



Newsletter

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Autumn 1, Week 4

Open Mornings

Open Mornings for prospective parents have been arranged on

Friday 10 November at 9.15 am at Meadway

Tuesday 28 November at 9.15 at Meadway

Would you mind sharing these dates with your friends and family within the community. Thank you.

World Mental Health Day

Mental health and children's wellbeing is always a priority for us here at Trafalgar and so in the week commencing 9 October we will be supporting World Mental Health Day by talking to the children about what mental health is and how they can help themselves and each other to manage their feelings.

World Mental Health Day is Tuesday 10 October and on that day we would like to invite the children to wear a bright accessory such as a colourful headband or happy socks. It is not a multi-day, so the rest of their clothing should be school uniform.

BBC 500 Words Competition

As you may have seen in the news this week, 500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till **Friday 10 November**.

We will be talking about this in assembly next week and encouraging the children to enter. Stories must be typed and should be sent directly to the BBC - all details can found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

The age categories that the BBC use are ages 5-7 and 8-11.

Here at Trafalgar, we would LOVE to read your child's entry as well so please also send us a copy so we can run our own competition too with year group prizes and the opportunity to share the winning stories with the rest of the school.

Please note - we will not be entering your child's story to the BBC; you will still need to do that yourself.

If your child is in Y1 or Y2 please send the entry to infantinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk

If they are in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 please send the entry to juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk

Please include 500 words in the title of the email. Your email should clearly state your child's name and their class.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning the phonemes 'i', 'n', 'm', and 'd.' To reinforce the children's learning, on our challenge tables, we made 'iguanas', 'nets', 'mice' and 'ducks,' In Maths, we grouped objects together according to colour, type and size. The children also made up their own rules for sorting. For example, 'green' and 'not green' and 'dinosaurs with long necks' and 'dinosaurs with horns'. Can you sort any objects into groups over the weekend?

We hope the children enjoy their first 'sharing book.' These books are not to be read by the children but read with and shared with a grown up or sibling. You could talk to your child about the pictures, the characters and make predictions about what might happen next in the story.

Reading Volunteers in KS2 (Year 3-6)

Reading 1:1 with children can really help make a difference to a child's confidence, their enjoyment of reading and their access to the rest of the curriculum.

We regularly get such positive feedback from the children and adults involved, and so are looking for reading volunteers to help children who need additional support.

These tend to be one-hour slots at the beginning or end of the school day, that are divided into four 15-minute 1:1 sessions. Training and guidance will be given before starting.

If you are interested in helping, please email juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk with 'reading volunteer' as the subject heading, and give the following information:

- your name

- your child's name
- your child's year class (volunteers tend to read with children from other year groups)
- which days & slots you are available for (eg Tues AM, Thu PM). We will only allocate volunteer readers one slot, so do say if you are happy to do more.

Slots are 8.45 - 9.45 pm and 2.15 - 3.15 pm. If you can help but need to stop reading at 9.30 am or 3.00 pm that is also fine - we are grateful for the support and will work with you to find slots that are manageable.

Thank you in advance.

SEND Coffee Morning

Please come along to our SEND coffee morning on Thursday 5 October 9.10 - 10.10 am. We are very lucky to have guest speaker, Sally Crook, from ADHD Embrace. The session will take place in our new wellbeing room The Cabin. We hope to see you there!

Real Runners

International Athlete & Coach Josh Grace (13.50 5k runner, Bushy Park run winner & 64 minute half marathoner) will be returning to deliver the Tuesday lunch time session at Trafalgar infants. Focusing on drills, speed, running form & lots of fun. Starting Tuesday 26 September at 12.30 to 1pm. To book please complete form via link.

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/RealRunners1/AutumnTerm2023TeamRealRunnersYEAR12TuesdayLunchTimeSchoolClubAtTrafalgarInfants>

Choir

Y1 and Y2 choir will be starting next Wednesday lunchtime. No need to sign up. If your child would like to come along, they need to listen out for the bell when Mrs Burton will call them. This club is free.

Chess

If your Y2 child would like to come along to Y2 chess, they need to listen out for the bell when Mrs Staynes will call them. This club is free.

Football and Netball (Y2)

Y2 football and netball will be starting on Monday 2 October at lunchtime. Please email the office on infantinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk if your child would like to sign up. These clubs are free.

Governing Body News

We have 2 vacancies for co-opted Governors on our Governing Board. Please see either school website for the application form and further information.

Reminders

Admissions September 2024

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.19 and 31.8.20 you need to apply for a place in Reception 2024, even if you already have a child attending the school. Go to www.richmond.gov.uk and click on School Admissions to make your application.

Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Children who are in Y2 need to also apply for a place in the Junior School in September 2024.

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Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

Coats

With the very changeable weather now upon us, please send your child in with a coat. Some of the children have got very wet recently, and we do not have any spare clothes to change them in to. Thank you.

Community

Ukrainian Craft Masterclass

“Dear friends

We would like to invite you and your friends to the Ukrainian Craft Masterclass ‘Motanka Doll: Traditions and Protection’ on the 6th of October at 5.30pm in Ukrainian Social Club, at

Crossway, St Stephen’s Church, 306 Richmond Road, Twickenham, TW1 2PD

Age Requirement: Suitable for ages 10+

Materials Provided, free entry.

Suggested donation: £10

Language: English

Secure Your Spot:

RSVP on USC.RICHMOND@GMAIL.COM

Join us in celebrating tradition, creativity, and the enduring legacy of motanka dolls. Let's craft a piece of history together!”



Covid

Cases seem to be on the increase. If you, or someone in your family test positive, could you also test your children. There are several children who have coughs, colds and sore throats. If you think your child may have covid, could you also do a covid test for them. The **DfE guidance** states that children who test positive should stay at home for 3 days.

The Mayor & Leader of Richmond Upon Thames Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor & Leader of the Council are searching for budding artists to design their annual Christmas cards. Winners will have their designs made into real cards and will also be invited to have tea with the Mayor & Leader.

Closing date Friday 10 November 2023. For more details on how to enter please visit the website www.richmond.gov.uk/mayor

Twickenham School – Open Events

See attached flyer.

Gunnersbury Catholic School

Open Days

Monday 2 October, 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm with Headteacher's address at 2.30 pm

Wednesday 4 October, 10.30 - 11.30 am

To register and for further information visit their website www.gunnersbury.com.

Both Catholic and non-Catholic children attend Gunnersbury. Their community is one that is ambitious, caring and inclusive of all.

Halliford School, Shepperton

Open Morning – Saturday 7 October, 9.00 - 11.30 am

Visitor Mornings – Thursday 9 November, 9.00 - 11.00 am and Tuesday 14 November, 9.00 - 11.00 am
Go to www.hallifordschool.co.uk for more information.

Open Evening at Teddington School – Message from Teddington School

I am writing to invite families at Trafalgar Junior School to our Open Evening on 11 October 2023 between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. During this event, families will have the chance to explore our facilities, learn about extra-curricular activities and be able to engage with members of staff while having their questions answered.

Families can reserve tickets for Open Evening and Open Mornings by visiting our website [Teddington School Open Evening](#).

Volunteer Sunday - October 8th 2023

Twickenham Junction Rough and Craneford Field

10.30am - 3.30pm

To keep everyone safe, the numbers at our volunteer sessions is limited and attendance must be booked in advance. Places will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Activities will include
Maintenance of habitat in the Junction Rough
Painting out graffiti
Building a dead hedge
Woodchipping
Litter picking
Planting hedging

If you haven't done so already, we'd appreciate it if you could complete our [welfare form](#) in advance of the session

Book your Volunteer Session

Location

Meeting at Twickenham Rifle Club off Marsh Farm Lane / Craneford Way
Twickenham

Nearest Postcode: TW2 7SQ

What3words Location: ///jaws.vivid.tides

Diary Dates

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS		
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>		
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Thurs 5 Oct	All	Curriculum Open Evening at 6.00 - 7.30 pm
23-27 Oct	All	Half term – school closed
Mon 30 Oct	All	Inset day – school closed
Thurs 16 Nov	All	Individual school photographs
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term
INFANT ONLY DATES		
<i>Assemblies start at 9.15 am in the Hall at Gothic Road</i>		
Thurs 19 Oct	Y1	Green class assembly
Fri 20 Oct	Y1	Blue class assembly
Tues 7 Nov	Y2	Scarlet class assembly
Wed 8 Nov	Y2	Orange class assembly
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming in to school – more details to follow
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
13-17 May	Y6	SATS
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood

