

Triangle Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

'Learning, Excellence, Respect'

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That's a Wrap!

So, another school year comes to a close; and what a busy, productive and enjoyable one it has been. On the last newsletter of each year, I usually try to remember to thank everyone who played their part in making it a productive and memorable one. This letter is no exception, but as I thank each group, I cannot help but think of those who have been there before over the last 21 and a half years. Some of you have been with me for a good part of that journey (in fact there's one set of parents who had children at Triangle when I arrived – and still do!). I am sure that you will also be able to think back to previous years and the members of our Triangle family who have moved on, as well as our current community. I certainly recall many folk with great fondness.

Here goes.

Governors here have always played their part well – critical friends with the right balance of challenge and support. A diligent group of volunteers giving their time gladly for the good of our children. I thank you all.

Cleaners and caretakers have done a sterling job looking after the fabric of the building (which has changed markedly over my time here). Visitors have often commented on the clean, well-maintained feel around school. I thank you all.

Our PTFA have, over the years, provided countless moments of fun and enjoyment for everyone, whilst raising significant amounts of money for the school to go above and beyond what our budget allows. I thank you all.

Volunteers have always been made welcome and they in turn provide extra help for staff, especially – but not exclusively – lower down the school. Driving a minibus, listening to readers, running clubs, tidying the outside areas, washing the paint pots – the list goes on. I thank you all.

Triangle is lucky to have always had supportive, generous and approachable parents (and grandparents) and carers. Of course we won't always agree, but you have always been there to partner us in children's education. The support of parents and carers is vital to every child's early education and you do it well. I thank you all.

We haven't always had a kitchen for school meals to be produced on site, but since we have, we have been very lucky to work with a dedicated team who genuinely care about their work and providing a healthy, tasty meal for our children. Their SATs week breakfasts are the envy of the borough! I thank you all.

Then there's the staff. What can I say. From the first group who welcomed me so warmly all those years ago, to our current group of superstars, and EVERYONE in between – I simply would not have survived in my role without you. Your hard work, dedication, expertise, humour, resilience, flexibility and rigor have made working along side you such a pleasure. I hope you can all look back on our time together with a tremendous sense of pride. I thank you all.

Finally, I come to our wonderful children. Whatever I write here, it will not do justice to the joy you have given me and the pride I have felt as headteacher of YOUR school. I have had to play the grumpy headteacher from time to time – that's part of my job; but remember that this has always been done with love and the drive for you all to be the best you can be. I take with me many, many memories of happy times – thanks to you. I thank you all.

Well it's goodnight
from me...

...And it's goodnight
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Good Luck and Thank You Miss Ingle and Mrs Varey

We say goodbye and good luck to two members of staff this week. Miss Ingle has been Year 3 teachers to cover the maternity of Miss Westney. She has done a super job and we are very proud of her and the way she has begun her teaching career with such dedication and skill. We are also pleased that she has secured a permanent post in another local school. Our loss is their gain.

Mrs Varey has covered another maternity – Mrs Robertshaw. Juliette hit the ground running in the role and quickly became a valued member of the Year 1 team. We felt very fortunate to have had her as part of the Triangle family.

We wish both ladies all the very best for the future – you know where we are!



Sports Day

We finally got a sports day in this week, which felt great! The children ran, jumped and threw for points for their team. In the end, the final results were as follows:

Infant Sports Day:

- 1st Victorians
- 2nd Tudors
- 3rd Vikings
- 4th Egyptians

Junior Sports Day:

- 1st Egyptians
- 2nd Tudors
- 3rd Victorians
- 4th Vikings

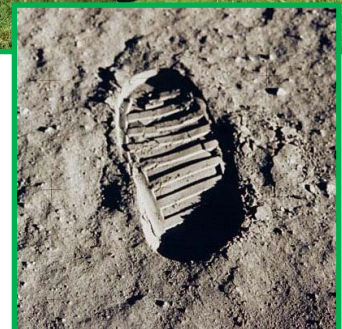
Well done to all of the children who took part and earned points for their team. It was a lovely morning where children took part in the right spirit and a lovely morning.



Leavers' Service

Our Year 6 Leavers put on an enjoyable and emotional service at St Peter's Church yesterday. I enjoyed the singing, prayers and speeches as much as any service I can remember. I hope our leavers will add the experience to their memories of Triangle as they prepare to move on. I thought that their speeches were eloquent and entertaining. Always remember the 'footprints on the moon' that you take with you and thank you for the ones you leave behind.

Well done to everyone who played a part in the event, for the congregation for attending and to Rev Jeanette for hosting at St Peter's. Thank you also for the generous gifts and touching best wishes I was presented with. As I said on Dojo yesterday evening, I am genuinely humbled by your kindness.



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Big Butterfly Count – Get Involved in Some Citizen Science

Over the next couple of weeks, you can get involved in a bit of citizen science and have a go at the Big Butterfly Hunt. A lovely thing to get involved in and learn a few names of the more common butterflies we are likely to see. Just use the link below.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>



Attendance Reminder

A few weeks ago I mentioned to you all that attendance was coming under the spotlight more and more. This week we have met with the Local Authority's Education Welfare about it. From August, the Department for Education's guidance is tightening as expected. Here are a few things that I feel you need to consider next academic year.

School will now have very little choice but to refer instances where children are absent from school for 10 sessions (5 days) or more to Education Welfare where it has not been authorised. If their officers then decide to issue a fine, it will be £160 per child, per parent. If this pattern of unauthorised absence occurs 3 times over a three-year period, it will automatically escalate to a prosecution. Any single 'significant' unauthorised absence may lead straight to prosecution. Children who are more than 30 minutes late will have this classed as an unauthorised absence.

Education Welfare are keen that all schools in Calderdale enforce the DfE guidance to ensure consistency. They are also keen to clamp down on families that say an absence is due to illness, when it is actually because they are on holiday, and they may seek proof if they challenge the absence. I hope that you understand the reasons for me giving you this information.

Uniform and Equipment for September

Before lots of you re-stock for September, I thought that I would just remind everyone about the school uniform and basic equipment. I would hate for anyone to go to unnecessary expense.

Uniform consists of a plain grey skirt, shorts or trousers. These should be worn with a plain white polo shirt or shirt/blouse and a bottle green sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper. If a shirt/blouse is worn, children should also have a school tie on.

Some items can be purchased with the school badge on, but this is not compulsory. Socks should be plain grey or white. Plain grey tights can also be worn. All children should wear sensible plain black shoes.

Please do not 'push boundaries' with any of this uniform.

For PE all children should have a plain amber t-shirt and plain black shorts (no stripes, logos etc). Junior children should also have a green long-sleeved top (see photo).

Year 3 children will get a green top free of charge.

Replacement tops can be bought at cost from the school office. Pumps or trainers should also be available for PE. ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH NAMES.

The only jewellery that is permitted is a pair of simple, stud earrings. No necklaces or bracelets should be worn. Children should not have nail varnish on.

Infant children should have a book bag not a backpack for school. These are also available with a school badge, but that is not compulsory. NO CHILD should have a pencil case at school.



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And this Terms Special Award Winners Are.....

	Infants	Lower Juniors	Upper Juniors
School Values:	Rose C2	William P C4	Harry Thornton C5
Progress:	Robyn C1	Noah C3	Beatrice C5
Effort:	Archie CR	Ariella C3	William C5
Enthusiasm:	Willow C2	Olly C4	Bobby C5
Above & Beyond:	Sunny CR	Ethan C4	Stanley C6
Half Termly Attendance:	Class 2 (again!)		

Year 6 Major Award Winners Are.....

Outstanding Behaviour:	Jack
100% Effort:	Holly F
Progress:	Lacey
Resilience:	Ruby
Team Player:	Layton C

The Gavin Davies Cup for Excellence in the Creative Arts: Jenson

Well, that's it folks. Have a great summer. Stay safe, be happy and look after each other. No more get-ups til Sept.... Oh, wait a minute!



Huzzah!

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