



Trafalgar Junior School

Believe, Inspire, Achieve

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MESSAGE FROM MR ALLEN

This morning in the upper school assembly, we introduced **Black History Month** - what it is, where it originated from and why we celebrate it. We have been reviewing our curriculum over the last couple of years, and are continuing to try and ensure that our curriculum is appropriately inclusive and diverse all year round, not just within one particular month (for example the Hidden Figures unit in Y5 about the contribution of black women to the space race). In a link to **National Poetry Day** on Thursday, we finished assembly with poems from Lemn Sissay and Benjamin Zephaniah. Years 3 and 4 will have their introductory BHM assembly tomorrow.

In Thursday's assemblies, Mrs Keeefe will be discussing favourite poems alongside this year's NPD theme, *Choice*. If your child would like to bring in a favourite poem to share in class this week or possibly in assembly, then please help them in doing so. Thank you.

Parents Evenings will be held in the last week of this half-term (w/c 18th October), so please look out for more information later this week and the chance to book in your appointment(s).

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

It is World Mental Health Day on Sunday 10th October. As part of this event, the charity, Young Minds are encouraging people to wear yellow on Friday 8th October to remind us of the importance of our mental health. We will be talking about mental health in school and it would be fantastic if children could wear something yellow to mark this day. This could be a pair of socks, a badge, a hair band, a yellow sticker, a t-shirt or even some shorts or trousers! Just something to complement the children's school uniform to get them thinking about mental health. Children should wear normal school uniform and accessorise/substitute with yellow if they can! We look forward to seeing some splashes of yellow next Friday. Thank you so much for your support.

AUTHOR VISIT FOR Y5 & Y6

On Friday, the upper school received a visit from author **Mel Taylor-Bessent**, who used to run Little Star Writers (now Authorfy) here at Trafalgar. She spoke to Years 5 & 6 about her journey to becoming a published author and about her newly published book, *The Christmas Carrolls*. It was an entertaining, inspirational tale of never giving up on your



dreams and keeping on writing! If you missed the chance to purchase a signed book through us, we do have a limited number of signed book plates which can be stuck into copies of the book that have been bought elsewhere. The book goes on sale in shops in approximately one week's time.



GREEN TEAM

You may have noted some new plants appearing in our raised beds recently. This is the work of Miss Dowling and some green-fingered pupils, as our Green Team gets up and running again. In Golden Time last Friday she took some of our Y3 children to plant heather, dahlias and some colour-changing tulip bulbs which will hopefully appear in the spring. This week it will be Y4's turn to plant a raised bed in the playground.



WATER BOTTLES

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day and have our own Trafalgar bottles which are available to buy at the school office. Children are also permitted to bring in their own water bottles, including the metal variety. The metal bottles, however, are not allowed on to the playground – this is to prevent accidents where an unintended knock may chip a tooth. The water fountains are working and available to use in the playground, and plastic bottles may also be taken out - these should obviously be named. We habitually remind children to pick up water bottles (and jumpers and coats!) at the end of play but if a child leaves an unnamed plastic water bottle in the playground despite reminders to pick them up, it may not be possible to reunite them quickly. Jugs of water are also available at lunchtime for both packed lunch and school dinner children.

TRADING CARDS

Please note that we do not permit trading cards, such as Match Attax, in school. Whilst we recognise that there can be benefits to children playing with them, we also frequently have to deal with situations where cards are lost and children become upset. We also do not want to add to any pressure on families to be buying such items. Thank you for your understanding and support in this area.



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.

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

Following a request at our last Class Reps meeting, the current school dinner menu is now up on our website [here](#). As you can see, there are lots of happy customers! If you would like your child to have a hot meal now that the weather has turned colder, please contact our school office.



JOB OPPORTUNITY - LUNCHTIME COVER SUPERVISOR REQUIRED AT TRAFALGAR JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are looking for someone who has some experience of working with children at lunchtime, to look after our children from 12:15 until 1:30 pm every day, term time only. Duties include supervising the children in the dining hall and in the playground, organising games and activities. If you are interested, please ask for an Application Form and Job Description from Michelle Boulheouchat, email juniorinfo@trafalgarfederation.org.uk, or telephone 020 88994 1606. Closing date for applications Friday 8 October at 12.00 noon. Interviews on Wednesday 13 October.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS & HOLIDAY PROVISION

If your circumstances have recently changed and you are claiming additional benefits and you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, then please either click on [this link](#) to apply or contact the school office as soon as possible so we can assist you.

All families who are signed up to benefits-related FSM are eligible to attend FUEL, the holiday provision for free. Four weeks in the summer, one week at Christmas and Easter. For more information please see [this link](#) or contact kathryn.kashyap@achievingforchildren.org.uk

CLUBS FOR AUTUMN 2

The clubs offer for Autumn 2 has now been published on our website. This [timetable](#) is an overview for what is available that half-term, and the opportunity to sign up to the clubs will be sent next Monday as a parentmail. We are moving this process online, allowing you to sign up via an electronic form. This should make the whole process easier for parents and the school but please bear with us if any issues arise as it will be our first attempt to do so with multiple clubs in one go.

MRS BRADON'S MARATHON

A huge well done to Mrs Bradon who ran the Virtual London Marathon yesterday in what must have been the only part of the weekend that wasn't raining! She ran with Simon Russell (Ollie in 6S's dad) to raise money for the Brain Tumour Charity and Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. 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. (Just Y3 and Y4 on Friday as Y5&6 had their author visit instead).



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 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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note these dates may be subject to change.



DATE	YEAR GROUP	EVENT
Sun 17 th Oct	All	Bags2School collection 10-1pm
Mon 18 th Oct	All	Bond Buster tests this week (part of maths homework)
Mon 18 th Oct	All	Parents Evenings during this week
Thurs 21 st Oct	All	Harvest Festival (TBC if parents allowed)
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	All	Half-term week
Thu 11 th Nov	All	Remembrance Day
Fri 12 th Nov	All	Children in Need (TBC)
Fri 3 rd 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 th Dec	All	Last day of Autumn term

PTA NEWS

- Sunday 17th October: Bags2school event 10-1 pm - Meadway site. (See poster below)
- W/C 1st of Nov Nearly New Uniform - collection. Date tbc.

- W/C 8th of Nov Nearly New Uniform - Sales. Dates tbc.

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 6th England v Tonga - gates open 12.00pm

Sat 13th England v Australia – gates open 2.30pm

Sat 20th England v South Africa – gates open 12.00pm

Sat 27th 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

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



Our next

Trafalgar PTA

Bag2School Event

has been arranged for

**Sunday the 17th
of October.**

Drop off your bags at
our **Meadway** site
between

10am-1pm

*Please make sure your **Bags2School** bag or **strong bin bags** have been **tied together well**, to protect items from getting wet in the event of bad weather. Wet items cannot be accepted.*

PRIZE! Extra Golden time for the Infant and Junior class who drop off the most bags on **SUNDAY** (only)!!

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 2001 it has now paid out over £36million.

For full details got to: <http://uk.bag2school.com/>
or contact your Class Rep
or Jenny on jennygrtt@gmail.com.

Please social distance and follow the covid rules.

WHAT WE COLLECT

We accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts

Very good quality:

- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

* We reserve the right to refuse any unsuitable items

We DO NOT accept:

- SOFT TOYS
- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

*If in doubt, please call
Bags2School 01609 780222.*

Look out for your Bags2school bag in your child's schoolbag. You can also use any other strong bin bags.