

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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King's Coronation Celebrations

Last week closed with a regal procession of Triangle's Royal Family looking resplendent in their crowns. As mentioned, we hope to re-invite everyone to enjoy a picnic in the playground one day after school when the weather looks a little more certain.



Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 pupils all endured an intensive four days completing their SATs this week. You may have noticed on the national news that there have been many complaints about the level of difficulty found within some of the tests. Reports of tearful and stressed-out children being made to feel inadequate because of the level of difficulty within the papers. How sad to have to put 10 and 11 year olds through this!

Here at Triangle – like many schools – we try to put the SATs in context for the children and their families. Mr Allen sent a lovely letter home which did just that. We try to prepare the children as much as we can leading up to the tests without it feeling like the 'be all and end all'. This week we have once again set the children up for the morning by inviting them to come early and enjoy breakfast together (and WOW what a spread the kitchen put on for them!).

Yet still we see and empathise with the anxiety and stress this week caused to our youngsters. This is always tough for us to witness. It seemed as bad as ever this time.

This year the disruption caused has sent ripples through school, as we ask for extra members of staff to help with the correct implementation of the tests. Classes have lost their hall times, their support staff and it has disrupted the dinner time for the whole school. Yet it is something we have no choice but to do – and hope the children do as well as they can. Not my favourite week of the school year!

I would like to thank Mr Allen and Miss Honour, who have tactfully and skilfully been there for the class in the lead up to the week and during it. I am sure they will enjoy a rest this weekend!

I would like to end by congratulating the children in Class 6 for completing the week together. The results won't define who you are or what your limits should be, but I appreciate the effort and commitment you have all shown – several of you who clearly were not completely fit and well.

Now get stuck into the final weeks of your primary education and enjoy every moment!

Class 5 Magna Trip

This week Class 5 took the trip to Magna Science Museum, where they spent the day enhancing their studies – and having fun. Here's what a couple of them had to say about the visit.

'Lots of us enjoyed the water activities. We could dip our heads in the water and get soaked! When we arrived, heavy rain caused a flood that stopped us going in to one of the sections, which was a bit annoying. It was a good trip though and we all had fun.' Layton C.
'My favourite part was when they showed us how steel was made. There was lots of fire and sparks, which was exciting. We all had a great time.' Holly E.

'The second room we went in was all about fire. There was a fire tornado which was very cool. At the end we went to a workshop and they told us about rockets. Did you know that you can make a rocket out of a plastic bottle and it will actually work?! Everyone enjoyed the trip – it was really good.' Felicity.



Walk to School Week

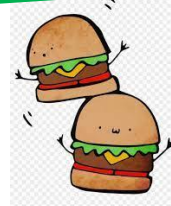
Next week is Walk to School Week. A week where schools try to encourage more children to leave the car at home and take a walk into school. Whilst I appreciate this is not possible or practical for some families, perhaps you could take the opportunity to give it a go, or park short distance away and walk the final part of the journey (park and stride).

Achievement Assembly

We didn't have an achievement assembly today due to needing the hall for our Year 6 SATS tests. Children with awards will be carried over to next Friday and you will receive a text on Thursday if your child is receiving one.

Burger Day Menu

Next Thursday we are having a special Burger Day Menu which will include a choice of Beef Burger, Chicken Burger or Vegetarian Burger. There will also be Jacket Potatoes on offer with various fillings along with Corn on the Cob and Skin on Fries. There will be a selection of puddings available including Ice Cream Sundae.



Class 5 Swimming from Next Friday

This week is the final session for the Y4 pupils to go swimming. From next week it will be Class 5's turn. They will need an appropriate swimming costume and a towel. Children with long hair must be able to keep it out of their faces by either tying it back or wearing a swimming cap. Earrings should not be worn, or covered with a swimming cap.

Events for the week commencing 15th May 2023:

'Walk to School Week' all week

- Monday:** Mrs Bozzo & Miss Smith from RVHS in to see Year 6.
- Tuesday:** Class 3 Science walk around our local area.
- Thursday:** Special Burger Day Menu.
- Friday:** Class 5 begin swimming lessons.

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Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.