



## Newsletter

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**Autumn 2, Week 9**

### This week

#### **"EVERY DAY IS SAFER INTERNET DAY"**

Here at Trafalgar, we don't wait for *Safer Internet Day* in February to talk to children about how to stay safe online: we believe that "every day is safer internet day" and that's because we know that most of our children are online most days.

One of the most important messages that we constantly reinforce is about being mindful of who you might be online with, as there is always the risk that who the person you are in contact with may not be who they say they are as well as not sharing personal details.

This is not about scaremongering: we want children to enjoy all the benefits that being online offers but we also know that children sometimes hear or see things that they shouldn't. Our advice in these situations is to turn the screen off and tell a trusted adult. For our younger children we talk about getting the 'Uh Oh feeling' as a way of knowing something might not be right.

Things for families to consider at home, would be:

- Talk to your children about their online habits by taking in interest in what they are doing, what games and sites they like and why.
- Read through our pupil SSO (staying safe online document - in reading records) with you children to help them understand that the same advice applies at home as it does at school.
- Regularly check browsing histories and the content of messages sent and received.
- Ensure settings are managed appropriately - eg turning off the automatic 'play next video' on YouTube.
- Let your children know that you understand that things might go wrong sometimes but that you can help put things right. It is important for them to understand they will not be in trouble if they ask you for help when something goes wrong.
- Ensure your home filtering is set appropriately.

Schools in Richmond work closely with LGFL who also have a wide range of really useful support documents, resources and videos for parents. This link will take you to their parents' resource and support portal.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

If you have any questions please speak to Mr Allen or Mrs Burton.

### **Open Morning**

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

Thank you for sharing this date 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](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**

There were so many children with spots on today! The School Councillors had a very busy time this morning collecting your donations in the playground. The Y6 children have spent some of the day counting the money which goes towards such a worthy cause. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity.

### **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=aeROC5nBXsg>**

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)

### **Coffee Morning**

Thank you to those of you who were able to come along to the coffee morning on Wednesday.

### **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.

## Diary Dates

<b>FORTHCOMING FEDERATION EVENTS</b>		
<i>Please note these dates may be subject to change.</i>		
DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
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
Tues 9 Jan	All	Start of Spring Term
<b>INFANT ONLY DATES</b>		
Fri 1 Dec	All	Infant Bazaar
Wed 13 Dec	Reception	Christmas Nativity – parents and carers of Gold and Silver classes are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Thur 14 Dec	Y1 and Y2	Christmas performance – Scarlet and Green parents and carers are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Fri 15 Dec	Y1 and Y2	Christmas performance – Orange and Blue parents and carers are invited to watch at 9.15 am
Mon 18 Dec	All	Christmas Pantomime coming into school – more details to follow
<b>JUNIOR ONLY DATES</b>		
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

### Koosa Kids

KOOSA Kids are pleased to confirm the dates for our Christmas Holiday Club at The Vineyard School (2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> January). Our **Frosty Fantasyland** activity programme is jam-packed full of festive and frosty fun & excitement! Children will take part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama, imagination and of course our famous go karts. All from just £25.50 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)! Visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information or call 01276 21884. Bookings are open.

### Kingston Christmas touch typing course for 7 – 16s

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Tues 2 - Fri 6 January 2023; 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome. Learn how to type 40+ per minute with the correct fingers and posture.

We use the latest app style games and challenges to make learning effective and fun. Cost £176.00 Child care vouchers accepted. (10% sibling/ bring a friend discount) Duke of Edinburgh skill assessor.

More info from [sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk](mailto:sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk). Apply at [www.typingscool.co.uk](http://www.typingscool.co.uk)

### Kinship Group for Kinship Carers in and around South West London to Come Together

See attached flyer.

### Christmas in Richmond

See attached flyer.