



Trafalgar Schools' Federation



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Harry Owen, Chair of Governors

Golden Newsletter

Summer 2, 2023

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

It's the end of another academic year, and it has certainly been eventful, as you will see from all the Golden Newsletters. I am hugely thankful to all the staff across the federation who have done so much to provide a high quality of education and ensure strong personal development for all our children from Reception to Y6. I am delighted that this hard work has resulted in our recent OFSTED 'Good' grading for the Junior School, as well as being reflected in our excellent SATs results this year. It is important to acknowledge the progress our children make, from when they enter our Early Years to the end of Key Stage 2, across all curriculum areas, not to mention all the fun and engaging activities along the way!

After this especially eventful last half term, I do hope the children and all of you will have a good restful summer holiday. Thank you to all our families for working collaboratively to support our children and especially for the work so many of you do for the school as PTA members.

Sarah Keefe – Federation Headteacher

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Chair of Governors, Harry Owen, who will be handing over to Sophie Riley (our current Vice Chair). Harry has worked very hard during his time as Chair to support the school. He has a very visionary approach to developing the federation as a union of two schools. Under his strong leadership, the governing body have developed a clear strategic plan for governance, recruiting new governors with a range of skillsets, aligning the committees and governor visits and training to the school improvement priorities.

We wish Harry all the very best, thank him for his commitment and the positive impact he has made for Trafalgar community. We are delighted that Sophie Riley will be our next Chair and alongside her, our new Vice Chair, Laura Jennings, who has been an active PTA member and previous PTA Chair.

Reminder -

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September

SUMMER FAIR





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SPORTS DAY





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Reception



Our focus has been stories about water and boats this half term. We got to do some pond dipping and learnt all about evaporation.



Boogie Wonderland! We had a blast at the school disco! Dancing with our friends is SO MUCH FUN!



We went on a safari walk and spotted lots of animals! This helped us with our descriptive writing!

Thank you to the lovely adults in Reception for helping with cooking this year! We have loved every second!

Year 1

In math's we have been learning to tell the time to the hour, and half past the hour. Keep testing us at home so we can remember how to tell the time!



As part of the year 1 curriculum this year we have been learning to classify animals in science. To consolidate this learning, we went on a trip to London Zoo! We got to see all kind of reptiles and birds, but our favorite bit was getting to see the sloth who was sleeping just above our head. Did you know sloths are mammals?



In English we have been working on our writing stamina by re writing a story. To help get inspiration we spent lots of time acting and using drama to make our writing better. We had a lot of fun pretending to be Shirley and the Pirates.



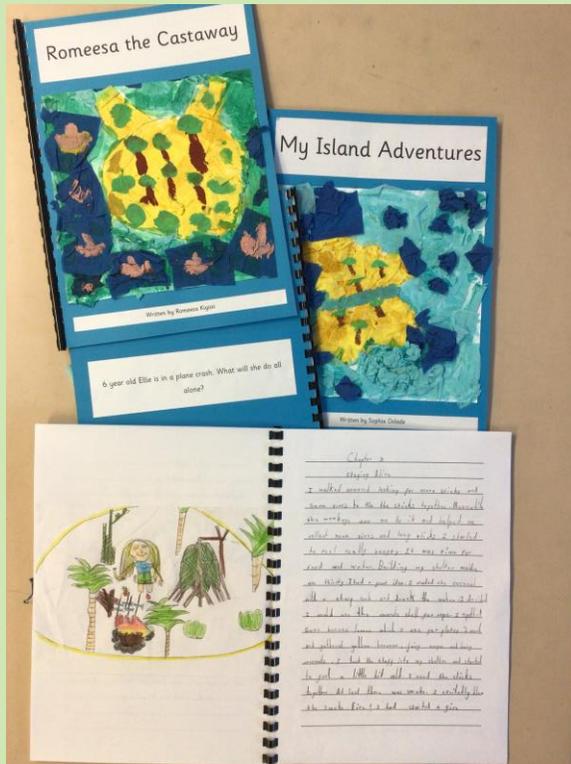
In year 1 we have been learning all about seaside holidays in the past and present. We were so lucky that freshwater theatre company visited us and took us on a time travelling adventure all the way back to 1910!

Year 2

We have planned and written our own Island adventure stories. In Art we created a collage to use as the front cover. The children have thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their writing skills and using their imaginations to keep the reader interested.



Year 2 enjoyed sharing their memories of the Infant school with their families in their final school assembly.



As part of the year 2 curriculum this year we have been learning to identify and classify invertebrates. We have used our research skills to present our findings in a fact book all about invertebrates. We visited the stockyards in Bushy park to go meadow sweeping, pond dipping and log rolling.



Music

We have had another fantastic time in Music this ½ term



Year 2 have been preparing for their end of year assembly where they choose their favorite songs from Reception and Year 1 to perform. They have also been learning about how Music Technology can be used to compose music.

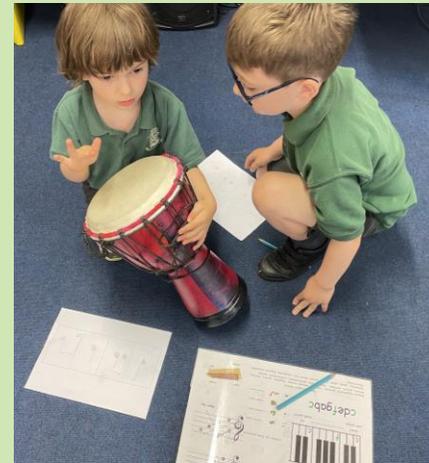
Reception have been singing songs about minibeasts, whilst developing their listening skills, as well as their understanding of pitch and rhythm.



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Year 1 have been developing their rhythm skills whilst learning about different types of drumming. We have focused on African drumming but have also listened to Japanese Taiko drumming and Indian Bhangra drumming. Our songs this half term have included songs from Africa, an old Music Hall song 'Oh I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside' and songs about the sea. We have also developed our understanding of Call and Response in both singing and playing instruments.

Sustainability & T.I.G.E.Rs

This half term we have been on lots of trips! We have raised over £150 for the Felix Project which provides meals for vulnerable people. During the summer term, we have grown produce to make our Jams and Chutney's. It was sold at the Summer Fair, Borough Market and Whole Foods in Richmond. The TIGERS have worked incredibly hard this year and have raised awareness for sustainability. Thank you so much for supporting us!



Making a campfire in the Wild Wood!



Caring for the ducks!



Picking Rhubarb!



Thank you, Evie and Anoushka for leading the age-appropriate Rainbow /Pride Assemblies for KS1 and KS2. The children really enjoyed joining in with the books and activities.

