

# TRIANGLE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Gymnastics Success

Last night, our gymnastics team put on a fantastic performance at the competition held at Hipperholme Grammar, and I am delighted to share that they secured 2nd place in their category!

A huge congratulations to the team and to Miss Todd for their super routine set to the popular song 'APT.' Their dedication and teamwork truly shone through. What made their achievement even more impressive was their resilience on the night. Despite some unexpected technical difficulties, the children remained focused, adapted brilliantly, and delivered a performance to be proud of.

A massive well done to all the gymnasts for their hard work in preparing for this event. You represented the school brilliantly, and we couldn't be prouder!



## Easter Church Service

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, St Peter's Church will once again play host to our Easter Service which the children have been practising for both in school and at home. Please can you all complete the short online form by no later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 12 noon.

This form can be accessed by clicking on the Easter Egg picture (opposite).



## Digging In: Pupils Help Transform the Landscape



This week has been a fantastic one for outdoor learning, with our children embracing nature and making a real impact on the environment.

Our Year 1 children continued their monthly Forest School sessions, exploring the natural world and developing key skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience. It is always a joy to see their enthusiasm as they investigate their surroundings, and this month was no exception!

Meanwhile, our Year 3 and Year 6 pupils took part in a truly special community project: tree planting on the moorland above Baitings Dam. Armed with spades and plenty of enthusiasm, they worked together to plant over 120 trees, including oak, holly, and pine. Their efforts are part of a much bigger project, with an incredible 300,000 trees being planted in total! Over time, these trees will completely transform that part of the valley, creating a rich and vibrant habitat for wildlife while helping to combat climate change.

It was wonderful to see our pupils working so hard and enjoying the fresh air, knowing they were contributing to something so meaningful. These experiences are invaluable, helping our children develop a sense of responsibility for the world around them while reinforcing the importance of community and teamwork.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this possible, and well done to all our young conservationists

## Mother's Day Shop

Today's Mother's Day Shop was a huge success with around 160 presents wrapped and sold. Thank you to everyone who supported this shop by sending in your money.

I hope these presents are well received by all.



## Cross Country National Finals



I am absolutely delighted to share some fantastic sporting news with you! A huge congratulations to Harry (Y4) and Jacob (Y5) for their outstanding achievements in cross country.

Last Saturday, both boys competed in the National Finals in Warwickshire, racing against hundreds of children from across England. On a tough, hilly course, they produced staggeringly quick times and both finished in the top 20 for their age groups—an incredible accomplishment at such a high level of competition!

We are all so proud of their dedication, determination, and talent. I have no doubt that we will see brilliant things from them in the future! Well done, Harry and Jacob!

## Interhouse Dodgeball

This Tuesday (and Wednesday), our young competitors donned their game faces for the epic annual Interhouse Dodgeball Showdown! As the snapshot reveals, they unleashed their inner dodgeball dynamos, flinging and ducking with all their might to earn bragging rights for their house teams.

Stay tuned—Monday morning's assembly will unveil the victorious champions!



## Rugby Taster Sessions

On Monday next week, all children in Reception and Year 1 will be taking part in a rugby taster session delivered by a coach from a local club - Greetland Allrounders.

If your child enjoys this sessions and you wish for them to become involved further, sessions for this age are on a Thursday evening at 6:00 - 6:45pm, best of all training is completely free!

Please can all parents make sure that the children have a suitable P.E kit in school on Monday.

## Y2 have a special visitor

Last week, our Year 2 children had a very special visitor to help with their science work on life cycles—baby Jasper! A huge thank you to Minnie's mum, Sarah, for bringing him into school and giving the children a wonderful opportunity to see a real-life example of early human development.

The children were all ears as Sarah talked about how much Jasper has grown and changed since he was born. They asked some big questions for such little hands and were fascinated to learn about how babies develop and what they need to thrive. Seeing Jasper in person really helped to bring their learning to life—far better than just looking at pictures in a book!

It was a lovely experience for the children, and we are so grateful to Sarah (and, of course, Jasper) for taking the time to visit. Who knows? Maybe in a few years, Jasper will be joining our school himself!



## Rota Kidz - Get your entries in...



**ROTA KIDZ  
EASTER COMPETITION**

£2 to enter

Produce a decorated easter egg, easter bonnet or easter card.

Money raised will help support the school's sensory room project.

Bring your entries into school with your £2 donation to enter. Prizes for 1st and 2nd in each class.

**CLOSING DATE - WEDS 2ND APRIL**

We're thrilled to announce that the Rotary Club is launching a special Easter Competition for all children at Triangle CE Primary School.

Not only is this a fun opportunity for your child to win some fantastic Easter prizes, but every penny raised will go directly towards developing a much-needed sensory room in our school—creating a calming, inclusive space for our children. Last week, I pitched this important project to the Rotary Club, and while I can't share final figures just yet, I'm confident we've secured a sizeable donation to support our vision.

So, let's make this competition a success! Get involved, get creative, and submit your child's entry by next Wednesday!

## Staying Safe Online: The Hidden Impact of Social Media on School Life

I wanted to take a moment to address an important issue that is increasingly affecting our pupils—the use of social media and online chat functions. Many popular apps and games have built-in chat features that allow children to talk with one another. While the games themselves may be fun, age-appropriate, and perfectly suitable, the chat function can often lead to problems.

Recently, I have been made aware of a growing number of incidents where some of our KS2 pupils have used these chat features to say unkind things to one another. Unfortunately, these online disagreements don't stay online—they spill over into school, causing upset among pupils and taking up valuable learning time.



**To help put things into perspective, here are some age restrictions for popular social media and messaging platforms:**

- WhatsApp – 13+ (16+ in some regions)
- TikTok – 13+
- Snapchat – 13+
- Instagram – 13+
- Facebook – 13+
- Discord – 13+ (17+ for some content)
- YouTube – 13+ (with YouTube Kids available for younger users)

Many of these platforms have strict age limits for a reason—they expose children to conversations, content, and interactions that they may not yet be equipped to handle.

As a school, we can only advise parents to be mindful of these restrictions and to carefully monitor their child's online activity. However, I strongly encourage all parents to check the games and apps your child is using, review their chat settings, and ensure they are using them safely.

More importantly, I urge you to consider the impact that online disagreements can have on children's friendships and their learning in school. When arguments that start at home follow children into the classroom, they don't just affect those directly involved—they disrupt the learning of everyone around them. We all want our children to be safe, happy, and focused on their education. By working together, we can help them develop healthy online habits and ensure that their school experience remains positive and productive.



# Weekly Diary

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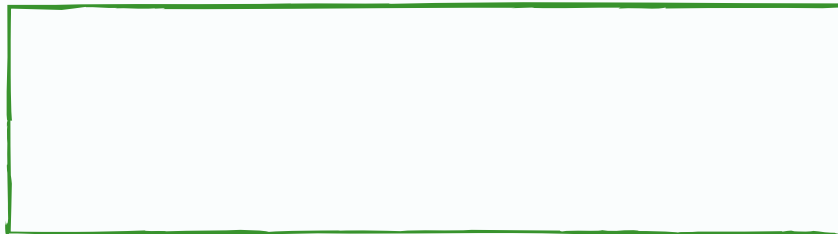
MON

- Special Eid Themed Kitchen Menu
- Greetland Allrounders Taster Sessions - YR and Y1
- Netball matches v Gleddings

TUES

- Y2 trip to Lotherton Hall
- Parent visitor in - Eid Workshops

WEDS



THU

- Easter Service at St Peter's Church - 1:45pm start

FRI

- STAR Award Assembly- 9am - all welcome
- PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
- Y4 Swimming at Sowerby Bridge Pool