

# Triangle Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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### Planting up our Containers

This week we started to plant some vegetables in the lovely raised beds that were provided by the PTFA. Our upper Juniors began by planting some cabbage and beetroot. A few children from other classes will get a turn early next week. It was lovely that Mrs Soffe gave up some of her time to help with this. I look forward to seeing a bumper harvest in the Autumn, that our school kitchen staff are keen to include in the school meals they provide.

### Class 5 Ancient Greece Project Work:

Class 5 would like to invite their families to come and have a look at their Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece project work and will be setting up the 'Class 5 History Museum' next Wednesday. Parents and carers are invited to come in between 2.45pm and 3.15pm (Please come in via the school office) to visit our museum.

### The School Day – A Consultation

Attached to this newsletter is a separate letter regarding a proposed change to the 'official' length of the school day. Please take a minute to read this letter.

In the letter, it requests that any feedback that you would like us to consider is sent into school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please send these in by emailing the school office, or in a letter addressed to the Headteacher.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Over the school year, I have been meeting with the Headteachers of the other primary schools in the Sowerby Bridge area to discuss, amongst other things, attendance and punctuality. We are trying to come to a consensus about how to promote good attendance and discourage unauthorised absence and regular lateness.

As a reminder to everyone, any unauthorised absence above 10 sessions (5 days) could be reported to Education Welfare, who may in turn issue fines to parents. Most unauthorised absences are the result of families taking children out of school for a holiday.

It is now clear to me that several schools in our area are already reporting unauthorised absences and moving forward, this is probably something we will also begin to do at Triangle. I am always keen to work WITH families on attendance issues, but I would hope that you can see this message as a bit of 'advanced warning' that – from September – we may well be taking this approach, so that we fit in with other schools in the area.

### PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA Meeting will be on Monday evening at the Hog's Head in Sowerby Bridge. There they will be discussing a summer event. As usual, everyone is welcome to come along and generate some ideas and enthusiasm. 7.30pm start.



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## Reception Class Impress Parents with Dinosaur Display and Maths Workshops

This week several parents of our Reception Class spent the morning in school. They began by admiring the work on display in the corridor that our Reception children created about dinosaurs.

This was followed by a gathering in the hall, where children and their parents looked at ways in which we teach maths in the Early Years. Not only was this an informative way for families to see how they can support their children in their education, it was also great fun and something the children really enjoyed doing. Thank you to everyone who managed to find time to join us.

If you would like to see the Reception children's work on dinosaurs, please pop in via the main entrance.



## Class 3 Trip

This week Class 3 took a stroll out into the local area as part of their studies in Science. They were looking at the stone used in local buildings.

'We looked at lots of buildings and tried to find out what materials had been used to make them. We looked at the texture of the stones and worked it out from there.

We found out that quite a few different materials were used, including; sand stone, slate and red bricks (clay and sand).

It was an interesting walk and an exciting way to find things out.'

By Tuana and Ethan – Class 3



**This week's Achievement goes to .....**

### Stars of the Week:

**Class R:** Brooke

**Class 3:** Bella

**Class 6:** All Year 6

**Class 1:** Sienna A

**Class 4:** Lucy

**Class 2:** Violet, Elliot

**Class 5:** Layton, Annabelle D

### Writers of the Week:

**Class R:** All Reception Class

**Class 4:** Elsa

**Class 1:** Sienna M

**Class 5:** Ruby, Micah

**Class 3:** Toby, Jayda

**Class 6:** Michael



### Events for the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023:

**Monday:** Year 5 & 6 Football game against Ripponden, PTFA Meeting 7.30 at the Hog's Head.

**Tuesday:** Slow the Flow in to see Class 3

**Wednesday:** Class 5 History Museum open for Y5 Parents 2.45pm-3.15pm,  
Judy Shaw (Consultant) in school all Day

**Thursday:** Governors Meeting

**Friday:** School breaks up for Spring Bank

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Dear parents/carers,

**Re: Consultation about the length of the school day**

You may be aware that the Department for Education have issued some guidance around the length of a school week. The expectation is that children will be in school for 32.5 hours per week. At Triangle our timings are currently slightly shorter than this, so we intend to change the timings of our school day from September 2023. It is worth pointing out that this is NOT the amount of time we teach that isn't quite long enough, but the overall length of time the school is 'officially' open.

We have thought carefully about the needs of the children together with those of staff and parents. We propose to alter the school day from September 2023 as follows: Registration begins at 8.45; school closes at 3.15. On first glance, this may look as though the length of the school day has not changed. This is because we currently open school at 8.45. The 'official' start to school is currently 8.55 however, with the first 10 minutes being a time that children have the option of arriving in. Bringing registration back to 8.45 means that we are open for the 32.5 hours suggested by the DfE.

I have consulted with staff and governors who are content with this alteration. We feel that it is the easiest way to ensure we are open for 32.5 hours each week. Changing it in this way makes very little difference to the working hours of support staff for example.

We are now consulting with parents and carers, and would ask that if you have any feedback that you would like to be considered, you contact school by Friday 26th May. Please send any feedback to [admin@triangle.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:admin@triangle.calderdale.sch.uk) or in a letter for the attention of myself.

Yours sincerely,



Gavin Davies

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