



Trafalgar Schools' Federation



Sarah Keefe, Headteacher

Golden Newsletter

Summer 2, 2023



Harry Owen, Chair of Governors

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

It's the end of another academic year, and it has certainly been eventful, as you will see from all the Golden Newsletters. I am hugely thankful to all the staff across the federation who have done so much to provide a high quality of education and ensure strong personal development for all our children from Reception to Y6. I am delighted that this hard work has resulted in our recent OFSTED 'Good' grading for the Junior School, as well as being reflected in our excellent SATs results this year. It is important to acknowledge the progress our children make, from when they enter our Early Years to the end of Key Stage 2, across all curriculum areas, not to mention all the fun and engaging activities along the way!

After this especially eventful last half term, I do hope the children and all of you will have a good restful summer holiday. Thank you to all our families for working collaboratively to support our children and especially for the work so many of you do for the school as PTA members.

Sarah Keefe – Federation Headteacher

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Chair of Governors, Harry Owen, who will be handing over to Sophie Riley (our current Vice Chair). Harry has worked very hard during his time as Chair to support the school. He has a very visionary approach to developing the federation as a union of two schools. Under his strong leadership, the governing body have developed a clear strategic plan for governance, recruiting new governors with a range of skillsets, aligning the committees and governor visits and training to the school improvement priorities.

We wish Harry all the very best, thank him for his commitment and the positive impact he has made for Trafalgar community. We are delighted that Sophie Riley will be our next Chair and alongside her, our new Vice Chair, Laura Jennings, who has been an active PTA member and previous PTA Chair.

Reminder -

Children return to school on Tuesday 5th September

SUMMER FAIR





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SPORTS DAY





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Sustainability & T.I.G.E.Rs

This half term we have been on lots of trips! We have raised over £150 for the Felix Project which provides meals for vulnerable people. During the summer term, we have grown produce to make our Jams and Chutney's. It was sold at the Summer Fair, Borough Market and Whole Foods in Richmond. The TIGERS have worked incredibly hard this year and have raised awareness for sustainability. Thank you so much for supporting us!



Making a campfire in the Wild Wood!



Caring for the ducks!



Picking Rhubarb!

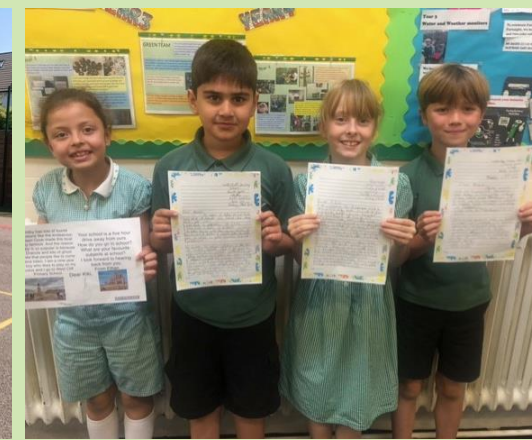


Year 3

Wow! What a fun-filled final half term Year 3 have had! We have shown off our creative projects, performed poetry in English, visited Richmond synagogue in RW and taken part in our first Junior School sports day!

We have loved taking part in everything we have achieved in Year 3 and are excited about starting Year 4 in the Autumn Term!

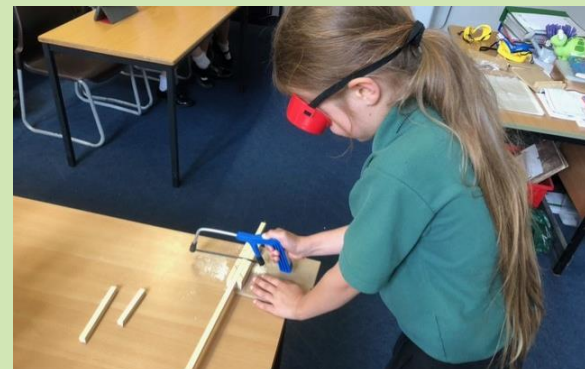
In D&T we have been designing and constructing our own wooden photo frames. We had to think carefully about measuring the pieces of wood accurately and we used safety goggles when sawing- the end results are amazing! What do you think?



In Maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes, their edges and vertices. We also went out into the school playground to see what acute, obtuse and right angles we could spot too.

Last half term we studied Whitby in Geography, so this half term we got a chance to write to a Whitby pen pal in our English lessons- we were so excited to receive their replies!

We also got a chance to visit the library after its makeover in our classes- we loved it!

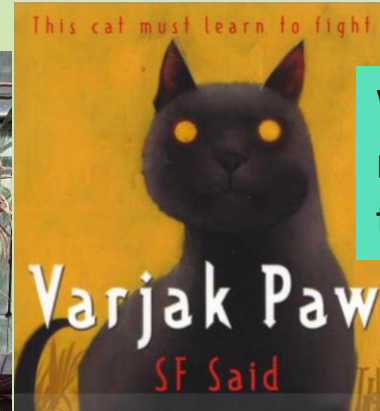


Year 4

We can't believe we've reached the end of the year! Here's a snapshot of what Summer 2 has looked like:



Visit to the Living Rainforest



We have loved reading Varjak Paw this term.



In D&T we learned how to make paper patterns, pin and cut fabric and sew the pouches we had designed.



We used our Science learning about adaptations to create our own creature that could survive in our classrooms. We thought about what it would eat, where it would live, how it would move and how it would protect itself.



Year 4



Battle of the Books!

On Wednesday 5th July, eight Year 4 children attended Richmond's Battle of the Books competition at St. James's school. In preparation, the children had to read **six** books and do lots of tasks to help them know the books really well.

Round 1: The Quiz
We had to go up one at a time to answer a question about one of the books we had read.
We came joint 3rd in this round!



Round 2: Drama
We had 30 minutes to practise a scene from a book and then perform it to the rest of the schools. The children were brilliant, and we could hear every word.

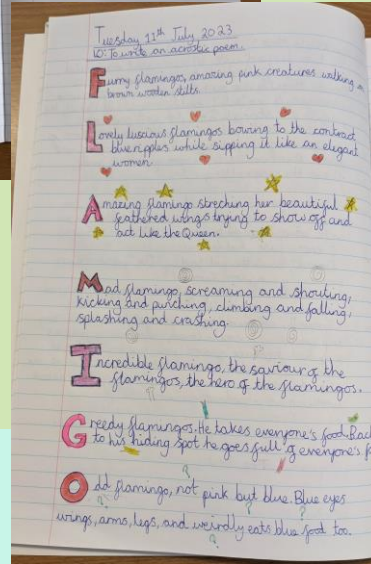
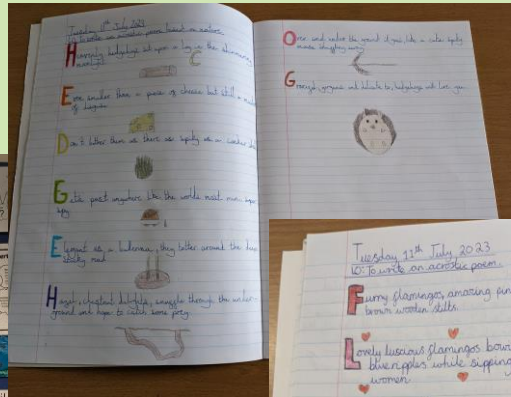


Round 3: Art
We designed a cover for *Cosmic*. We had to work as a team and decide what we would include on the cover and how we would encourage people to want to read it.



The children did fantastically well, finishing in 4th place!

Year 5



In English, we continued with our theme of sustainability and researched the pros and cons of plastic. We then wrote a formal article about this versatile but environmentally damaging material. We also wrote some lovely acrostic poetry inspired by The Lost Words.

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Marble Hill House and Park, where we found out about Henrietta Howard - the remarkable woman who built Marble Hill House in the 18th century. We also enjoyed a visit to the Twickenham Apiary as part of our Science topic.



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been discussing democracy, its implications and workings. This was part of the process to elect our Members of Pupil Parliament for 2023/24. A number of children from each of the Year 5 classes wrote and delivered speeches about the following statement.

"16 year olds should be able to vote in elections"
"16 year olds have many legal rights. They can get a National Insurance number; join the Armed forces with parental consent; apply for the passport; drives a moped and much more.
One thing they cannot do is vote in Elections."

'Primaries' held in each of the Year 5 classes

The Year 5 children then voted, using a secret ballot, on the candidates and their speeches. The four winners from each class went on to deliver their speeches in front of the rest of the school, during an assembly. The whole school voted using ballot boxes and ballot slips.



Year 5

MPP Elections 2023: Trafalgar Junior Ballot

Susie Geary

Betty Robinson

Alex Azern

Anna Sewell

Esha Kundi

Bella Moffat

We would like to congratulate ALL the Year 5 children who put themselves forward during the preliminary stages.

Trafalgar Junior School

MPP Elections



MPP Elections 2023: Trafalgar Junior Ballot

Tyler Ward-Adams

Sammy Norwell

Arthur Sutherland-Kain

Ruddy Duffin

The children who gave their speeches in assembly ALL received numerous votes.

The girl and boy with the most votes overall become TJS MPPs

Congratulations to **Sammy Norwell** and **Bella Moffat** who will represent Trafalgar Junior School at the Borough Pupil Parliament



Year 6

A 'bittersweet' term – so much fun and so much to be proud of, but we will miss you!



After an energetic walk along the Thames, Y6 loved having the opportunity to choose their parting gift from Trafalgar at the Alligator's Mouth Bookshop in Richmond.



Year 6 had an incredible time at Kingswood. The weather was kind, the chicken and chips tasty and the children were amazing at attempting all the activities. Chill out time was always much appreciated too. We were so proud of them all!



We made wire loop games in DT! The children showed fantastic creativity and coding skills in programming their microbits.



More Kingswood photos!





Trafalgar Junior School have been awarded a grant from Richmond Scientific Society. This will be used to buy Microbit programmable chips to enhance learning in Computing, Science and D&T. Mabel and Anna from Year 6 shared the school's plans at the presentation ceremony and were then presented with a cheque for £660 by the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames.

"It was a great experience meeting the mayor and receiving the cheque. We learned about microbits and then we were able to explain to the audience how we will use them to advance our learning in D&T and Science."



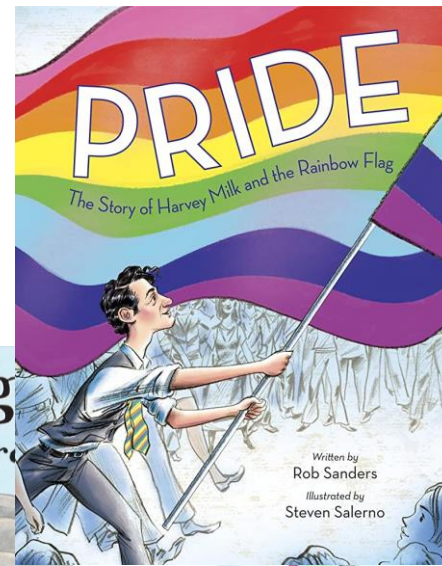
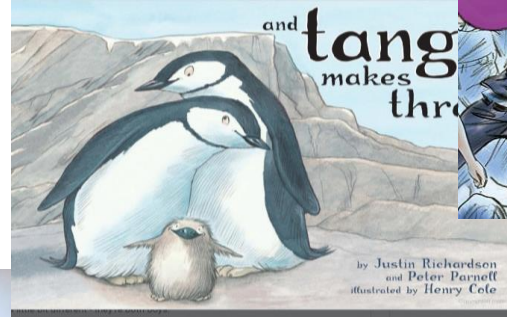
Shakespeare Rocks





I think all
can agree
the children
were
absolute
superstars!

Thank you, Evie and Anoushka for leading the age-appropriate Rainbow /Pride Assemblies for KS1 and KS2. The children really enjoyed joining in with the books and activities.



MUSIC

What a wonderful term of performing we have had!

We celebrated the many wonderful talents of our children in Year 3, 4 and 5 with our annual talent sharing show; the choir performed at the Summer Fair and our amazing Year 6 children put on incredible show 'Shakespeare Rocks!'

The children also performed beautifully in class too!

Year 3 enjoyed listening to 'The Carnival of the Animals'; Year 4 performed a Renaissance style dance; Year 5 enjoyed singing and playing Indian music, including some Bhangra dance and Year 6 took a trip to Cuba enjoying playing and dancing to Salsa music.

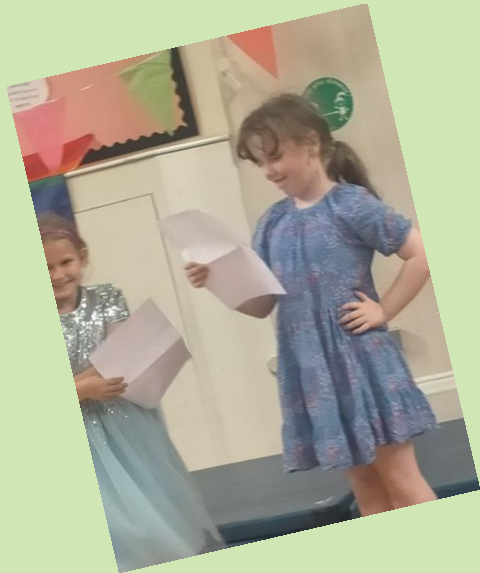
Here are some pictures of our wonderful Trafalgar children!

YEAR 5 Talent Show



YEAR 4 Talent Show

YEAR 3 Talent Show





It's been yet another historic half-term for sports in Trafalgar Junior School! The half-term was kicked off with 2 days of amazing sporting action as some of our Boys Football team travelled to Leeds to play at Elland Road. The boys had an amazing experience representing The Bees! Traveling down on the Monday and staying in a 4-star hotel and playing on the hallowed turf of Elland Road on the Tuesday. The team battled hard in a tough group that contained the likes of Chelsea and Tottenham and made the entire school proud with their performances.

In other sporting news our amazing gymnasts lead by the brilliant Miss. Hunt dominated the borough gymnastics competitions. With our Year 5 team claiming a super silver medal, and our Year 3&4 team scooping an amazing Gold medal! We also had 35 children represent Trafalgar at the All-Britain Gaelic Football Championships (Top Right) and sent two teams to the Richmond Hockey Championships, narrowly missing out on the knock-out stages.





Borough Sports Champions 2023

The historic half-term of sport was capped off with a true piece of Trafalgar history, as our athletics team won the prestigious Richmond Borough Sports Athletics Competition for the first time since 1976. The event is the oldest inter-school competition in London and the winners shield was first awarded when King Edward was still on the throne! The team scored a phenomenal 1753 points across all four events to take victory for Trafalgar for only the second time in the schools 118-year history.

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 5AJ for having made the most progress in this core and real-life numeracy skill.

Trafalgar Junior School came 78th out of the 322 schools that participated in the London wide Times Tables challenge. We had 118,482 correct answers!

Well done to all who participated. 5JC, 5AJ and 3M were the top 3 scoring classes, and the most valuable players were Henry, Artam and, Artin from Year 5.



First Maths Challenge

Congratulation to the 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: Carl(our top scorer with 19 marks out of a possible 20), Alice, Felix and Luca Geary. Also, well done to James, Nelly and Mackenzie, our Gold certificate winners from Year 3, who all achieved more than 15 marks .