



## Newsletter

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**Autumn 1, Week 5**

### This week

In the Infant School the children have been voting for their School Councillors, who, for this year are as follows:

Orange class	Peter Storey and Isla Wilson
Scarlet class	Zac Hatton and Aurora Ellery
Blue class	Eisa Safi and Lydia Roberts
Green class	Monty Jones and Tia Hatton

The following children have been put forward for the following pupil leadership roles:

### TIGERS

Orange class	Dominic Jeens and Isabelle Gunning Cooper
Scarlet class	Leo Jones and Maisie Mansell

### Musical Maestros

Orange class	Aamina Khan and Bram Probets
Scarlet class	Ted Pettersson and Mahlaya Parrott

### Digital Leaders

Orange class	Thomas Dodds and Oriana Husha
Scarlet class	Leon Eastwood Foley and Adel Kiraly

### Listening Friends

Orange class	Sam Gilbert-Claiden and Clara Jones
Scarlet class	George Cox and Zuzu Adams Ross

**There will be additional opportunities throughout the year to take on a school responsibility.**

### **National Poetry Day**

Yesterday was National Poetry Day and we enjoyed sharing poems in our assembly. Thank you to Isla and Fleur from Orange class for bringing in their lovely poems which we shared in Golden Assembly today. If any children still wish to bring in a poem they would like to share, please bring it in next week.

### **Curriculum Evening**

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Curriculum Evening last night. Thank you to the Junior Choir for their wonderful singing. Thank you also to the Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl for their first official speeches.

### **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.

### **Houses in KS2**

Earlier this week, Trafalgar Houses were launched in a KS2 assembly to much excitement. As you probably know, a house system is where children from across the school are grouped into different 'houses' and they work together to collect points across the academic year.

Our six houses are named after local British birds, symbolising freedom and environmentalism. These are: Woodpeckers, Swans, Goldfinches, Owls (Tawny), Robins and Kingfishers. The birds are linked to colours which we will use for events, such as Sports Day.

<b><u>Green</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>	<b><u>Yellow</u></b>	<b><u>Brown</u></b>	<b><u>Red</u></b>	<b><u>Blue</u></b>
<b>WOODPECKER</b> 	<b>SWAN</b> 	<b>GOLDFINCH</b> 	<b>OWL</b> 	<b>ROBIN</b> 	<b>KINGFISHER</b> 

Children can earn points for hard work, kindness, progress and achievement. The school council are helping us to decide prizes for the half-termly winners and for over all annual winning house. We plan to extend this system into the other year groups in due course and we look forward to publishing the winners each half-term in our Golden Newsletter.

## World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is **Tuesday 10 October**.

## 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](mailto:infantinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk)

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



## 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](mailto: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 am 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**

Thank you to those parents/carers who came along to the Coffee Morning on Thursday.

### **Creative Projects Y3-Y6**

Earlier this week, we sent families of KS2 children the Creative Project grids for the year ahead. Each child should complete one project per term and the dates are set to give you the choice between doing the projects in term time or in the half-term breaks.

We encourage children to play to their strengths and interests, and are also open to their ideas for presenting their learning in a way that may not be shown on the year group grids. The learning should, however, be linked to either of the foundation topics listed for that term. This means that they can choose between a topic they are already learning in school or they can look ahead and start researching the topic coming up in the second half of the term.

Every child will be given the opportunity to share their project with their class but please bear with us, as this can take a couple of weeks as teachers work through a handful of projects per day with their classes. If you have any questions, please see your class teacher.

### **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**

#### **Book Bags**

We know that many children bring a backpack, especially if they are in wraparound care, but as part of the uniform, the children in Infant School need a book bag. These can be purchased from School Days Uniform shop in Whitton or Stevensons in Twickenham.

## **Water Bottles**

Please do not put your child's water bottle in their book bag. Several books have been ruined recently by leaking non-Trafalgar water bottles. Unfortunately we will have to make a charge from now on for damaged books.

## **Hoodies**

Please remember that hoodies are not part of the uniform in the Infant School. See attached list of the uniform from the Parents' Handbook.

## **Scooters and Bikes**

Please do not allow your child, or toddlers to use their scooters or bikes in the school playgrounds. There have been several occasions recently when children and adults have been accidentally run in to. Thank you.

## **Parking**

Parents using non-electric cars should not leave their engines on whilst dropping off/picking up. Car registration MM66 OFU has been noticed leaving the engine on while other children/the other parent remains in the car. Thank you.

Also, please do not park in areas where there are double yellow lines, crossovers, or in parking permit areas outside the hours when parking is permitted. You will receive a parking ticket from the Parking Enforcement Officers if you do so. Thank you

## **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](http://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. Go to [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk) and click on School Admissions to make your application. Closing date for applications is 15 January 2024.

## **PTA**

See attached PTA Round Up.

## **Community**

### **SMSA Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit a SMSA (School Meals Supervisory Assistant), term time only, Monday to Friday, from 12.15 pm until 1.30 pm. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the office.

## **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](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/mayor)

## **Twickenham School** – Open Events

See attached flyer.

## **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](http://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](#).

## **Teddington Athletic FC**

See attached flyer.

## **Active Camps**

See attached flyer.

## **Dramacube**

See attached flyer.

## Diary Dates

<b>FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS</b>			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT	
Sun 15 Oct	All	Bags 2 School PTA event	
w/c 16 Oct	All	Parents Evenings	
23-27 Oct	All	Half term – school closed	
Mon 30 Oct	All	Inset day – school closed	
Sun 5 Nov	All	Fireworks Evening	
Thurs 16 Nov	All	Individual school photographs	
Fri 17 Nov	All	Children in Need	
Fri 24 Nov	All	Christmas jumper sale	
Sun 26 Nov	All	Christmas Fair and market	
Tues 28 Nov	All	Flu immunisation (nasal)	
Sat 2 Dec	All	Christmas tree collection (if ordered via PTA)	
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term	
<b>INFANT ONLY DATES</b>			
<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 into school – more details to follow	
<b>JUNIOR ONLY DATES</b>			
Thu 5 Oct	Y4	Roman Day	
Thu 12 Oct	Y3	Ancient Egypt Day	
Wed 18 Oct	Y3-6	Harvest Assemblies (Y3 & Y5 at 9am, Y4 & Y6 at 9:45)	
Fri 10 Nov	Y3-6	Creative Projects deadline	
Thu 7 Dec	Y3-6	Festive Fun Day (PTA event)	
13-17 May	Y6	SATS	
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall	
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	