# Triangle Primary School Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

#### A Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about a decision I have been sitting on for a while now. After 21 years of service to Triangle C of E Primary School, I have decided to take a change of direction in my life and I will be retiring from my role as headteacher at the end of this school year.

This is not a decision I have taken lightly, but I feel that it the right one for both myself, my family and hopefully the school. Triangle has been a central part of my life for more than a third of my time here on

Earth! I will take with me countless happy memories, many friends and umpteen valued colleagues – both past and present. You can feel assured that the school Governors are already working hard to recruit the best possible replacement and they have been meeting with both the Local Authority and the Diocese as part of this process.

I look forward to my final weeks being productive, purposeful and enjoyable, with the emphasis on our wonderful children. Please continue to do all you can to support school in the education of your children and let's have a fabulous last half of the school year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

#### Class 4 Visit to Magna Science Museum

Class 4 used our school minibuses to visit Magna Science Museum in Rotherham this week. They had a great time exploring the old steel works, experimenting and exploring in the different sections of the museum.

They also enjoyed a workshop on sound, where their learning this half term was enhanced and enriched.

#### Class 2 Visit to Eureka!

Also out and about this week were Class 2, who took the short journey to Eureka Children's Museum. Their visit also enhanced their science work on Animals Including Humans, exploring lots of areas of their study – including a trip to the 'Gross Lab' to find out about some of our bodily functions! Ughhh!

## Do Everything in Love – Our Exhibition Takes Shape

Every class has been feeling the love this week, enjoying art and poetry activities on the theme of love. At the time of writing this, our staff are busily preparing displays of children's work that we hope many of you will pop in to see and enjoy.



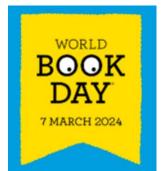
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#### World Book Day - 7th March

Just a bit of advanced warning about World Book Day 2024. This is on **Thursday 7**<sup>th</sup> **March** and this year's theme is Read YOUR Way! As such, we will be encouraging dressing up, with a choice of favourite characters, reading themed outfits or wearing something that makes you think of reading in some way! As part of the build up to the event, we will be running a 'decorate a paper plate' competition. Every child will be given a paper plate to bring home and decorate following the theme of a book (see examples but be as creative as you like!). The deadline for entries is **Monday 4**<sup>th</sup> **March** and we hope to be able to create a super new display in the school library from them. There will also be a prize for



each class winner of a voucher to spend at the school book fair so please ensure name and class are written on the back of the paper plate.



#### **Children Inspired by Artist Visit**

This week we were visited by Kate Lycett, a well-known artist based in Hebden Bridge. She talked to the children about being an artist as well as working with our Year 6 pupils on an art project as part of the 'Love Theme'. She also unveiled a piece of art that she had just finished based in Sowerby Bridge. This picture will be on display from this summer as part of an exhibition about Calderdale at Bankfield Museum. Our children were so inspired by her visit that we hope to take some groups of children to visit the exhibition once it opens.

## Can You Help the School Council Develop Our Playground?

Our School Council, with the help of an adult or two, have been putting together a plan to further develop the quiet area of the playground. One thing they are keen to do is to make it more accessible on damp days, where the grass makes it a no–go area. They now have some prices for replacing the grass with a rubber crumb surface, as well as providing extra seating and some shade.



That's where you may be able to help. Are there any local businesses out there who would be prepared to sponsor an item for the area? We hope to find a group of people who can help the children to finance their ideas for the space, so that it can be much better used.

Please spread the word and get in touch with school if you feel that you might be able to help.



#### Class 5 Hear First Hand About Tsunami Devastation

Phil (Mrs. Hackett's Dad) came to talk to Class Five about his work as part of the disaster response team for the 2004 Sumatra Tsunami. He showed us lots of photos he had taken and showed/told us about the devastation the tsunami caused! We would like to thank him for his time this week.

#### A Taste of Chinese New Year for Class 5

Year 5 helped celebrate tomorrow's
Chinese New Year by sampling some
dumplings today. To mark the Year of the Dragon,
the class also had a go at a few themed activities
such as creating some Chinese fortune tellers.
It is of course a very important day for Chinese
communities all over the world. One where they
spend time with family to mark the occasion in many
ways.







### **Biscuit Designs are the Flavour of the Day in Class 4**

Class 4 also had a food inspired morning, as they created the biscuits they had designed in their DT lessons.

Ingredients and recipes had all been researched and prepared, before an exciting morning of measuring, mixing and making.

The proof of the pudding was of course in the tasting, after the school kitchen had helped to bake the creations.

Pictured are one of the baking groups with their tasty creations ready for the final touches and decorations. Mmmmmm!



Have a wonderful half term break. School reopens on Monday 19th February.

