



# Trafalgar Junior School

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## **MESSAGE FROM MRS KEEFE**

Dear Families,

We have had a great start to the new academic year across our Infants and Junior schools. I have now had the pleasure of meeting all the children in their classes and in assemblies, as well as having met many parents at the Meet the Teacher sessions, the Class Reps' meetings, Early Years Curriculum session and at the first PTA gathering.

The teaching staff have been very busy since the start of term and I am delighted to see so many exciting curriculum activities, as well as the usual routines that are now firmly back in place to support the children's learning in school and at home. We have also stepped up the clubs offer and despite the difficulties of coming out of lock down, the Clubs Team have enabled a wide variety of opportunities for the children's extra-curricular learning. Other events are also in the planning and I look forward to seeing you at the Parents' Meetings before half term and at the upcoming PTA events over the next couple of months.



In the meant time, do keep well and thank you for all your excellent support for the school.

Best wishes,

Sarah Keefe  
Headteacher, Trafalgar Schools' Federation

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL**

In our Friday assemblies, we officially welcomed our new School Council in to their positions. They then met with Mr Allen to go through their role and responsibilities, before being assigned their first job of the year. The school council liaise between the school's leadership team and their classes, seeking opinions and feeding back on ideas and proposals. Unfortunately, not all of the school council were available for this photograph but they have all got their badges which they should wear with pride each



## School Councillors 2021-22

	SCHOOL COUNCILLORS	DEPUTIES
3B	Alice & Luke	Alex & Harper
3M	Sophia & Nava	Montgomery & Ellie
4JC	Ellie & Adam	Felix & Julia
4W	Lizzie & Freddie	Esha & Alexander
4R	Siri & Arthur	Edie & Evie
5AB	Isabela & Joe	Fred & Anouska
5J	Ronnie & Florence	Kashyn & Amber
5S	Daniel & Lexi	Leo & Rosie
6P	Ayo & Isla	Fleur & Dijan
6S	Emilie & Sen	Penny & Annabel
6D	Muhammed & Margot	Kai & Sriya

day. We also applauded all the deputy school councillors in assembly, and they too came along for the meeting so they know what to do when called upon. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for consideration – we were really pleased with the number of children who volunteered!

### Y5 MATHS WIZARD COMPETITION

“On Wednesday 22<sup>ND</sup> September, we (Lexi, Fred, Mabel and Eliot) went to Hampton School for a Year 5 Maths Wizard competition, where 15 local school took part. There were 5 rounds with 15 questions in each. We had between 15-30 minutes for each round, depending on how tricky the questions were. We even got some help from the trainee Maths Wizards! It was really good fun, but at the same time, challenging! Here is an example of one of the warm up questions... *How many factors of 10,000 are there?* “ By Lexi and Fred



### AUTHOR VISIT FOR Y5 & Y6

This Friday, the upper school will receive a visit from **Mel Taylor-Bessent**, who used to run Little Star Writers (now Authorfy) here at Trafalgar. She is returning to where it all started to talk to Years 5 & 6 about her journey to becoming a published author and to promote her book, **The Christmas Carrolls**. If you would like to purchase a signed copy of this book for your child to take home next Friday (two weeks ahead of its official release date!), please complete the form sent via parentmail. Children from Y3 or Y4 who wish to order the book are also welcome to do so and should contact the office individually.

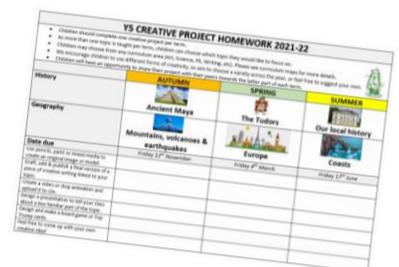


*Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes. But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snowglobe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit? The Christmas Carrolls is a heartwarming, hilarious and inclusive tale about the power of spreading cheer, the magic of friendship and what really matters at this most wonderful time of the year.*



### CREATIVE PROJECTS

On Friday you should have received a copy of your child’s Creative Project Homework for the year ahead. There is one project per term with the option of doing it in term time or in the holidays – whichever suits your family’s needs best. We are very keen for the children to choose what interests them most and would like to encourage any videos, animations or presentations to be uploaded to our E-Learning platform, J2e.



## TEMPORARY CHANGE TO Y6 PE DAYS

To make things easier for our Trafalgar families, we aim to keep PE days the same throughout the academic year. There are, however, occasional changes that need to be made for which we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. **This week (w/c 27<sup>th</sup> Sept) - Y6** wear PE kits Wednesday and Friday because of the Junior Citizen trips.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

A reminder for our current Year 6 parents that **the closing date for Secondary School applications is 31 October**

2021. Families should apply online by going to [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) However, if any of the schools you are applying for requires a supplementary information form, you must complete this and send it to the address stated on the form.

If you do not have internet access at home, it is free to apply online at any library in Richmond or ask us and we can help you. We have attached a guide to this newsletter



## SCHOOL JUMPERS

We are at that time of year when we are finding discarded jumpers at the end of playtime in the playground. Of course, we do our best to reunite them with their owners but they are not all named, so please make sure your child's name is clearly visible in their uniform and property.

## MORNING CLUB START TIME

A polite reminder that the *Get In, Get Active!* clubs with Coach Justin start at 8:10am. We have had quite a few children arriving up to ten minutes early, and whilst we encourage promptness, we will not be open to let children through until much closer to 10 past. Thank you for your understanding.

## MRS BRADON'S MARATHON

Mrs Bradon is running the Virtual London Marathon this Sunday, 3rd October. She is running with Simon Russell (Ollie in 6S's dad) to raise money for the Brain Tumour Charity and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. They will be up and down the river from Kew to Hampton Court and around Crane Park bright and early on Sunday morning so do look out for them and give them a cheer if you are out and about. If you would like to make a contribution to their charities, they would be most grateful. Please click [here](#) for the link to their fundraising page.

## GOLD CERTIFICATE ASSEMBLIES

Our Golden Achievement assemblies on Fridays are currently being held in separate phase groups (Y3/4 and then Y5/6). These awards are given in relation to the school's Golden Rules and our congratulations go to all of the deserving recipients pictured below.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> & Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	Junior Citizen trips
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y4	Child in Roman Britain - Rainbow Theatre Group visiting school
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Y5&6	Author visit – Mel Taylor-Bessent, <i>The Christmas Carrolls</i> .
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All	Bond Buster tests this week (part of maths homework)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	All	Parents Evenings during this week
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	All	Harvest Festival (TBC if parents allowed)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	All	Half-term week
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All	Remembrance Day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All	Children in Need (TBC)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Y4	Online talk with Jane Ray, illustrator of <i>The Lost Happy Endings</i> by Carol Anne Duffy. This is a text studied in class.
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All	Last day of Autumn term

## PTA NEWS

Rugby fixtures are back and so is the opportunity for us to raise thousands of pounds for the school. Please see the information below for more details and let us know if you can spare a couple of hours on any of the upcoming dates - this money really does make a huge difference for Trafalgar. Thank you!



**UPCOMING FIXTURES in November:**  
**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> England v Tonga - gates open 12.00pm**  
**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> England v Australia – gates open 2.30pm**  
**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> England v South Africa – gates open 12.00pm**  
**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Barbarians v Samoa – gates open 11.30am**

### CAN YOU HELP WITH RUGBY CAR PARKING?

It takes about **2 hours** to fill the Meadway car park (50 cars) which raises an amazing **£1,000** for the school

But we need volunteers to do so...

If you can spare a couple of hours to help out occasionally, please contact Richard on 07737311317 or [Richard.reichwald@trafalgarpta.org.uk](mailto:Richard.reichwald@trafalgarpta.org.uk)

#### What it entails:

- ✓ arrive at Meadway a couple of hours before kick-off
- ✓ wear high-vis
- ✓ stand in the car park
- ✓ drink coffee
- ✓ eat chocolate biscuits
- ✓ direct cars to their spaces
- ✓ chat to the rugby-goers
- ✓ take £20 occasionally if they haven't pre-paid on-line
- ✓ Get home / to the pub well in time to watch the match start!
- ✓ Lock up gates around 9pm when the carpark is empty

## JOB OPPORTUNITY



Help A Neighbour In Distress Scheme

## PART-TIME CO-ORDINATOR required by local charity

20 hours per week

Salary: pro rata of £25k - £29k per annum depending on experience

Empathetic, energetic and efficient? This could be the job for you.

HANDS is a Twickenham-based charity, whose main client group is older people in need of practical help. We are looking for someone who will combine warmth and empathy with the appropriate blend of skills and experience to take over the central role of co-ordinator. The successful applicant will oversee the day-to-day running of the office, manage a team of dedicated volunteers, liaise with clients, monitor and evaluate the service and support the Trustees in strategic planning. One year fixed-term contract.  
*This position is ideally suited to local applicants.*

For application form and job description visit [www.handscaregroup.org.uk/jobs](http://www.handscaregroup.org.uk/jobs)

Or email [treasurer@handscaregroup.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@handscaregroup.org.uk)

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or email [treasurer@handscaregroup.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@handscaregroup.org.uk)

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