



Trafalgar Newsletter

Special Events:

March

- 18th African Drumming Workshop
19th 9.45am YR Performance to Sky class (all) and Navy class A-M surnames Parent/Carers
20th 9.45am YR Performance to Turquoise class (all) and Navy class N-Z surnames Parent/Carers
21st Spring Term Open Afternoon
25th Navy Class
26th Woodland Time
27th Sky Class Woodland Time
27th Turquoise Class
29th Mar-12th Apr Easter holidays

April

- 15th Return to school
30th Reception Summer Trip

May

- 6th Bank Holiday
7th Book Fair in School
8th Year 2 Summer Trip
9th Book Fair in School
17th Book Fair in School
27th-31st Class Photos
Half Term break

June

- 3rd INSET Day. School closed to the children
6th Year 1 Summer Trip

Red Nose Day



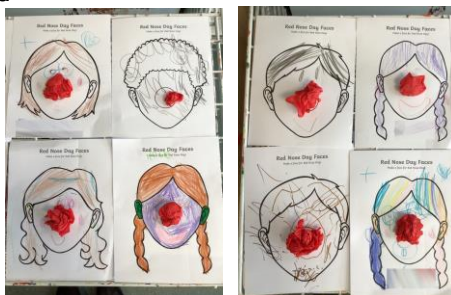
Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation for Red Nose Day or donated via the Just Giving link.

We have raised a grand total of £246.65 so far.

It's not too late to donate!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd-24-trafalgar-community-infant-school>

Miss Hickie
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Open Afternoon

A reminder that next Thursday is our Spring term Open Afternoon from 3.15-4.00pm.

We hope you will take this opportunity to come into school and have a look around your child's classroom at all the interesting learning that has been taking place during the Spring term. Please feel free to visit other classrooms too.

15th March 2024

Assembly Theme

The assembly theme for next week will be:

How we keep ourselves safe at school

I Can Be Safe At School



Attendance Update

Highest Class Attendance for this week goes to:

Jade Class – 99.07%

Whole School Attendance is 94.87% (National Expectation is 96% or better)

The attendance rate (proportion of possible sessions attended) was 93.2% across all schools in the week commencing 19th February 2024. The absence rate was, therefore, 6.8% across all schools.

Maths Workshop



It was good to see those of you who were able to attend the Maths Workshop on Tuesday morning. We hope you found it useful; thank you for your feedback.

The presentation can now be found on Google Classroom for those of you who were not able to attend.

Football Festival



Football Festival @ Leechpool Primary School

On Monday, 11th March, Mr Hallett took one team, made up of Year 1 and Year 2 children, to a Football Festival being held at Leechpool Primary School.

The children had a great time practicing different footballing skills and then participating in some friendly matches against other local schools. The children were enthusiastic throughout and very much enjoyed the muddy conditions under foot. We were very proud of how they represented Trafalgar and showed great respect during the matches, shaking hands with the opposition and saying well done. They all did fantastically and showed off their tackling, passing and shooting with some great play!

It was fantastic to watch, unlike Mr Hallett's team Chelsea this season.

Mr Hallett
PE Co-ordinator

Summer Trips 2023



A big thank you to all those Reception Year families that have already returned their child's completed "Off-site Visit Information Form" and voluntary donation, in respect of their year group Summer trip. If you have not yet done so, we would be very grateful if you could please return these forms by **Thursday, 28th March at the very latest**.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding (formerly Free School Meals) in any of our year groups we are able to cover the cost for you however, you will still need to complete and return the "Off-site Visit Information Form". Without a completed and signed form your child will be unable to attend.

Year 1 and 2 Summer Trip letters will be coming home shortly!

Reception Year – Woodland Time – Spring Term 2024



Woodland Time will be on:

Monday, 25th March for Navy Blue Class
Tuesday, 26th March for Sky Blue Class and
Wednesday, 27th March for Turquoise Blue Class

Each Reception class has the opportunity to spend some time outdoors exploring and learning in the 'woodland area' behind the school huts later this term.

As each child may get muddy and it could drizzle with rain, each child will need to come to school wearing their own clothes suitable to be outside and bring a named bag with outdoor shoes/wellies, waterproof trousers or a spare change of trousers and a waterproof coat.

To avoid our carpets getting muddy, please may we ask the children to **wear their normal shoes into school** so these can be changed back into when they return to their classroom after their woodland time.

Reception Year Team

Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term:

1 Sept - 15 Dec 2023

- Half Term 23 - 27 Oct
- Christmas break 18 Dec - 1 Jan 2024

Spring Term:

2 Jan - 28 March 2024

- Half Term 12 - 16 Feb
- Easter break 29 March - 12 April

Summer Term:

15 April - 23 July 2024

- Half Term 27 - 31 May

INSET Days

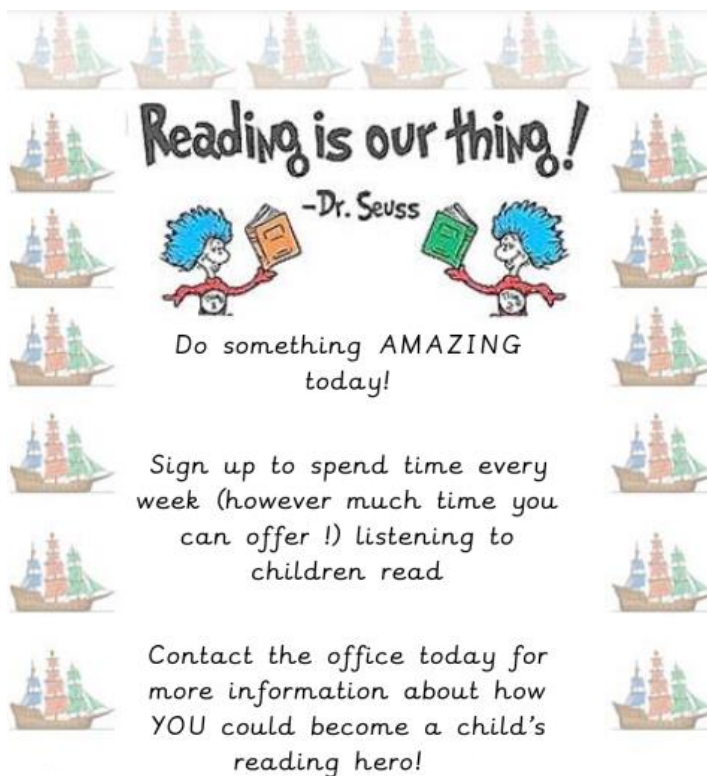
- Friday, 1st Sept 2023
- Monday, 4th Sept 2023
- Monday, 30th Oct 2023
- Monday, 19th Feb 2024
- Monday, 3rd June 2024

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Would you be available to join our team of Reading Volunteers?



Sign Language Week – 18th-24th March 2024

Sign Language Week is a flagship awareness week for British Sign Language (BSL) and Irish Sign Language, celebrated every year in March to commemorate the first time BSL was acknowledged as a language in its own right by the UK Government on 18 March 2003.

Please see attached to this Newsletter two BSL posters for your information and interest.



Did you know....?

“Literature is probably the most powerful medium through which children have a chance to inhabit the lives of those who are like them. All children need to *imagine themselves as the main protagonist* in a story: celebrating a birthday, going shopping, being ill, having a tantrum, having their hair cut, worrying about a new sibling, being the superhero, going camping, visiting the seaside and having adventures”

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1050849/Reading_framework_Teaching_the_foundations_of_literacy_-_July_2021_Jan_22_update.pdf)

Challenge(s) of the week...

Get together as a family and **each orally retell a story about something that you did/saw this week**. Try to make the story as enthralling and gripping to your ‘audience’ as you can. Model excellent listening strategies and praise your child when they show good listening behaviours themselves. Discuss the ‘rules’ first: Can you interrupt to ask questions or comment, or will there be time for that at the end? Can you use props to retell the story or does it have to be words only?