



Newsletter

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Autumn 2, Week 8

This week

Y2 Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who came along to see Scarlet and Orange assemblies this week. I am sure you will all agree that the children were amazing – fabulous singing and speaking their lines!

Junior Assemblies

Thank you to everyone who came along to see 4B assembly yesterday. Weren't the children great! A huge well done to everyone who took part in the first of class assemblies to come.

Y1/Y2 English and Maths Workshop

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 observed a 1 minute's silence across the School today 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 last 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 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

An Open Morning for prospective parents have been arranged on Tuesday 28 November at 9.15 at Meadway,

We had a huge turnout for our Open Morning in September and an even greater one for the Open Morning held earlier today. Thank you for sharing these dates with your family, friends and the community, and would be grateful if you could continue to do so.

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:

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:

- Swap regular socks or tights for spotty ones
- Wear a spotty jumper or put round colourful stickers on your school jumper
- Wear a spotty headband or headscarf
- 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

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning next Wednesday morning (In the cabin) hosted by the Mental Health Service team. The topic is supporting children with anxiety.

Reminder – there are three webinars coming up – see attached flyers.

Parent/Carer Speech and Language Workshop

See attached flyer

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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Diary Dates

FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
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	Festive Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Thurs 21 Dec	All	Last day of term – 2.15 pm for Meadway, 2.25 for Y1-Y6
INFANT ONLY DATES		
Fri 1 Dec	All	Infant Bazaar
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming into school – more details to follow
JUNIOR ONLY DATES		
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 at 4.00 pm
Thu 14 Dec	Y5-Y6	Christmas Performance at 4.00 pm
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

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.

See attached flyer.

Volunteer Sunday - November 12th 2023

Willow Way

10.30am - 3.00pm

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

Activities will include: Clearing vegetation, Woodchipping paths, Litter picking, Opening up paths

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

Meet at the Willow Way entrance off Hospital Bridge Road

Nearest Postcode: TW2 5JR

What3words Location: ///slave.ankle.grew



The banner features a background image of two young children, a girl and a boy, looking towards the right. The text is overlaid on this image. At the top left, there is a green header with the Christ's Hospital crest and name. Below this, a white box contains the main event information. A green brushstroke graphic at the bottom right contains the text 'Visit us at stand 751'.

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