



# Trafalgar Schools' Federation



## Golden Newsletter

Summer 2, 2022



### HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As you will see from this year's final Golden Newsletter, it certainly has been a very busy end of the year. With so many trips and events as well as all the transition arrangements, I am sure we will all enjoy a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays.

We would like to thank all our parents for the amazing support and for working together in partnership for the benefit of our fabulous children. Our parent helpers/readers, class reps and all of you as PTA members have made an incredible difference and it has been a pleasure to meet you and to work with you this year.

Our children have made us so proud this year with their amazing learning in school and their talent and skills both in school and with representing the school at the many sports and extra-curricular events such as the Singing Festival and the Maths, Dance, Gym and Story Telling competitions. They can now 'chill out' over the summer after this incredible heatwave!

*Sarah Keefe* – Federation Headteacher

### Chair of Governors' Message

Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Evening this term - we had a full house of Governors and I hope you got to meet some of them. It's been a busy year for the Governing team and we have welcomed three new governors on board, Sophie and Laura who are both parents at Trafalgar, and Rafina who has joined us from the teaching staff. It's been great working with Sarah Keefe for a year and we feel prepared for our upcoming Junior Ofsted.

We expect a co-opted role to come up in September, so please email me if you would like to consider becoming a governor and have any questions. Otherwise, we want to thank all our teaching and support staff for their hard work over the year. I hope the children have enjoyed the last few weeks of term and we look forward to seeing you in September!

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# Academic Results

Key Stage 1 Summer, 2022

## Infants

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Despite exceptional circumstances since the last SATs back in the summer of 2019, our children have remained focused and motivated, and we are so proud of their achievements.

We are particularly pleased with the 80% of children achieving their Early Learning Goals in Reception, showing very good progress from their starting points.

Across Key Stage 1 the children have made very good progress from their starting points and there has been accelerated progress in the reading. Phonic results are also particularly good for the Y1 phonics screening. Reading has been a big focus and thank you to all our reading helpers and for all our children and parents for their work with home reading.

## Trafalgar Early Years Results 2021-22

### Reception Early learning Goals

	Trafalgar Infants	National
Achieved a Good Level of Development	75%	TBC

## KS1 Provisional SATs Results 2021-22

### Reading

	Trafalgar Infants School	National
Expected standard	79%	67%
Higher standard	25%	18%

### Writing

	Trafalgar Infants School	National
Expected standard	69%	58%
Higher standard	11%	8%

### Mathematics

	Trafalgar Infants School	National
Expected standard	71%	68%
Higher standard	24%	15%

# Academic Results

Key Stage 2 Summer, 2022

## Juniors

We are delighted to report our Key Stage 2 results for the 2021-22 academic year.

Despite exceptional circumstances since the last SATs back in the summer of 2019, our children have remained focused and motivated, and we are so proud of their achievements.

We are particularly pleased with the number of children who have achieved *above* the expected standard in reading, SPaG and maths. Our percentage is significantly higher than the national percentage for children working at the expected standard in those subjects, and for those working at the higher standard.

Reading has been one of our school development areas, and the hard work by all staff, parent supporters and, of course, the children, has resulted in 90% of our children achieving the expected standard in reading and 46% at the higher standard, which is an impressive 18% higher than the national average.

We will, of course, continue to work diligently next academic year to ensure we maintain these great results, with a particularly focus on our writing attainment.

Thank you to all the children throughout the school who are working so hard and with such positivity - you are an inspiration. Finally, thanks also to our wonderful staff and parents who continue to support the children so enthusiastically with their learning. By working together, we are able to achieve so much more.

## KS2 Provisional SATs Results 2021-22

Reading		
	Trafalgar Junior School	National
Expected standard	90%	74%
Higher standard	46%	28%

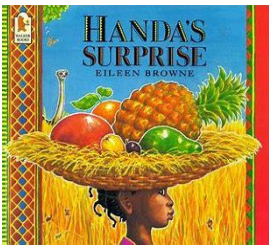
Writing		
	Trafalgar Junior School	National
Expected standard	70%	69%
Higher standard	5%	11%

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG)		
	Trafalgar Junior School	National
Expected standard	84%	72%
Higher standard	39%	28%

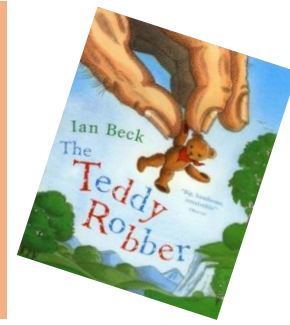
Mathematics		
	Trafalgar Junior School	National
Expected standard	80%	71%
Higher standard	31%	23%

Reading, Writing, Maths Combined		
	Trafalgar Junior School	National
Expected standard	63%	59%
Higher standard	Awaiting national data	Awaiting national data

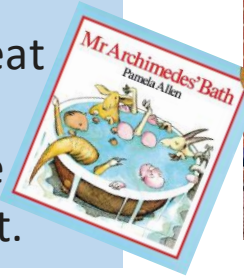
# Reception



This half term the Reception topic has focused on 'Stories' and both classes have immersed themselves in a range of different stories from Africa and around the world, as well as lots of water and teddy bear tales.



Mr Archimedes' Bath is a lovely story we all read which linked to our learning about capacity and water displacement. Groups of children had great fun re-enacting the story, splashing in and out of the water and getting very wet.



After learning a little bit about African culture, children designed their own Kente inspired patterns, made African masks and even went on and wrote about an imaginary safari walk in the wild woods!



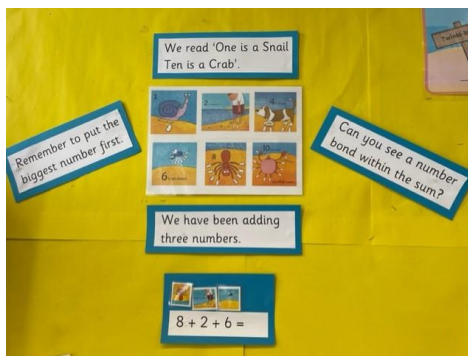
After spending the latter part of this half term reading teddy bear stories, our topic culminated in a wonderful teddy bears' picnic, where children made their own marmalade sandwiches, decorated bunting and created teddy bear hats





# Year 1

Fresh Water Theatre came to take us on a journey through time looking at the seaside.



This half term we have designed our own rockpools using the technique of Papier Mache.



We had a fantastic visit to London Zoo. We were able to see amphibians, reptiles, mammals, fish and birds from around the world.

Twickenham	Bognor Regis
• buildings	• Sand
• River	• Shop
• pubs	• Seaside
• Shop	• pier
• cafes	• Funfair

We used the book 'One is a Snail, Ten is a crab' to help us to learn strategies to add three numbers together.



We have been learning about the features of the seaside and compared them with Twickenham.



Year 2

Camouflage Activities!

In Science this half-term we've been studying Invertebrates. On our trip to the Stockyard at Bushy Park we explored a variety of habitats and found several minibeasts. We went pond dipping and meadow sweeping.



We were visited by the Twickenham Bee-Keepers and learnt how crucial bees are to human life!



We have been studying the animals who live on the Galapagos Islands and made collages



Meadow Sweeping







## Sports Morning



On Friday 15th July the whole of the Infant school took part in our annual Sports Morning. The children worked as a team and showed amazing sportsmanship. We had a fantastic morning, enjoyed sharing our achievements with parents and even celebrated with an ice pop in the warm weather!



# Music

Another busy term in the Infant School.

Y1 performed African Drumming in their class assemblies, showing their understanding of Call and Response as well as singing Kye Kye Kule

The Choir not only sang at the Summer fair but also sang their socks off at the Rose Theatre.

Hopefully, we will have some photos from the Richmond Music Trust to share soon.

Y2 Sang their 3 favourite songs from their time in the Infants:  
What a Beast from Reception  
Down There Under The Sea  
Believe





# Green Fingers

Our T.I.G.E.R's (Trafalgar Infants Green Environmental Rangers) went to a farm to pick produce that we made into jam and chutney. This activity was part of the 'schools to market' project provided by school food matters and Whole Foods.



We sold jams, oils, chutneys, plants, crafts

and produce at the Summer Fair, all coming from our wonderful school garden. We raised an amazing £180. The money raised will go directly back into our garden. Thank you for your support.



We raised £140 at Whole Foods in Richmond as part of the School's to Market project. The money raised will buy equipment for our children to use in their school garden.

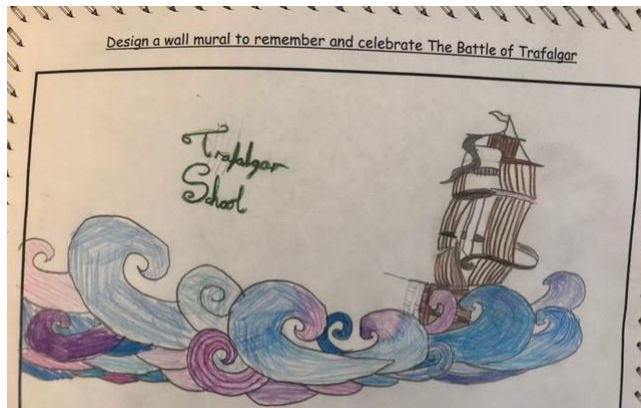




# Year 3

In Year 3 we have had a busy and fun last half term! We have been practising and performing our poetry based on the class text 'Hot like Fire' by Valarie Bloom as well as presenting our projects to our classes, teachers and Mrs Keefe. We have also been learning about Judaism; their beliefs, celebrations and ways of life. We even had Rabbi Zvi visit our school for a workshop where we learnt about the Torah, tried on traditional kippahs and shawls and learnt about names with Jewish origins! In DT we have been designing and creating our own wooden photo frames whilst learning the new skills of sawing, sanding and assembling using wood glue! Lastly, in History we have been learning all about the history of our local area - in particular, the long and impressive history of Trafalgar Junior School. We have been researching and exploring what school life would have been like for children when the school first opened in 1905, made daily life comparisons from then to now and we even had a go at designing our own wall murals to remember the Battle of Trafalgar.

The Year 3 children have been a pleasure to teach and have worked incredibly hard this year. The whole Year 3 team are so proud of you & want to wish you the best of luck in Year 4!





# Year 4

Ever wondered what Twickenham was like in the past? Well, we have had a wonderful final half term, exploring the local heritage of Twickenham, thanks to Mr. Smith for sharing his time and knowledge with us! Year 4 have been amazing ambassadors for our school, conducting themselves politely and sensibly on each of our walks. Our second walk was to Twickenham Green, drawing sketch maps and later finding out about what used to be there.

We would tell you more but mustn't spoil it for the current Year 3s!



We have been busy sewing money containers, learning different stitches, techniques for fastening, not forgetting threading needles and tying knots. The results have been amazing!

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading and writing about Varjak Paw, again we won't spoil it... we will just say... it was exciting, intriguing and mysterious!

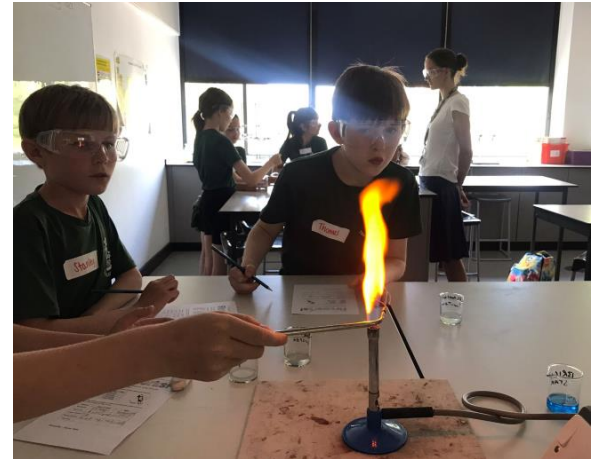
Thank you parents, carers and other family members who have supported all of these fun endeavours- you helped us to make all these fabulous learning opportunities, this term and during the year!



# Year 5

Year 5 have been out and about a lot in the final half term. We enjoyed a trip to Twickenham Apiary as part of our Science topic. Marble Hill Park was our next stop, where we found out about Henrietta Howard - the remarkable woman who built Marble Hill House in the 18th century - as part of our local area History and Geography study.

We then experienced secondary school life at a fantastic taster day, run by Twickenham School, where activities included a super Science lesson to investigate why fireworks are different colours. The highlight of the term was our 2-day residential trip to Juniper Hall in Surrey. In addition to shelter building, fire making, orienteering and learning compass skills, we also sang songs around the camp-fire and toasted marshmallows. What a lovely end to Year 5!





# Year 6

We bid a very fond farewell to our fabulous Year 6s of 2022, who have yet again worked incredibly hard. Kingswood was a major highlight for many, but we have also explored Alcatraz in English, investigated the use of the Thames on our walk to Richmond, learnt how to bake bread rolls (with a special shout out to Mr Emery!), amongst everything else.

Good luck in all your new adventures. Make sure you come back and visit!



# READING AT THE JUNIORS

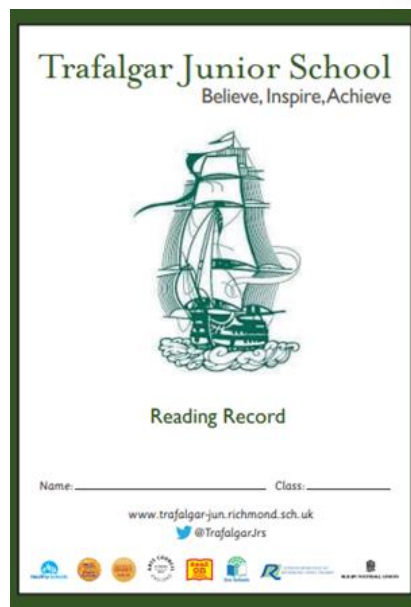
## AUTHOR VISIT – POOJA PURI

We were very pleased to welcome author of *A Dinosaur Ate My Sister* and *A Robot Squashed My Teacher*, Pooja Puri to the Juniors in June. Pooja gave an inspiring talk about how she became a writer and where her ideas came from and everyone enjoyed designing their own robots from household objects!



## READING RECORDS

This year was our first year of using a new look Reading Record, and we will be continuing with these in the new academic year too with only minor tweaks. Remember – this is all about the importance of reading at home and of reading a range of text types!



## READING VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all of our parent volunteers who have given up their time to come in and read with our children this year. If anyone is interested in becoming a reading volunteer at the juniors then please contact Mr Allen via the school office. Volunteers need to be able to commit to a weekly session, typically lasting an hour either after drop-off or before pick-up.



# Trafalgar Sports Teams



Trafalgar did so well at our local-school borough sports competition at St James's.



Our four cricket teams represented Trafalgar so well at the Borough Cricket Festivals - pictured are our Y5 boys' team.



Our swimmers were fantastic at the borough swimming gala.



Our hockey team reached the semi-finals of the Richmond Borough hockey Championships!



Children from all year groups enjoyed an orienteering competition.



# Sports Day

The children enjoyed a hot sports day this year. Well done to **Green Team** who very narrowly won! Most importantly, everyone stayed safe, hydrated and had fun, working hard together to achieve as many points as possible. The teamwork and camaraderie on display was fantastic.





# Maths



## Whole School Maths Challenge

### Terrific Time-tellers

This half term, we have been focusing on telling the time, reading timetables and converting units of time to solve problems.

Congratulations to 3B and 4JC in the lower school 5J in the upper school for having made the most progress in this core and real-life numeracy skill.

Trafalgar Junior School came 69<sup>th</sup> out of the 349 schools that participated in the London wide Times Tables challenge. We had 118,482 correct answers!

Well done to all who participated. 5S, 4W and 4R were the top 3 scoring classes and the most valuable players were Sammy, Artin and Robin from Year 4.



## **First Maths Challenge**

Congratulation to the 50 enthusiastic mathematicians in Year 3 and 4 who participated in the annual Maths challenge organised by the Mathematical Association. Everybody tackled the questions with enthusiasm, logical reasoning and resilience and should be very proud of themselves.

A special well done to our Gold Certificate winners from Year 4: Elodie (our top scorer with 19 marks out of a possible 20), Sebby, Henry, Sammy, Siri, Ethan, Susie and Tilly. Also, well done to Luca, our top scorer from Year 3, who achieved a very impressive 14 marks and won a silver certificate.

# THE LAST WEEK OF TERM!

Well done to all the school staff for getting through a VERY hot final week of term. It was a case of water spray guns deployed and feet in trays of water for those children without air-con, but we stayed open and without incident so were pleased to have been able to do that.



In our final whole school assembly, we handed out certificates for the Peace Prize, Excellence Award & Merits Winners (pictured here) and tomorrow we bid farewell to our lovely Y6s in their Leavers' Assembly.







## Summer Fair 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Summer Fair. What an overwhelming success it was! I am so thankful to be part of such an amazing school community and would like to thank all of our PTA (that's ALL of our parents!). You all play such an important role in our school community and whether you have been part of the summer fair committee, one of the dedicated team of helpers, given your time and contributions such as sweet jars, gifts, bottles etc. or even for coming along on the day to support this amazing event.

*S. Keefe*

Headteacher

