

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Grandad Wheels Delivers a Visit to Remember!

On Wednesday we had an author, Brian Abram visiting the school and reading his stories with all of our children. Brian is a full-time wheelchair user and his books are called 'The Adventures of Grandad Wheels!'

The children had a blast meeting Brian and listening to him telling stories and talking about his disability. He answered questions about being an author and about being a wheelchair user. He also set the children the challenge of designing a wheelchair that wasn't 'very, very, VERY boring!' The children came up with some brilliant suggestions.

There was also an opportunity for children to buy a signed book, with all of the proceeds going to charity. We helped to raise £188, so thank you to everyone who bought a book. Pictured are some of the class 3 children with a book they bought.



A Glowing Report for Our Reception Provision

Another visitor we welcomed this week was Mrs Oldfield, who came at our request to take a good look at the provision we offer for our youngest children. Mrs Oldfield left us with lots of praise about our Reception Class and a glowing report for me to share with the staff and our school Governors. Here's a taste of the things the report concluded:

- Behaviours for learning for all pupils were strong across all the observations.
- All staff were friendly and encouraging in their approach at all times.
- Children's learning is celebrated at all times.
- The consistency of approach to the teaching of phonics across all staff demonstrates that this is clearly effective.
- Children were completely engaged in the activities provided for them.
- Adults were observed capitalising on every opportunity to build new language in every area.
- Really good progress was seen from starting to current points in literacy books.
- The Maths teaching was also strong.
- The phonic lead was incredibly well prepared for the meeting and talks with great confidence on her subject.

The above is just a small selection of the positive comments from within the document. There were also a small number of points for us to consider moving forward, but it is heartening to know that these simply addressed things we were currently working on, including:

- To trial using simple signage to indicate more clearly the planned outcomes for the outdoor learning activities.
- To map out the development matters curriculum onto termly topics and upload to school website.
- to ensure texts used in EYFS reflect a variety of cultures and communities.



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Class 3 Hebden Hey Residential Report

At the end of last week, Class 3 had an overnight visit to Hebden Hey near Hardcastle Craggs. They had a great time together and spent their time having fun, trying new things and – for some of them at least – experiencing a night away from home away from family. Here's a short report about what they got up to.

What a fantastic time we had at Hebden Hey! We started with a lengthy walk to Gibson Mill, where we did pond dipping, painting and a nature walk. After a long walk back, we sat down to tuck into some yummy pizza and other bits. After that, we played football and danced the evening away until Mr Allen started a campfire - we sang, told jokes and played Mrs Skyes' 'fun' game of higher and lower.

The next day, we had a go at archery, rock climbing and den building. WOW!

'I really enjoyed the rock climbing especially when you got to glide down after the climb.' - Qifu.

'My favourite part was when Mr Allen found a newt. It was very interesting to see. We had to be very careful when putting it back into the pond.' – Ellie

A big thanks must go to Miss Todd for organising the residential as well as all the other members of staff who sacrificed time away from home (and a lack of sleep!!!) to enable the trip to go ahead.



Athletics Success at the Pennine School Sports Association Event

Monday saw us take a squad of juniors to Milnrow to compete in the annual school athletics competition.

As expected, the competition was tough, but our children competed to the best of their ability. Many children came away with individual medals, but what was most pleasing is that we came runner up overall as a school; meaning everyone played their part in Team Triangle's success.

Welle Done!



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PTFA Update

The PTFA would like to invite everyone to join them after school for an hour or so of socialising, fun and games next Friday 30th June. They are organising a picnic on the field, which will run a little like the postponed event earlier this term.

To help it go well, we are asking as many of you as possible to bring along a few nibbles to eat and a picnic blanket. The PTFA are arranging an adult and children's bar, so it would be great if you bought a drink or two from them instead of your own. There will be a couple of games to play – penalty shoot out and netball shoot for example and a tombola stall. They will also run a raffle.

In order for them to gather enough items for the tombola, we are holding a non-uniform day on Monday. The 'cost' of coming in non-uniform is to bring an item or two (or three) for the tombola, or for the raffle. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.

And speaking of help... The event NEEDS people to help on the day. On Monday I will send a slip home to see who can help by setting things up and/or helping during the event and/or clearing away.

Water Safety - Important message from Calderdale Public Health and West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

We have been made aware of an incident where a small number of children have become unwell after playing, swimming or paddling in local rivers and canals.

At this time of year, we respond to many concerns about young people swimming and jumping into open water.

Be aware! Open waters are exposed to the elements and may therefore contain bacteria/viruses from natural sources such as animal waste. This can make you extremely unwell.

Please tell your children to:

- Avoid drinking water from open water sources
- Wash hands thoroughly after playing in or near rivers, lakes, streams and canals

If your child becomes unwell after contact with open water, seek medical advice as appropriate.

Please also remind your children about the other hidden dangers of open water. There are many dangers when entering canals, rivers, and reservoirs, which have tragically taken lives. **The number of accidental drownings in our region is on the rise.** Even with all the hot weather we have been having the water temperature will be cold. Below 15°C is defined as cold water and can seriously affect your breathing and movement

If you get into difficulty in the water #FloatToLive:

- **Take a minute** - The initial effects of cold-water pass in less than a minute so don't try and swim straight away
- **Relax and float** - on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you float
- **Keep calm** - then call for help or swim to safety if you're able

If you see someone in difficulty in the water call **999 and ask for FIRE!**

For more information on keeping your family safe in, on and around water have a look at our website:

www.westyorksfire.gov.uk/water

Please #BeWaterAware

Many thank, as always, for your support.

Year 6 Transition Day Change of Date

The Transition Day planned for Year 6 going to Ryburn, Calder & Crossley Heath has changed from 7th July to 14th July.

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This week's Achievement goes to

Stars of the Week:



Class R: Harriett

Class 1: Rory

Class 2: Albert

Class 3: Jacob, Zihao

Class 4: Ted

Class 5: James

Class 6: Henry

Writers of the Week:

Class R: Orla

Class 1: Shaun

Class 2: Vanessa

Class 3: Nia, Zofia

Class 4: Summer

Class 5: Ralph, Isla-Bow

Class 6: Maisie S



Events for the week commencing 26th June 2023:

Monday:

No Karate Club

Non Uniform Day – Tombola/raffle donation

Year 6 Parent Information Evening at Crossley Heath

Tuesday:

Year 3/4 Football Finals at Calderdale College

Y2 football RVHS

Wednesday:

Sports Day - Juniors at 9.30, Infants at 1.45 on the school field.

New Reception Parents' evening 6pm – Adults only

Thursday:

Transition Morning

Friday:

PTFA Family Picnic – All welcome!

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