



## Newsletter

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**3 November 2023**

**Autumn 2, Week 7**

### This week

Welcome back. We hope you all had a good half term and are looking forward to the exciting events and activities taking place this half term.

We also welcome Miss Bozzard-Hill and Mrs Rodd this half term who will be working across the Federation supporting children in KS1 and KS2.

### Harvest Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Harvest assemblies in the Junior School and for all their kind and generous contributions.

Thank you to the parents of Green and Blue classes who came along to the Harvest assemblies. Thank you also to the children for their wonderful singing, saying their words and showcasing their work.

### Reception

After half term, all of the children in the EYFS have quickly settled back into our school routine. This week, we have been doing a review of our graphemes and phonemes. At the start of next week, the children will be doing their Little Wandle group reads three times and then they will be bringing home their very first reading books. Please re read these at home and make comments in their reading record books. Thank you.

### Y1/Y2 English and Maths Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Workshop on Thursday. The slides will be available shortly.

### Remembrance Day

This week we have been talking to the children about Remembrance and the importance of this special occasion. We will be observing a 1 minute's silence across the Schools next Friday at 11.00 am.

Poppies are for sale from the office at Gothic Road. There are a few home made poppies created by Miss Hutchins' sewing club – but selling fast! We appreciate your generosity towards this worthy cause.

### **School Lunches**

Our new school lunch menu started this week and many of the dishes are old favourites with some exciting new additions. We have been monitoring the quality and quantity of food and there has been some positive feedback on the quality and the quantities have been good too.

In KS2 we have been working with the kitchen staff to find a system to support the caterers with planning and preparing the right number of portions and to plan for the different daily choices on offer. Each morning this week there was a class tally to help give advance notice to the kitchen. Unfortunately today, there have been so many children changing their mind about their choices that they have run out of the favourite choice and have also a large amount of left overs. We will be reviewing the systems to see if there is a better way to support the kitchen with managing the menu choices. Thank you for your patience and understanding and we will continue to work together to improve the management of the daily school lunch menu.

In KS1 the children will be asked for their preferences on days where demand for certain options are hard to judge.

### **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.

### **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:

1. your name
2. your child's name
3. your child's year class (volunteers tend to read with children from other year groups)
4. 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.

### **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.

### **Children in Need - The Great Spotacular**

On Friday 17 November we will be joining in with the BBC's fundraiser *Children in Need*. As with previous years, we will first be talking to the children about the importance of charitable work and how the money raised is spent. We will then be asking pupils to come to school on Friday 17 November with their uniform decorated in spots or dressed up in as many spots as they can. For example:

5. Swap regular socks or tights for spotty ones
6. Wear a spotty jumper or put round colourful stickers on your school jumper
7. Wear a spotty headband or headscarf
8. If it's not spotty, it should be school uniform

Please start putting some coins aside now as our School Councillors will be on hand to collect cash donations in the playground and in class in the morning. Our suggested donation is £1 per child, even if they are not dressing up. Thank you for your on-going support.

### **Young Writers**

We have reached that time of year again, where pupils from year 4 to 10 are invited to participate in the Young Writers' Festival Competition- Arts Richmond 2023. that worked very well for pupils. The link below takes you to the website page advertising the competition and **Entry rules**.

**<https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>**

It is a great achievement for pupils to win a prize for writing, see their work published and interpreted via acting, reading or visual format. The video link below shows some of last year's winners at the held Gala.

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeR0C5nBXsg>**

The deadline for the competition is 1 December 2023 and each pupil can make only 1 **typed** entry of - stories, playlets, lyrics, poems or **ANY** form.

Please find attached Entry Form and send to [YWentries@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:YWentries@artsrichmond.org.uk)

### **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](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

Please see attached PTA round up.

## Community

### Ukrainian for Foreigners

We are happy to announce a new language class for adults (18+) “Ukrainian for Foreigners” in Ukrainian Social Club Richmond every Saturday, 10-11am, first class is on Saturday, 4th of November.

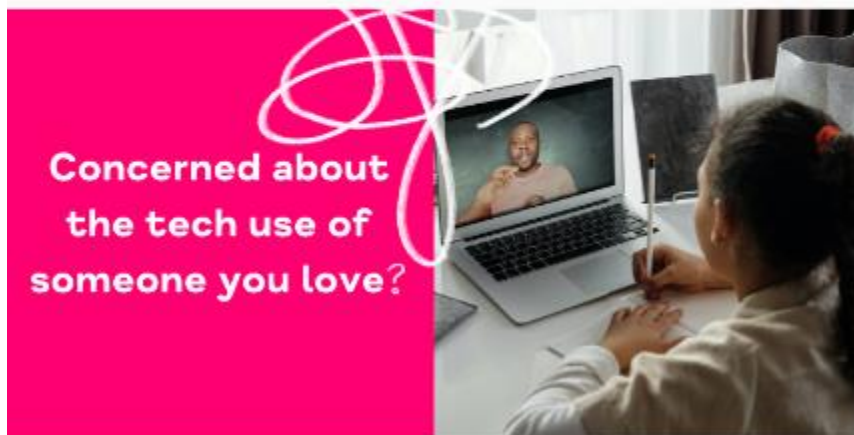
The address is Ukrainian Social Club, Dickson House, Studio 1, 3 Grove Road, Richmond, TW10 6SP

First lesson is free! All levels are welcome.

To book a spot, please email us on [USC.RICHMOND@GMAIL.COM](mailto:USC.RICHMOND@GMAIL.COM).

See attached flyer.

### Mind Richmond



#### **Invitation to Connect to Tech event: 'Tech check for parents and carers'**

**If you are worried about the amount of time spent on social media, grooming, fraud or any tech or digital issue we invite you to our free online workshop, where we will:**

9. Explore the impact of technology on young and vulnerable people’s mental health and wellbeing
10. Enhance your awareness of the dangers of internet and social media use
11. Help you feel more confident having conversations about concerns to help keep loved ones safe.

## Why should you attend?

Many factors play a part in children's and young people's mental wellbeing. One factor that can sometimes be tricky to navigate is the use of technology.

### Compared to other London boroughs, Richmond has:

12. The highest rate of hospital admission for mental health
13. The second highest rate of admission for self-harm
14. The 4<sup>th</sup> worst youth wellbeing scores
15. A third of those aged 16-19 already have a mental health diagnosis.

(Statistics from the Richmond Borough Health and Care Plan 2019-2021 and the Mental Health Needs Assessment 2022.)

We are inviting parents, carers and those who work with children, young people and vulnerable people within our borough to our free online session.

**When:** Wednesday 8 November

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Zoom

Register your place [here](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance registering, please email the team at: [training@rbmind.org](mailto:training@rbmind.org)

## Christ's Hospital



## Bootcamp

See attached flyer about a Bootcamp at Meadway on Thursday mornings.

### **Mini Bees Football**

See attached flyer.

### **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)

## Diary Dates

<b>FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS</b>			
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>YEAR GROUP</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	
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)	
Tues 12 Dec	All - Check	Festive Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner	
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term – 2.15 pm for Meadway, 2.25 for Y1-Y6	
<b>INFANT ONLY DATES</b>			
<i>Assemblies start at 9.15 am in the Hall at Gothic Road</i>			
Tues 7 Nov	Y2	Scarlet class assembly	
Wed 8 Nov	Y2	Orange class assembly	
Fri 1 Dec	All	Infant Bazaar	
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming into school – more details to follow	
<b>JUNIOR ONLY DATES</b>			
Thu 9 Nov	Y4	4B class assembly	
Fri 10 Nov	Y3-6	Creative Projects deadline	
Thu 23 Nov	Y3	3P class assembly	
Thu 30 Nov	Y6	6S class assembly	
Thu 7 Dec	Y3-6	Festive Fun Day (PTA event)	
Wed 13 Dec	Y5-Y6	Christmas Performance - TBC	
Wed 20 Dec	Y3-Y4	Nativity to parents	
Thu 8 Feb	Y6	6D class assembly	
Thu 29 Feb	Y4	4BR class assembly	
Thu 7 Mar	Y3	3J class assembly	
Thu 14 Mar	Y5	5AJ class assembly	
Thu 2 May	Y4	4M class assembly	
Thu 9 May	Y5	5R class assembly	
13-17 May	Y6	SATS	
17-19 May	Y5	Residential to Juniper Hall	
Thu 23 May	Y3	3HS class assembly	
Thu 13 June	Y6	6AW class assembly	
21-24 June	Y6	Residential to Kingswood	





