



Trafalgar Schools' Federation



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Golden Newsletter

Summer 2, 2024

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of the school year, reviewing our Golden Newsletters reminds me of the many highlights and exciting activities the children have enjoyed throughout the year. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our PTA for organising such a fantastic Trafalgar Summer Fair. The event was a tremendous success, bringing together our community and raising valuable funds for school initiatives. Your hard work, dedication, and support are greatly appreciated, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do for our school.

Over the summer, we will be working on several school improvement projects, including updating our classroom whiteboards (as part of the ICT project funded by PTA) and refreshing classroom environments to create an even better learning environment.

To those families who are leaving us, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. For those returning, we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another year of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break.

It's been a positive year at Trafalgar, with many highlights, including the Ofsted reviews that provided good assurance to the governing board that all the hard work from staff is translating into tangible impacts across the Federation.

As we look ahead to next year, the governing board will be focused on ensuring that plans are in place to help us to continue to enhance and evolve. We are particularly excited to see the progress to upgrade our technology and provision of IT learning for pupils.

Trafalgar is lucky to have such a welcoming and friendly school with a caring community. We would like to thank all the staff, parents and our wonderful children for all their efforts this year to create an environment where pupils feel safe and happy at school.

Sophie and Laura (Chair & Vice Chair)

Reminder -

Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd September

SUMMER FAIR



Photos by Amanda Scavone



Thank you PTA -
for organising the hugely
successful Trafalgar Summer
Fair and for all that you have
done to support the
children at Trafalgar this
year!



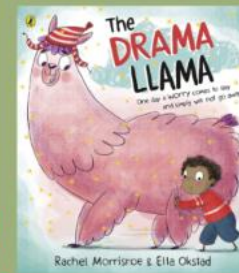
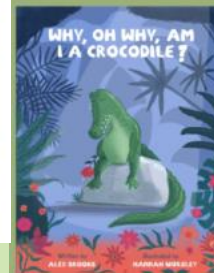
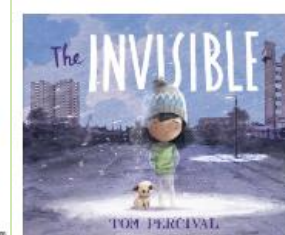
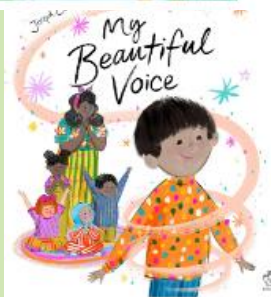
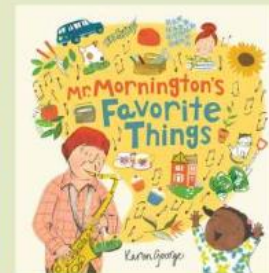
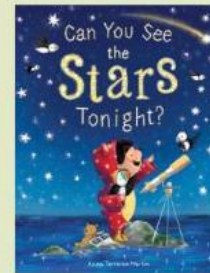
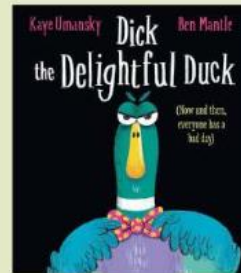
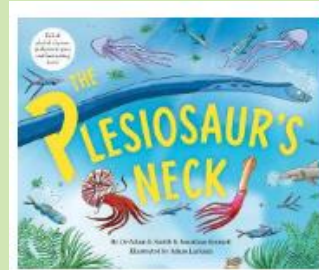
Summer Reading



https://www.richmond.gov.uk/summer_reading_challenge

Y2 book donations

If you would like to buy a book for the KS1 library we would love to have more non fiction books. Also we are building up our stock of SPARK books so these would also be a good choice. All donated books will have a 'donated by...' sticker placed inside the front cover.

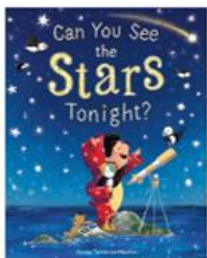
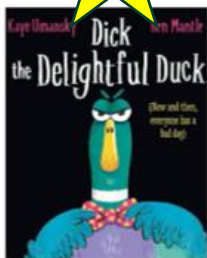




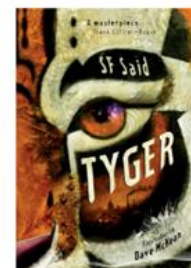
SPARK AWARD WINNERS



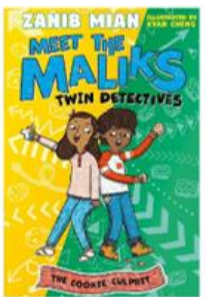
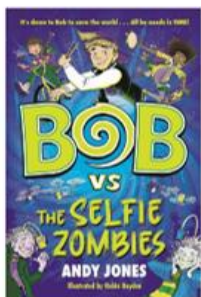
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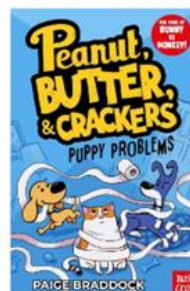
YEAR 5 & 6



YEAR 3 & 4



GUEST CATEGORY: GRAPHIC NOVELS



The Spark Awards is a brilliant book competition and winners (marked here by golden stars) are voted for by children in participating schools who get to read all the short-listed books. Find out more about them here: <https://www.sparkbookawards.co.uk/home> If you need further inspiration, find out what our teachers recommend here: [Trafalgar reading recommendations.pdf](#)



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Thank you to all the parents who attended the various sports days this year. They were a great success and good fun was had by all!



Reception



This term our topic was stories, with a focus on water. We made some boats and learnt about the basics of water displacement!



We danced and danced at our disco!



We loved the mobile farm coming to visit us. We enjoyed feeding and stroking the animals. We wrote letters to the farmers to say 'thank you.'



We made beautiful collages in the style of Claude Monet's 'Water lilies.'



Year 1

In English we have been writing our own stories based on the storm whale! Our stories had a beginning, middle and end as well as lots of amazing adjectives. We made sure that every sentence was a golden sentence, ask us what a golden sentence needs!



As part of the year 1 curriculum this year we have been learning to classify animals in Science. To consolidate this learning, we went on a trip to London Zoo! We got to see all kind of reptiles and birds, but our favorite bit was getting to see the sloth who was sleeping just above our head. Did you know sloths are mammals?



In year 1 we have been learning all about seaside holidays in the past and present. We were so lucky that Freshwater Theatre company visited us and took us on a time travelling adventure all the way back to 1910!



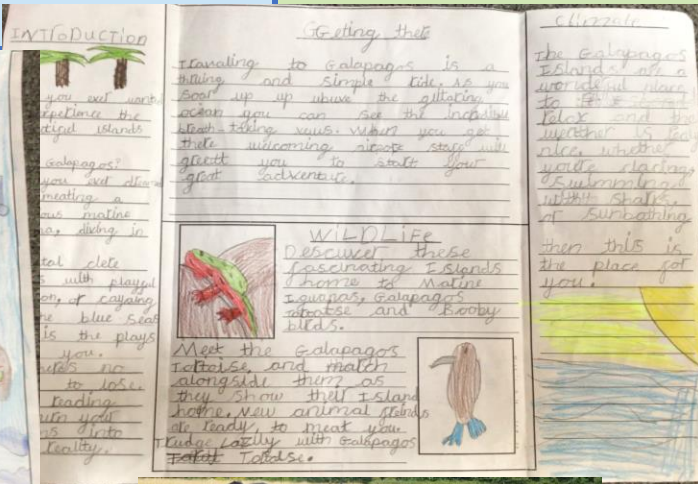
In Maths we have been learning to tell the time to the hour, and half past the hour. Keep testing us at home so we can remember how to tell the time!



Year 2

We have planned and written our brochures about the wonderful Galapagos islands. In Art we created a collage of the many different animals that live on the islands. The children have thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their writing skills and using persuasion techniques to entice the reader to visit the Galapagos Islands.

As part of the year 2 curriculum this year we have been learning to identify and classify invertebrates. We have used our research skills to present our findings in a fact book all about invertebrates. We visited the stockyards in Bushy park to go meadow sweeping, pond dipping and log rolling.



Year 2 enjoyed sharing their memories of the Infant school with their families in their assembly.



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, had a visitor from 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 English we loved performing poems in our Y3 Poetry Slam. We were awesome!



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, safely sawing and gluing, and decorating to suit our intended audience - the end results are amazing! What do you think?



In Science, we have been revisiting our topics from the year. We designed our own investigations and we especially enjoyed making our own fossils.



Year 4

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

In History we have been learning about the history of our local area. We've looked at primary and secondary sources, Twickenham throughout different decades and went on a History walk with our classes and Mr Smith!

In English we've been taking part in class debates about whether our class text character Varjak Paw should join a gang.



In Science we went on a bug hunt and sorted different rocks and soils using flowcharts. We also had a visit from NPL & had a liquid nitrogen workshop!



Year 4



Battle of the Books!

On Wednesday 26th June, 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.

Round 2: Drama

We had 30 minutes to practice 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

The children were given an illustration from a book and had to use it to inspire a piece of art.



Year 5

This half term has been all about the trips!

We visited Hounslow Mosque where the Imam told us about the building, and how it is used. He also told us about some Muslim beliefs and highlighted some of the similarities with Christianity and Judaism.

We also made a visit to the Science Museum. Children explored the Wonderlab Interactive Exhibition, which had activities related to electricity, magnetism, forces and light. We also explored some other exhibitions including Space and Medicine.

Our trip to the Twickenham apiary helped us understand the lifecycle of bees and how important they are for all living things. We even got to hold a drone (a male bee with no stinger).

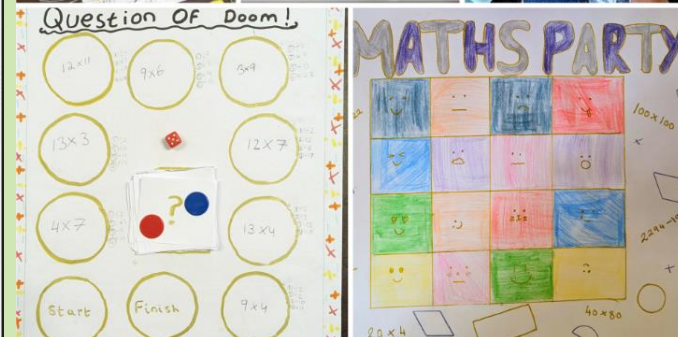
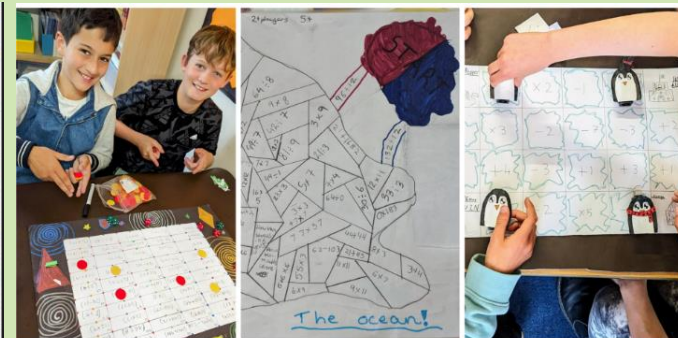


Year 5 had a wonderful trip to Marble Hill House and Park, where we found out about Henrietta Howard - the remarkable woman who built Marble Hill House in the 18th century.



YEAR 6

It has been such a busy final half-term! To get us in the mood for writing non-chronological reports about birds, we went birdwatching along the Crane River and produced some amazing art as well. We went to the Orange Tree Theatre to see *Hamlet* and chose our PTA books from The Alligator's Mouth. We made bread in D&T. In Maths, the children all enjoyed making (and playing!) their own board games. (Not to mention our residential and leavers' show! See next page)

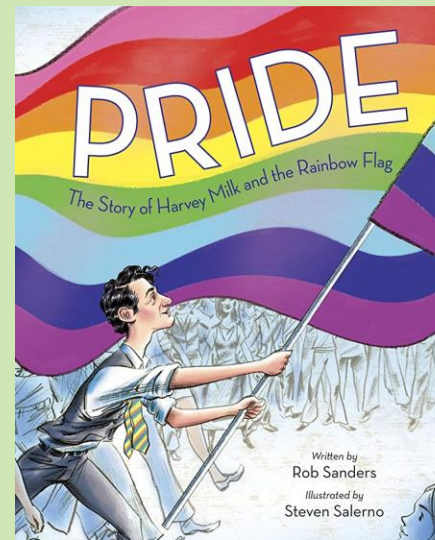


Year 6 residential and Leavers' Show



Year 6 had an incredible time at Kingswood; the weather was kind, the chicken tasty and the children were amazing at attempting all the activities. They were equally brilliant in their leavers' show, Go For Gold! A fantastic way to end the year!

DIVERSITY WEEK 24-28 June 2-24



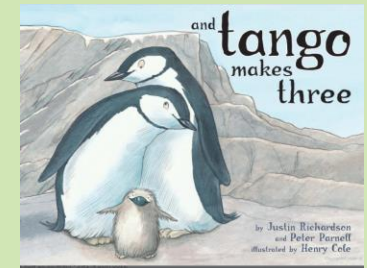
Rights Respecting School

Every child has rights....

...whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, ability or any other status.

Every aspect of school life can be underpinned by children's rights whether it is in connection with:







- Safety and protection
- Health and wellbeing
- Learning and longer term aspirations
- **Inclusion, equality and non-discrimination**
- Pupil voice and participation
- Attendance
- Relationship with others
- Global citizenship
- Sustainability



We have begun our journey towards being a Rights Respecting School.

HOUSE POINTS - the final result!

Congratulations to Woodpecker house who won the annual House Points competition in our first year of running it. We are busy putting our current Y2s into their houses ready for next year and look forward to another exciting and motivational year. Just look how close those scores are!

Green	White	Yellow	Brown	Red	Blue
WOODPECKER	SWAN	GOLDFINCH	OWL	ROBIN	KINGFISHER
					
1 st with 2746		2 nd with 2726	3 rd with 2700		



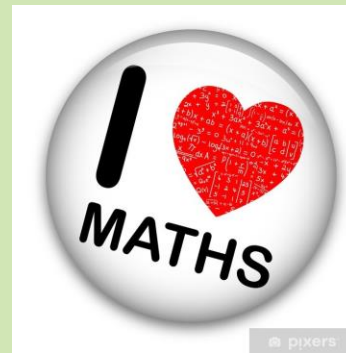


Summer 2 Sports Round-Up

This half-term's sporting highlights included our Girls Tag Rugby team (middle right) going unbeaten at the Harlequins tag rugby festival on The Stoop pitch. We also had Year 6 teams represent us at both the Richmond Tennis Championships and the Richmond Hockey Championships (top left) with brilliant performances being put in at both events. As is traditional at Trafalgar Junior School, we also took part in the All-England Gaelic Football Championships (top right) with no less than 65 children making their way to London Irish in Sunbury to take part in the championships on a very wet and windy day! Summer 2 also saw Trafalgar trying to defend two titles; firstly it was the KS2 Gymnastics trophy which our team (bottom right) fought back to Trafalgar once again. Miss Hunt said, "The team's dedication and passion for training saw us win the competition in amazing style in a close fought contest". Finally, Trafalgar headed to St Mary's University to defend the Borough Sports Athletics shield (top middle) against 39 other schools. An amazing performance saw us earn our second-best finish in the last 50 years with a well earned 5th overall and 3rd place amongst large schools.



Maths



Along with 346 other schools, we participated in 'London Rocks' - the London wide Times Tables challenge. Well done to all who participated. 5AJ, 5R and 3P were the top 3 scoring classes, and the most valuable players were Milan, Teddy and James, all from class 3P!

First Maths Challenge



A huge congratulations 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 who scored more than 15 marks out of a possible 20: Yunus from Year 3 and Charlie (top scorer with 18 marks), Bella and James from Year 4.

Well done to some of the Y3 children who have 'Gone Green' with their times tables skills.

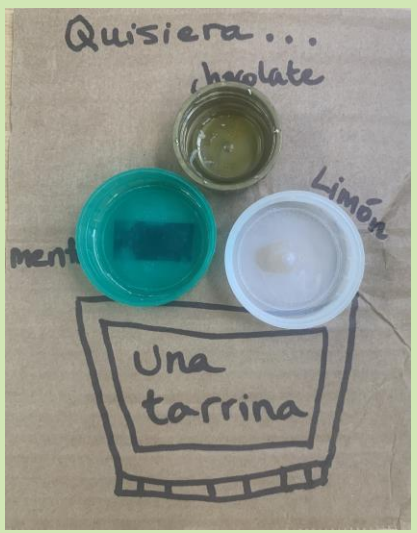
Remember to keep practicing your times tables over the summer holidays.



Español/ Spanish

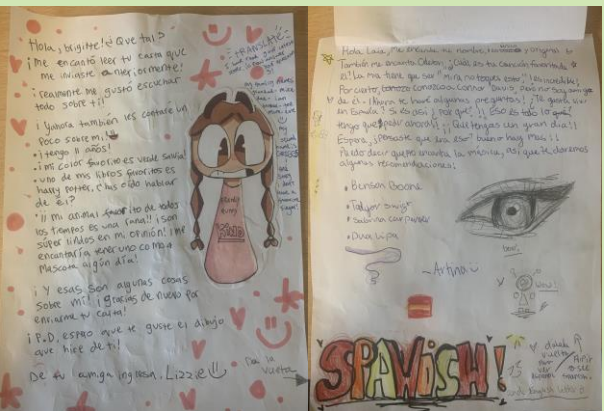
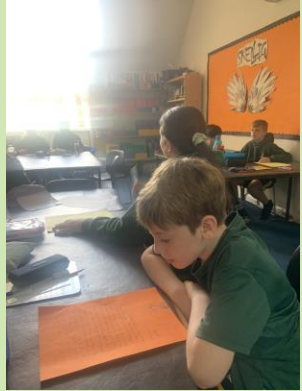
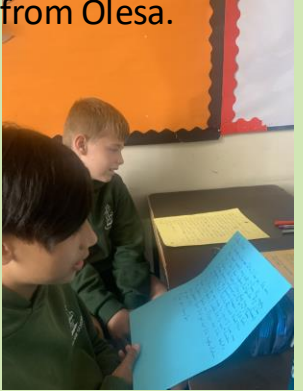
Year3: Dias de la semana/ Days of the week

Year 4: Los helados/ The ice creams

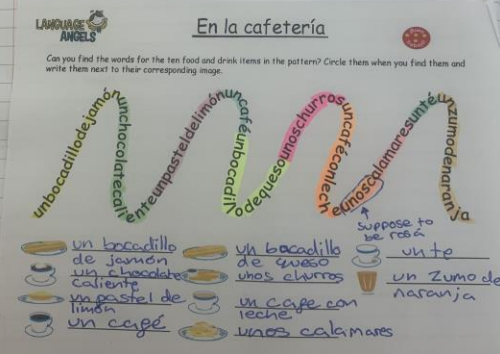
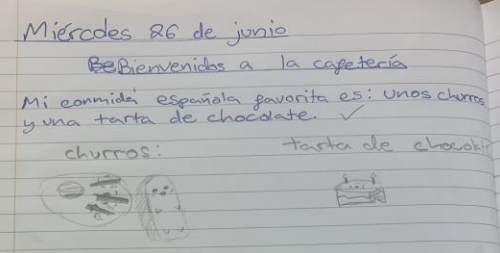


Year 6

Hemos practicado el español escribiendo la segunda carta a nuestros amigos de Olesa/ We have been practicing Spanish writing the second letter to our Pen Pals from Olesa.



Year 5: En la cafeteria



Quisiera... = I'd like...

Nombre: _____ INSTRUCTIONS: How would you write the following in Spanish? Use the word bank to help you.

- I would like a paella please.
- I would like a hot chocolate please.
- I would like some prawns please.
- I would like a coca-cola please.
- I would like a ham sandwich please.
- I would like an orange juice please.

Quisiera...

- una paella
- un chocolate caliente
- unas gambas
- una coca cola
- un bocadillo de jamón
- un zumo de naranja

...por favor.

Quisiera un zumo de naranja por favor.