

TRIANGLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - 14.02



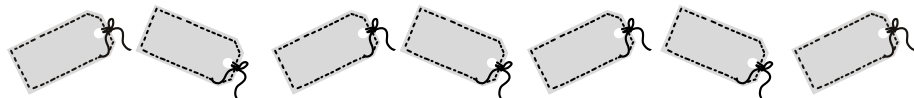
**What's coming up
'next' week?
W/C- 24th
February**

Evacuating to the Past: Year 6 Step Back in Time

On Wednesday, Year 6 stepped back in time for their special Evacuee Day, planned as the perfect finale to their World War II history topic. The children embraced the day with enthusiasm, arriving dressed as evacuees, complete with name tags and their packed "wartime" lunches.

The day was a huge success, with children making excellent links between their history and English lessons. Through hands-on activities and role-play, they deepened their understanding of what it was like to live through evacuation during the war. It was wonderful to see them fully immerse themselves in the experience, from singing wartime songs to writing heartfelt letters home as evacuees.

We were so impressed by how the children got into the spirit of the day, demonstrating both creativity and a keen interest in the stories of those who lived through this historic period. It was truly a memorable day that brought their learning to life in a unique and meaningful way!



Fri

- Celebration Assembly - 9am - all welcome



The Valentine's Disco: A Night to Remember!

Last night, our school hall was transformed into a dazzling dancefloor for the Valentine's Disco, and what a truly special evening it was! It was great to see the children laughing together, singing their favourite songs at the top of their voices and showing off some fantastic dance moves. From the youngest to the oldest, everyone embraced the spirit of the occasion and it was a joy to watch them make such wonderful memories with their friends.

A huge thank you must go to all the staff and our dedicated PTFA members who worked tirelessly to make the evening such a success. From setting up the decorations and organising the activities to ensuring everything ran smoothly on the night, your efforts did not go unnoticed. We would also like to give a special thank you to our fantastic kitchen team, who baked over one hundred delicious Valentine's biscuits for the children to enjoy.

The Valentine's Disco reminded us all of the joy that comes from coming together as a school community to celebrate and share these memorable moments. Thank you for making it such a magical evening!



Extra-Curricular Clubs- Spring Term 2

Please find below our extra-curricular timetable for Spring Term 2. All club bookings must be made using the online form which was emailed to all parents earlier this week. You can access this form by clicking on the picture to the right of this text. Places will be confirmed in the first week back after half-term. **No clubs will run in the 1st week back.**



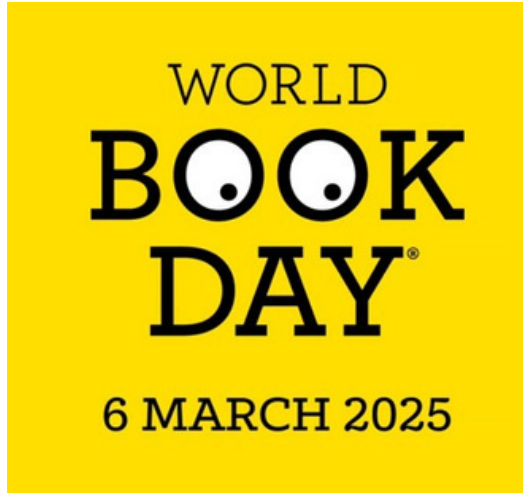
Day	Club	Staff Member Running
Monday	Years R - 6 Karate - 8am-8:40am £17.50 Years 3-4 Art £2 Years 3-6 Running Years 3-6 STEM £17.50	Sensei Matt Mrs Quirolo Miss Westney Mrs Munro and Mr Barnes
Tuesday	Years R - 2 - Multi-sports - 8am - 8:40am Years 1-6 Choir Years 5-6 Pop Lacrosse £5	Miss Todd Miss Steele Mr Allen
Wednesday	Years 4-6 Girls Football £5 Year 6 Arts Award	Calderdale Coaching Miss Honour and Mrs Badio
Thursday	Years 4-6 Dodgeball 8am-8:40am Years 4-6 Netball	Mr Allen Mrs Forrester and Mrs Moorhouse

Many of the clubs from last half-term will be continuing; however, it's essential to request a space for your child each time. Please note that Boys' Football will not be running this half-term. However, we will still be participating in the upcoming Calderdale Football League and tournaments as they are scheduled.

In place of Boys' Football, we're excited to introduce a new sport to Triangle – Pop Lacrosse! During my teaching time in Rochdale, this sport was incredibly popular and I'm thrilled to bring it to our school. I also plan to enter our children into games with the Pennine Sports Association, one of our partners, to give them a real taste of this fantastic game. If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, don't miss out – it's a fast-paced and exciting sport that I'm sure they will enjoy and quickly master. There is a small fee of £5 for this club, which will help us purchase the specialist equipment required.

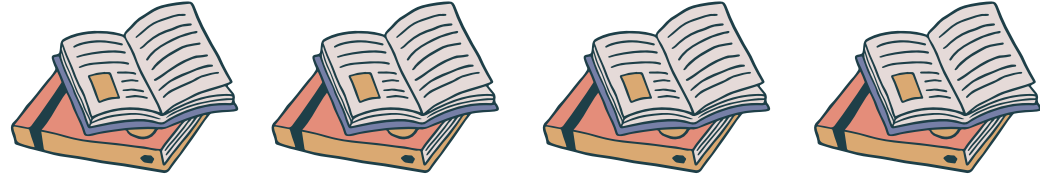
Additionally, Miss Todd will be launching a new club for our infant classes on Tuesday mornings. Morning clubs are a fantastic way to kick-start the day for children, so be sure to register before the deadline on Monday, 24th February. We look forward to another vibrant half-term of activities!

World Book Day - A look ahead



World Book Day is fast approaching, and the Literacy Leaders have been helping Mrs Barlow to plan what the children would like to do this year. The Literacy Leaders have suggested (optional) dress-up, either to come as a book character or to 'dress as word' - for example, wearing some bright clothing and coming as 'Florescent'. **The date Thursday 6th March.**

The children will be participating in some book and illustration themed activities on the day. Some of the activities will be led by Mr Roberts (a regular volunteer at Triangle) and Mr Burgoyne (Mrs B's husband) who have written and illustrated a lovely book, 'Luna has a Seaside Splash'.



Copies of their book are available for children to purchase on the day (and afterwards) with Mr Roberts available in the school reception area on World Book Day at the end of the school day. Books can be paid for in cash or by bank transfer at a discounted cost of £5.99. The book has a discussion guide, grammar and vocabulary prompts and lots of information in addition to the story, and is a fantastic book to be used both as a story to enjoy and to support children's education.

A "Sculpt-tacular" Day Out: Year 1's Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

On Thursday, Year 1 had an incredible day at Yorkshire Sculpture Park, a trip planned to inspire their art and D.T. work this term. The children were amazed by the larger-than-life sculptures, including works by Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore. Seeing these masterpieces up close sparked plenty of curiosity and creativity as they explored how materials, shapes and textures are used in sculpture.

The children had so much fun exploring the park and sharing their thoughts about the art. They represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the day.

A big thank you to all the staff who worked hard to make this trip possible and to Mr. Hackett, who kindly joined us as a parent volunteer. Your support ensured the day ran smoothly and was enjoyable for everyone involved.



Class Dojo Communication



I'd like to take a moment to remind all parents about the importance of regularly checking Class Dojo for updates, news and pictures from school. It's a fantastic platform for staying connected with your child's learning and keeping up-to-date with what's happening in the classroom.

However, I also want to address the use of the Class Dojo 'chat' function. While this feature will remain available for now, as many parents use it respectfully, we are noticing an increasing number of instances where messages intended for the school office are being sent to teachers instead. To ensure smooth communication, we kindly ask parents to direct urgent messages, complaints, or any office-related queries to the school office.

Teachers are dedicated to their pupils during the school day and I have actively advised them not to check Class Dojo during teaching hours or outside of their working day. This means that parents should not expect instant responses to messages. Teachers will reply as soon as they are able, but we must respect their time and the demands of their role.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. By working together, we can continue to make Class Dojo an effective tool for supporting your child's learning experience. For urgent communication, please remember that the school office remains the most reliable and appropriate point of contact.



Swimming Arrangements

After February half-term, swimming lessons will be for Year 4 children and will continue for the remainder of this academic year. Children who are in Year 5 have now finished their lessons and I look forward to presenting them with their certificates shortly.



Swimming lessons are on a Friday afternoon, so Year 4 parents, please make sure you pack your child's swimming gear and send it into school each Friday morning. If you have any questions/queries regarding swimming, please contact Mrs Barlow or Miss Steele.

'Weekly' Newsletter - Changes to the schedule

As I approach the six-month mark in my role, I've been reflecting on how we communicate and how to best keep everyone informed. With the use of Class Dojo, social media, and regular emails, I've noticed that the need for a weekly newsletter isn't always necessary.

Some of you may have already noticed that, on a couple of occasions, the newsletter hasn't been issued. This is because, as I've settled in, I've realised that sometimes the content of the newsletter simply repeats what has already been shared through our other platforms. Writing the newsletter takes me around 3-4 hours each week, and I believe my time is often better spent supporting the children and staff directly in the classrooms to help secure the best outcomes for our students. I wouldn't want the task of writing the newsletter to take away from this important work.

Rest assured, this change won't compromise the amount of information coming from the school. We'll continue to use Class Dojo, emails, and social media to keep you updated with all the important news and events. The newsletter will still be a regular feature, but moving forward, it may not be issued every week. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to improve how we communicate with our school community.

Happy Half-Term

It's hard to believe, but we are now officially over halfway through the school year! Time is flying by, and there is still so much to look forward to as we head into the remainder of the year.

As the days begin to grow longer and we (hopefully!) welcome some warmer weather, let's embrace the opportunities ahead with positivity and enthusiasm. From exciting events and trips to continued hard work in the classroom, we're confident the rest of the year will be filled with success, growth and plenty of memorable moments.

Here's to a bright and exciting second half of the year!



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Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.