

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

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Lovely Feedback from a National Leader of Education

It is always refreshing to hear positive things about our school, the staff and our children, from 'outside eyes'. Recently we have had a set of visits from Mrs Elaine Watson, who is a National Leader of Education. In her most recent visit, we asked her to look at how we have implemented the new phonics scheme and how we teach early reading.

Her feedback was extremely positive, commenting on things like:

- A consistent approach was evident in the lesson observations, with the ELS (Phonics) scheme fully embedded across Early Years and KS1.
- The English leader and class teachers know pupils extremely well. The English Leader is knowledgeable and monitors progress of the children needing additional support to catch up, liaising with class teachers to check that appropriate provision is in place.
- The school has historic high attainment in phonics and the school has continued to exceed national figures.

I think the nicest comment she made as her visits come to an end, was one she expressed to myself, Mr Allen and Mrs Barlow as we discussed her time with us. In an effort to sum up what she felt about our school she said: 'I think the acid test about a school is whether you would want to send your own children to it. Would I send my child here? Absolutely I would!' Lovely to hear!

School Choir Make Their Debut at Ravenscliffe Craft Fair

It was great to hear our recently formed choir entertaining the crowds yesterday evening. Our choir sang a selection of festive songs to a large audience at Ravenscliffe School. It was a great experience for them and they performed beautifully. I look forward to seeing them at more events over the Christmas period and beyond. Thank you to the children and their families for giving up part of their evening to be there and to Mr Barnes for organising our participation.



Class R Celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week

Today saw Reception Class end their nursery rhyme themed week with a chance to dress up as a character from popular rhymes. The classroom was full of nursery rhyme themed activities and the children all played and learned together, having a great time whilst they did so. Pictured are This Old Man, Twinkle Twinkle, Old McDonald and Little Boy Blue. Great stuff!



Triangle Retain the Sowerby Bridge Schools' Football Shield!

For the second year running, Team Triangle came out on top at the annual Sowerby Bridge Schools Football Tournament. We took two teams to the event, with both squads performing well. Our B Team were drawn in a tough league, but they earned very creditable draws against Barkisland A and Ripponden. In their final game they lost to the eventual finalists The Gleddings, but they could walk away feeling very pleased with their performances.

The A Team began with a draw against Bolton Brow, before defeating Copley and Barkisland B to progress through to the final. There they met The Gleddings, who had proved to be a skilful and composed team in the group stage.

The final got off to a great start, with a fantastic move being finished off by Ernie. The rest of the game was a tight affair, but Triangle hung on to the 1 – 0 score line, retaining the trophy – a fantastic achievement. Well done to the players of both teams. Go Team Triangle!



PTFA Updates

You should have all received the PTFA Festive Update letter earlier this week. I still thought that it would be useful to remind you all about some of the things that are happening today or next week.

PTFA Meeting and Help for the Christmas Fair

There is a PTFA meeting on **Monday evening** to start to put 'meat on the bones' of the Christmas Fair preparations. It will be held at the Hog's Head at 7.30pm – all welcome. There has been a low response to the request to help at the fair that was sent out as part of the PTFA Festive Update. This may be because it wasn't an actual piece of paper, so we are sending the slip home with children today. PLEASE fill it in and return it on Monday if you can help.

PTFA Non-Uniform Day

Just a reminder that **Monday** is a non-uniform day. We ask that children bring in a donation for the Christmas hampers please. Information on this was sent home on a separate letter for suggestions of what to send in.

Raffle Tickets

Today you should receive raffle tickets to try to sell. Please do your best to sell them, then send the ticket stubs and cash back into school in an envelope. If you think that you might be able to sell extra tickets, please ask at the school office. The raffle generates much needed funds for the PTFA. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

PTFA Wreath Making Evening

We still have a couple of places available on the PTFA Wreath Making Class in school on **Friday 25th November** at 6pm. Please contact the school office if you are interested. They need their final numbers by Monday next week please. **If you have a pair of secateurs or even a spare pair as well, please can you bring them along. Thanks.**

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New Club – But just for 2 Weeks. Card Making Club

Eva Foley is running a Card Making Club on the 5th and 12th December after school until 4.15pm. At the club children will get crafty and produce some festive cards that they can then use to send to people. The club is open to junior classes and numbers are limited. If your child is interested, please email the school office using the subject 'card club'. Places will be given on a first come first served basis. There is also a £2 charge for the club to cover resources.

Change to Swimming Class

Next week swimming will change to Class 3. All Class 3 children will need appropriate swimming kit and a towel at school on Fridays. Children with long hair must have it either tied back or wear a swimming cap. Any children with pierced ears must remove them or wear a swimming cap.

Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality are things we feel are important. At the moment, we seem to have an increasing number of children arriving at or after 8.55, which is not ideal. There are a small number of 'repeat offenders' who I may need to have a chat with about this, but could I remind you all that school begins at 8.55 and all children should be IN CLASS by then. Thank you for your help with this.

Support for Kevin Sinfield

This Saturday Kevin Sinfield will be on the last leg of his amazing 'Ultra 7 in 7' run to raise funds and awareness for MND. Kevin will run through Triangle after calling at People's Park at about 8.30am, on his way to Old Trafford in Manchester. At the beginning of the week he was in Edinburgh! As a community, we don't see many things like this pass our way, but I am sure that he would be encouraged by any support you could give him. What an absolute example to us all that man is.

A reminder that applications open today for Reception 2023 places.

This week's Achievements go to

Friendship: Michelle CR, Charlie C3
Courage: All the Year 6 Footballers
Compassion: Jessica C4, Leyton C5



Writers of the Week:

Class R: Iris
Class 4: Freddie
Class 2: Ruby
Class 5: Ivy
Class 3: Charlotte
Class 6: Ava



Events for the week commencing 21st November 2022:

Monday: PTFA Non-Uniform Day – Hamper donations please
PTFA meeting – 7.30pm at the Hog's Head
Tuesday: Class 6 Cinema Trip
Wednesday: Parents' Evening
Thursday: Class 1 Zoolab Workshop
Class 4 Sound Workshop in school
Friday: Class 3 swimming
PTFA Wreath Making - 6pm in school.

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