

# Triangle Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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### Rob Hawkins Inspires Team Triangle

It isn't every day we get visited by a WORLD CUP WINNER, but this week we were! Former pupil Rob Hawkins came to school to speak with the children about being part of England's Wheelchair Rugby League squad, who won the World Cup. He brought along his special wheelchair as well as his medal. It was great to hear him speak about how he has followed his dream. I hope lots of our children will be inspired by his story.

**These kids can!**

### Punctuality – Keep up the Good Work!

Firstly, I just wanted to thank everyone for adjusting to the new school opening time being 'officially' 8.45 rather than 8.55. The vast majority of children are sat at their desks at 8.45 and we have had no children who have been marked as 'late after register has closed'. Brilliant! Please continue to get children here on time so that their learning is not disrupted.

I would also like to take the opportunity to repeat the messages given out last school year about attendance levels, especially unauthorised absence. You may have noticed in the news recently that, since COVID, school attendances are coming increasingly under the spotlight. This is because they have dropped on a national level. We have always managed to keep our school attendance figures above the national average and myself and our Governors are very keen to continue that trend. I met just this week with our Chair of Governors to discuss attendance.

If any child's unauthorised absence goes beyond 10 sessions (five school days) I will be looking carefully at the circumstances and considering informing Education Welfare, who may in turn decide to issue a fine. I will also continue to let any families know periodically if their child's attendance is dropping below 90%. This would put those children into a category known as 'persistent absenteeism'.

As always, our preferred method at Triangle, is to work with families to try to maintain low absence for all pupils and to celebrate those who keep attendance very high.

### More Home-Grown Veg Hits the Plates this Week

Onions were the pick of the week in our vegetable containers, with two sorts being harvested and handed over to the kitchen. They will be included as ingredients in future meals.



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## Year 5 and 6 Girls Get Stuck in at the Sowerby Bridge Tournament

It was great to field a squad of Class 5 and 6 girls at the annual football tournament. The team played 3 games initially, losing two and drawing the third. This put them 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in their group of 4. To finish with they played the third placed team from the other group – St John's Rishworth. The game was a tense affair, and the teams could not be separated after normal time AND extra time. So, the match went to penalties with our girls just losing out.

It was a fun evening that has inspired some of the players to ask if a regular training club can be started. I think this is a great idea, but staff are currently at capacity with the clubs already running. If anyone out there thinks they can help, please get in touch.



## School Photographs

All children should have taken home a slip with their photo on. If you open the website and use the individual pupil code provided you will have a choice of various photos of your child with / without their siblings. You are able to select different photos and bundle them together for any orders. You will need to pay online directly to the photographer and photos will be delivered to school.

Unfortunately, due to the weather this afternoon, we were unable to take all the class photos. The photographer will come back to school to take these class photos before Christmas. We have 'pencilled' in two dates and hope the weather is accommodating for one! The provisional dates are: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November afternoon or Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - fingers crossed for a dry afternoon.

## PTFA Meeting

The PTFA meeting held this week was a productive one and the provisional events for the year were planned. I have put some dates for those events at the end of this letter. Thank you to those people who found the time to attend.

Besides the events listed at the end of this newsletter, they have an ambitious programme of events that include: Disco, Break the Rules day, a race night, secret shops for Mothers' and Fathers' Day and a summer event that is still to be confirmed.

NONE of these events will take place without YOUR help however. Look out for more details about each event as they come closer and how you can help out. The next meeting will be on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> October.

## Class Attendance Award

As it is a long half term, I decided not to wait until the end to announce the current class with the highest attendance so far. With a very impressive attendance of over 99%, the winners were Class 2! Well done to the Year 2 children proving that it is cool to be at school. Other classes weren't far behind, so we will see who gets the trophy before we break up for October half term. Here's 100% of Class 2 with their trophy this morning.



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## Dates for Prospective Reception Class Parents 2024 – Please Spread the Word!

We have set three days for parents and carers who would like to take a look at our school with a view to sending their child here next September. The days are **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. More information will become available about these sessions, but for now, please let families know.

## 3 Corners Holiday Club

Bookings are now being taken for October holiday club. Please email [threecorners3@hotmail.com](mailto:threecorners3@hotmail.com) to book or for more information. This is a popular service, so please get in touch with them in good time to avoid disappointment.

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

### Stars of the Week:

**Class R:** Scarlett O  
**Class 3:** Poppy & Elliot  
**Class 6:** Ramzy

**Class 1:** Jessica  
**Class 4:** Pippa

**Class 2:** Bobbie  
**Class 5:** Neave



### Writers of the Week:

**Class R:** Archie  
**Class 3:** Noah  
**Class 6:** Annabelle D

**Class 1:** Lullah  
**Class 4:** Nia

**Class 2:** Teddy  
**Class 5:** Harry



## Events for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023:

**Tuesday:** Visit by Lord Mayor of Calderdale!  
**Thursday:** Inter school cross country.

## Dates for the Term Including PTFA Events

Here are some dates that have been set so far for this term.

Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Nasal flu immunisations.
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA Teddy Bears' Picnic for new Reception children.
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in church pm.
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Training Day – school closed.
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Armistice Assembly.
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evening.
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Christmas wreath making.
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair.
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity PM
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity Evening
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Service in church pm.



## And Finally...

Does anyone know a good chainsaw wood carver??? Send them our way if you do!

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