time taken by the school leaders to create an equal and inclusive environment for the school community. It is evident that this commitment is taken seriously and the school is doing all it can to ensure no one feels left out.' Visit by **Olubukola Braithwaite**

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# Our Fundraising Tree

So far we have raised

# £13,160

Events held so far...

Some of the things your children will see at school

£3765

BAGS2 SCHOOL

UNIFORM SALES

£686

MEADWAY ANIMALS

YEAR 6 LEAVERS BOOK

COMEDY NIGHT

INFANT BAZAAR

£260

BUG CLUB

£463

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

AQUARIUM

SANTA'S GROTTO

FIREWORK NIGHT

£4449

LIBRARY UPGRADE

RECEPTION WATER BOTTLES

£820

XMAS TREE SALE

HOME LEARNING BOOKS

RUGBY PARKING

£1242

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

LITTLE WANDLE

£1475

A huge thank you to everyone that has contributed.

# PTA – Thank you



# Welcoming new communities



**Ukrainian families** may celebrate Christmas on the eve of the 6 January and into the 7 along with many other Christian orthodox groups. [See here](#) for some information about traditions.

**For Richmond Parents of all Heritages:-** Welcome to [EAL friendship groups](#) for both ESOL and social support. Contact their office manager for details. [Multicultural Richmond](#) also run lots of ESOL and community events including ESOL specifically for Ukrainians.

**Hong Kongers** - An exciting development from St Luke's primary school in partnership with Kingston BEATS to run four different Saturday clubs at St Luke's.

- practical self defence and fitness
- sketching for beginners
- lion dance
- Cantonese drama club (just for Cantonese speakers)

These are primarily aimed at supporting Hong Kong born children to preserve their Cantonese and to maintain a link with their heritage but three of them are also open to non-Cantonese speakers to encourage integration. Please see the attached flyers for details.

Our new padlet for all Hong Kong welcome and Cantonese resources is [here](#).

# Christmas at Trafalgar



## The Festive Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Festive Sing-a-long – it was such a lovely way to finish the term.



Christmas lunch – yum!

## The Christmas Bazaar



Reception, Y1 and Y2 had a fun packed performance of Jack and the Beanstalk



Look who visited Y1, Y2 and Reception?



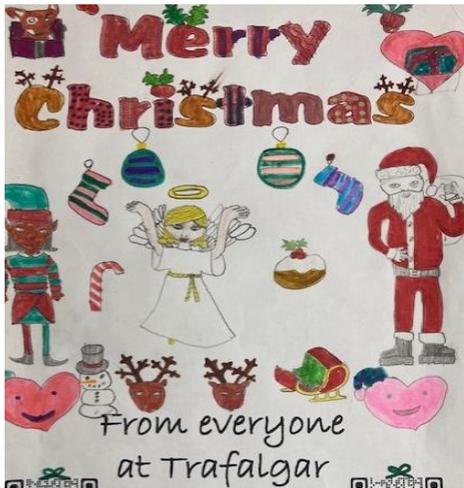
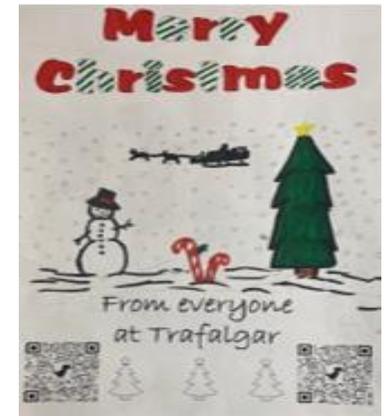
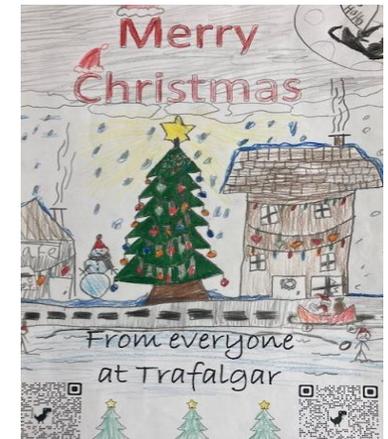
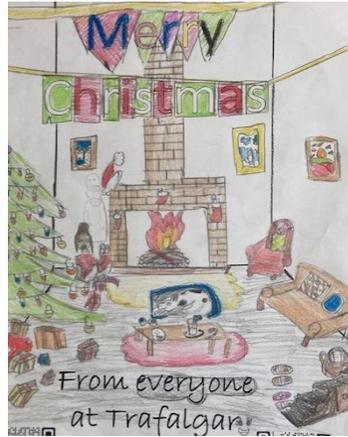
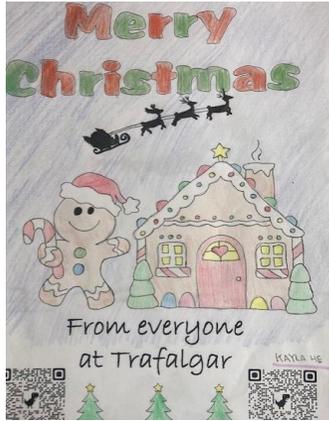
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The Mayor's tea party for the Christmas card competition winners.

Ronnie (Probeta, 4B) and Lydia (Roberts, Gold) had a lovely time at York House, meeting the Mayor and the Leader of the Council whilst having tea, cake and sandwiches!



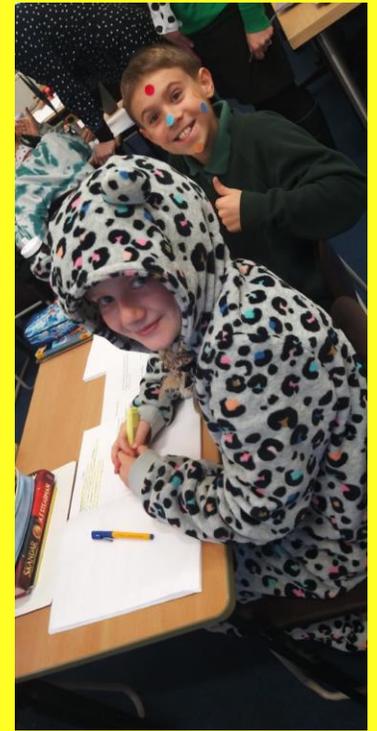
# Trafalgar Christmas Posters



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# Children in Need



# CHESS



This term Y2 have enjoyed taking part in chess club. So many children joined in September that they had to be divided into two groups. As well as developing all the amazing skills you can see on this page, they have formed new friendships by playing against children in different classes.



**Problem solving**

**Communication skills**

**Strategic thinking**

**Calmness and resilience**

**Sportsmanship**

**Turn taking**

**Critical thinking**

**Pattern recognition**

**Patience**

This term we have also been able to offer chess to children in the Junior school from Y3 to Y6. This club has also provided an opportunity for our Ukrainian children from across the Federation (Y1-Y3) to meet up and chat while playing chess.

# Reception



In history we learnt about Guy Fawkes and used our theme of colour to explore fireworks and why we use them to remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November.

It has been another wonderful half term for Reception! Our theme has been colour and a splash of Christmas.



For our personal, social and emotional development this term we participated in the Trafalgar Christmas Bazaar where we used our time to think of others and what gifts they might enjoy.



We have also looked at the Nativity story and we were able to apply our knowledge when visiting our local church.

On Remembrance Day we looked at the meaning of different poppies and the importance behind each colour.

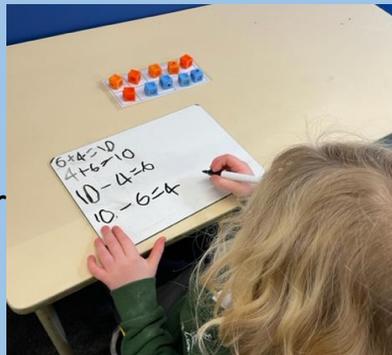


# Year 1



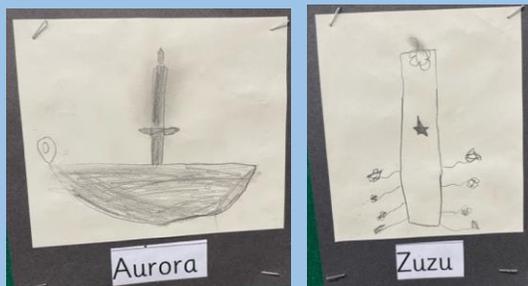
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In Maths we have been using tens frames to write our own addition and subtraction sums.



Shadow shadow where are you  
Come to my house too  
Shadow shadow where are you  
Please don't scare me saying moo.  
Shadow shadow where are you  
Are you hiding in my shoe.

We have studied a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson and written our own rhyming couplet poems about shadows.



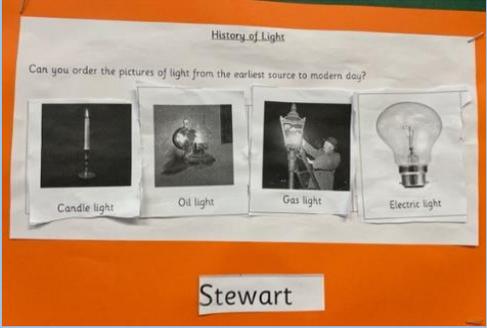
In art we made observational drawings of candle sticks learning the technique of shading.

We have become animators using the JIT animation programme to fly an astronaut to the moon!

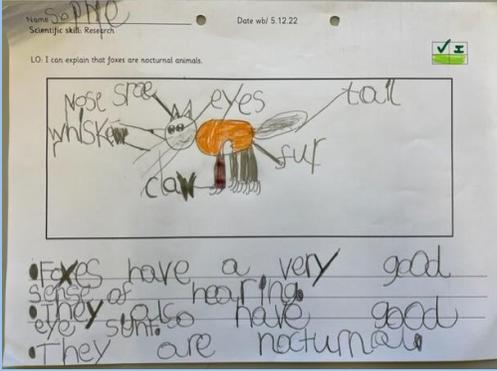


In Science we have been developing our research skills to learn about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

We have been introduced to the importance of light in religions focusing on the Hindu festival Diwali and the Christian festival of Christmas.



This half term we have learnt about the history of light. We made time-lines.



# Year 2



Scooter Training develops our ability to scoot safely out and about, develop confidence and road safety awareness.



We went to Horace Walpole's gothic castle at Strawberry Hill House and dressed up in fancy clothing as part of our History topic



In Computing we created lighthouse animations based on the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.



Year 2 have really enjoyed researching for their Fact Finding Friday books. These have encouraged the children to build up their writing stamina and foster a love of writing. They have also developed sentence writing skills.



Science: We ended our topic on Materials by learning about Charles MacKintosh. We investigated different substances to create a waterproof material that repelled water.



In D & T we made Pizzas. We planned and evaluated our designs.



# Christmas productions



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Year 1 and 2 performed a Nativity with a twist as the Angel Gabriel and his Angels shared how Christmas is celebrated around the world. Each class had a different song, accompanied by our Musical Maestros.



Our Reception children performed a traditional Nativity this year in which every child had their moment on stage!



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# Pupil Leadership TIS



It has been a busy start to the school year for our Councillors, with several meetings already being held.

They also helped to organise the playground collection for Children in Need and then worked with Mrs. Sands our school business manager to count up the donations and get them ready for banking.

As if this wasn't enough, they carried out a uniform survey to canvas the thoughts of the pupils in school about changes to our uniform.

This 1/2 term has been quite quiet for our Digital Leaders. However as soon as we return from the Christmas break we will be planning for Safer Internet Dau



Our T.I.G.E.R's have had their 1st meeting and have been busy at Meadway



Thank you to our Musical Maestros who have made a fabulous start to the school year.

Not only did they provide the instrumental backing to our Christmas production, they have also been leading the Makaton signing in our assemblies.



## Listening Friends

Our Y2 Listening Friends have been busy with their training. Each Thursday they meet with Mrs. Edwards to develop their listening skills and understand their role.

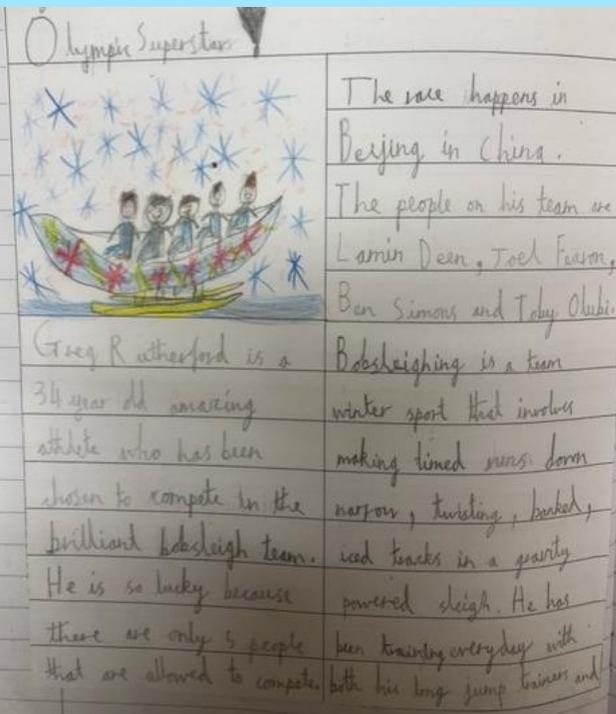
# Year 3

Year 3 have had another amazing half term filled with cookery, non-fiction writing, projects, scientific investigations, maths challenges and so much more! Here is a snippet of what we have been getting up to this Autumn 2!



In English we have been focusing on non-fiction writing. We have written our own newspaper article about the 2022 Winter Olympics as well as our own non-fiction booklets on polar land animals.

Year 3 have absolutely loved sharing and presenting their amazing creative projects with their class and their teachers this half term! Not only did this project lend itself to their inventive and thoughtful creations but it also gave the children valuable and meaningful opportunity for speaking in a whole class setting.



In DT we have been researching what fruits, vegetables and herbs are in season and having a look at different stuffed vegetable recipes. We were then able to plan our own stuffed vegetable recipe which we then made in class! We had to make sure we had each of the food groups included in our very own stuffed vegetable! Delicious!



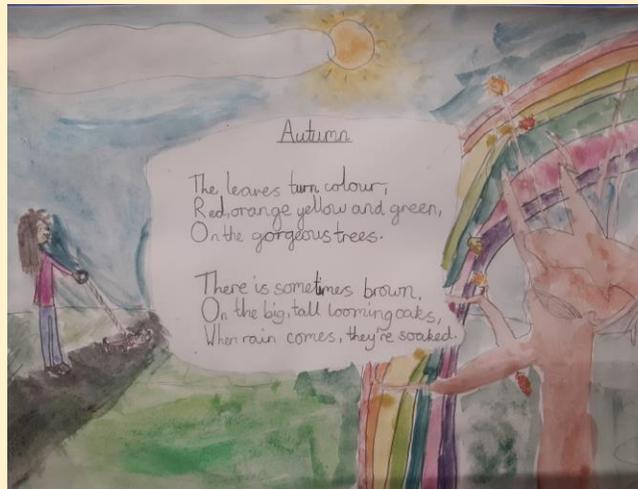
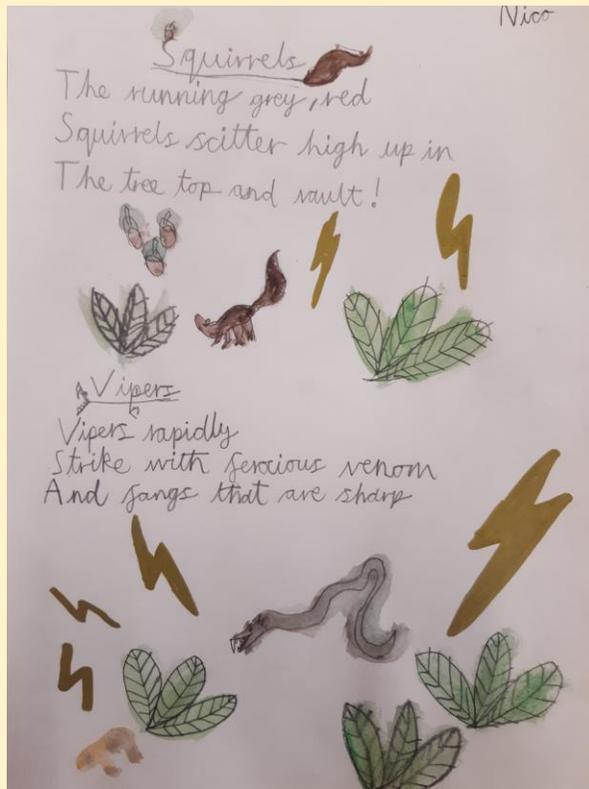
# Year 4

The brass concert on Children in Need day was the culmination of a fun-filled series of lessons run by Richmond Music Trust. It was amazing to see the children's progress in such a short time.



## English

Inspired by Malorie Blackman's Cloud Busting, we have explored and written a range of poetry including haikus, kennings, limericks and free verse.



## Design and Technology

Using our Science learning from last half term, we designed and made wire loop games. We had to build a working circuit with a buzzer and connect this to our wire. We developed our teamwork skills through working together and enjoyed testing out our games on Festive Fun day.



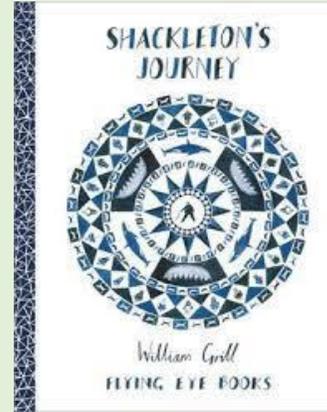
# Year 5

## SOUPER SOUP!

This half term, Year 5 has been immersed in soup! We started off by researching a range of different soups from around the world; their origins, ingredients and whether they should be served hot or cold. We worked in groups to record our findings before reporting back to the class.

Our next lesson saw us taste-testing a mixture of soups, describing them in terms of taste, texture and aroma. We then went on to rank them. Across the year group, the Broccoli and Stilton soup was universally disliked, and the Thai Green Chicken Soup was a firm favourite. This would inform our decisions on which soups to make later in the term. Other lessons included learning about seasonality and the impact of importing food, from across the world, on the environment.

After working in our design teams to choose our recipes and plan our soup-making steps, it was time to create our masterpieces. With the help of parents and other adults in school, each group brought their recipes to life. From Thai Green Chicken Noodle Soup to Hearty Pasta Soup, the individual design teams created some delicious outcomes. Finally, we evaluated our products, and the process, and created adverts to celebrate our soups and our achievements



## ENGLISH

Alongside our soup making, we have been learning about the adventures of Ernest Shackleton in our English lessons. We have written job applications, hoping to become a member of crew on Endurance, and diary entries about our experiences. We have also written letters, one of which was to persuade him to listen to our reasons for either leaving camp to try to get home or staying put in the hope of being rescued. An exceedingly difficult dilemma! In our math's lessons, fractions have been our focus throughout this half term.

## OTHER CURRICULUM AREAS

It has been an exciting and busy term, across the curriculum in Year 5. In our religion lessons, we have been learning about the work of different charities including Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, Children in Need and Fairtrade. Whilst in geography, we have learnt about volcanoes and earthquakes. During our science lessons, we have been investigating which materials make the best thermal insulators and in PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Education), we have been learning about identity and discrimination. Lastly, our PE (Physical Education) lessons we have enjoyed learning new football, hockey and rugby skills, and practicing these.

# Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy half-term – ending with the fabulous panto.

Here is our snippet of what we have been getting up to this Autumn 2!

## English

Children have written some fabulous narratives and a biography about Georges Melies, based on our book 'The Invention of Hugo Cabret' by Brian Selznick. We also enjoyed learning about and performing The Listeners, by Walter de la Mare, a local Twickenham hero.

## Science

Our Science topic this half term has been Light, and we've planned and undertaken our own investigations to find out more about shadows and reflections.

## DT

Getting crafty! We have been so impressed at the design and sewing skills shown during the production of our drawstring bags.



# THE Y3 & Y4 NATIVITY



We finished the term with two contrasting - but equally brilliant - shows; our Nativity and Pantomime!

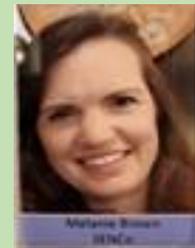
# **The Y5 & Y6 PANTO** *CINDERELLA ROCKERELLA*



Mrs Kavanagh



# Inclusion



Mrs Brown



Look out for the coffee morning due to run in the spring term on Zones of Regulation and how you can use them at home – we recognise the importance of promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to our students and their families. We aim to create an open culture around the discussion of mental health and wellbeing and to empower our children be able to regulate their emotions. By implementing the Zones of Regulation curriculum we aim to teach our pupils to identify emotions in themselves and others and provide them with bank of strategies to help regulate their emotions and improve their wellbeing.

- **Get your spaces for F.U.E.L. now**  
F.U.E.L. stands for (Feed Ur Everyday Lives). F.U.E.L. is something which Achieving for Children helps to run so that young people can come to free clubs in the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. Our [AFC info page](#) has more information.

To be able to come along, young people need to be receiving benefits-tested free school meals. What this means is that the people who look after these young people will have been told by someone who works for the Council in either Richmond or Kingston that they can get free school meals.

Bookings are open on our website for the Winter holidays now! To book, you will need your code. This will be 17 digits long and each child will have a different one. If you are not sure whether a child or young person you are working with is eligible - please email [fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

**If a child doesn't get free school meals but is vulnerable for another reason, all professionals can still apply for a code for them using [this form](#).**

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

## The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2022

This term, a group of Year 6 children have had the important job of being part of a judging panel to help choose the winner of the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize 2022. Along with other schools across the country, their job has been to review six brilliant science books and decide which they think should be crowned the winner.

Each week, one of the children would act as the Chair for the panel, leading and organising the meetings. The books were shared out and read by the panellists over the week. We then met to discuss each book, thinking about: ease of reading; look and feel; interest and inspiration.

Early next term, we will decide which book we think is the winner, and then submit our results to The Royal Society. The nation's overall winner will then be announced in March 2023.

In spring, we will share these wonderful books around school to encourage more children to read science books, which they may not ordinarily read.

Thank you so much to the amazing judging panel, who have been enthusiastic and diligent members of the science book club this term. They are: Fred, Joe, Lexi, Maddie, Olivia and Rosie. Well done!



*"I loved reading books I would never normally have picked."* **Lexi**

*"I enjoyed being part of something that shows that children should learn more about science and how things work."* **Rosie**

*"I liked meeting up and being a part of the group. The meetings were fun!"* **Joe**

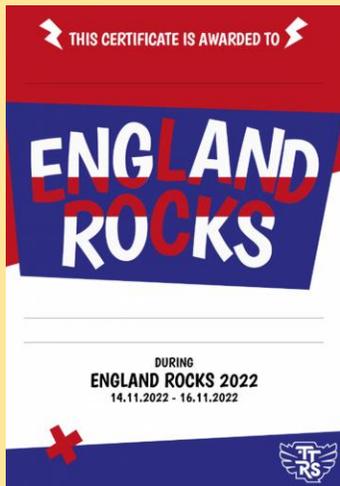
*"I loved being the Chair and being in charge and organising everyone!"* **Maddie**



# Maths



Congratulations to the 60 enthusiastic mathematicians in Years 5 and 6 who participated in the Primary Maths challenge. Everybody tackled the questions with enthusiasm, logical reasoning and resilience and should be very proud of themselves. A special well done to our Gold Certificate winners: Elodie and Felix from Year 5 and Tom, Callum, Ethan, Fred, Max, Lexi and Josh B: from Year 6.



With a total of 54,754 correct answers by Trafalgar students, the times tables competition 'England Rocks' was enjoyed by all year groups. A very well done to 5AJ for being the highest scoring class in the school and Dylan, Artin and Sammy from Year 5 for being the top 3 most valuable players.



There were lots of incredible sporting events on during Autumn 2 for our Junior School sports teams. Our Boys Football team, Girls Football team and Tag Rugby team all remain undefeated and top of their respective league tables. Even the lower school were part of some incredible sporting moments this half-term with our amazing Year 4 Girls Football team losing narrowly in the quarter-finals of the Year 4 Football Festival and our Year 3&4 Basketball team only losing one game at the Richmond Knights Basketball Festival. We were even lucky enough to have a super-fan at one of our girl's football games!





An amazing half-term of sport was topped off with some history for Trafalgar Junior School!

Three of our exceptional Cross-Country runners were selected to run for Team Richmond at the London Youth Games, with Max Jones superbly winning individual Bronze against 210 other runners from across the capital and Minnie Millington and Daisy Goodwin winning Team Richmond Girls a team Bronze medal!

This was added to by Louis Nathan who won the individual Gold Medal in the Richmond Borough Schools Cross Country Championship. The first time Trafalgar has ever won gold in the event's 48 Year history!

