



Trinity Newsletter - February 2024

Headteacher's Update



We are delighted to share with you our new look Trinity newsletter! We plan to publish the newsletter on a termly basis and within it you will be able to read about curriculum highlights from across the school, how we have been promoting our school vision and values, sporting achievements, stars of the week, updates from FOTS and more!

We have had a busy start to 2024 - we were particularly proud to share with you our recent Ofsted report where Trinity was rated 'Good' in all areas. If you haven't had the opportunity to read it yet, please click here¹ to find it on our school website. We were particularly pleased that the inspectors recognised that ***'This is a happy, inclusive and nurturing school where pupils behave well. Everyone feels safe and highly valued.'***

Thank you to everyone who sent in messages of congratulations and support; they were much appreciated by the whole staff team. After half term we have much to look forward to, including Henley Youth Festival, a visit from a past Olympian and Red Nose Day.

Finally, I'm thrilled to announce that Reception Teacher Beth Evans won Henley Herald's 'Top Teacher of 2023' award, recognising her extraordinary commitment to having a positive impact on the lives of local

¹<https://www.trinityprimaryschool.org/ofsted>

children through her enthusiasm and dedication, both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you to the Trinity community for taking the time to vote.

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

Thursday 8th - Meet an Olympian - Team Superschools event

Friday 9th - Term ends at 3:15pm

12th - 16th - Half term

Monday 19th - Inset day (staff only in school)

Tuesday 20th - Return to school at 8:45am

Tuesday 27th - UKS2 trip to Ufton Court

Saturday 24th - Cross Country event

MARCH

2nd - 10th - Henley Youth Festival

Friday 8th - World Book Day

Tuesday 12th - Stakeholder Voice Day ahead of SIAMS

Tuesday 12th - Flex-it! workshop for parents from 7-8pm

Friday 15th - Comic Relief Red Nose Day

19th & 20th - Parent consultations (4pm - 7pm)

Saturday 23rd - Swimathon

Thursday 28th - Term ends at 1:15pm

Term dates for the academic year have been published on the school website, along with a calendar of events and activities that is continually updated. Please visit www.trinityprimaryschool.org/parents²

²<https://www.trinityprimaryschool.org/parents>

Stars of this half term



We are delighted to share that the following children have been awarded 'Star of the Week' so far this half term:

Bryon: Juno, Louise, Anja and Ruby

Jeffers: Brian, Kerem, Theo and Leo

Murphy: Hugo, Nicolas, Daisy and Winston

Rosen: Harlem, Charlotte, Lexie and Maddie

Dahl: Charlotte, Abigail, Clara and Finley

Cowell: Maisie, Clara, Elliot and Isabella

Coehlo: Michelle, Zoe, Ella and William

Pilkey: Bailey, Maya, Max and Stan

Palmer: Jago, Arlo, Lucas and Harriet

Zephaniah: Alice, Bodhi, Orson and Edward

Rundell: Martem, Chantelle, Emily and Finley

Early Years (Reception)



EYFS have been explorers in two different areas: People who help us and Exploring Dinosaurs.

We welcomed several parents into school to talk to us about what jobs they do. We also looked at what different jobs are available in the community, the students role-played what jobs they would like to do in the future.

The children have also been writing informative sentences related to the story 'The Snail and the Whale'. We used words such as tepid, mild, tropical, bitter, chilled, crisp to describe what the water felt like on the whale.

We also started Exploring Dinosaurs. The children began by becoming paleontologists, looking at different fossils and trying to identify what animal they are. We will continue by looking at different types of dinosaurs.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)





As part of their Learning Means The World topic, children in KS1 have been learning about 'Unity in the community'. We started by talking to the children about the meaning of the word 'community' and how people join together to work towards a common goal. Following this the children brainstormed the people within our school community and discussed how they have helped or needed help from someone in the school community.

The children explored a map of the local area and labelled a birds eye view map of our school. After looking at different building designs, the children were very excited to design and make a house for one of their neighbours. It was wonderful to see the children persevering and supporting each other when problems arose during the making process, demonstrating our school values of care and courage.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)



LKS2 have thoroughly enjoyed our Learning Means the World topic 'Athens vs Sparta'. The term has just flown by! Our writing and class novel was linked to Theseus and the Minotaur. For our independent piece, we created a myth around our school, and many had a beast in a labyrinth beneath the Head's office! The children enjoyed learning about the Greek Gods and have now been given projects to research in groups for our museum.

In Maths, we finished learning methods for multiplication and division and started learning about measurement. We have been in hysterics with our dancing indoors and loved learning lacrosse in our outdoor PE sessions. It has been super fun!

We particularly enjoyed our Forest School lessons, enjoying the outdoors, making fires, rope swings and clay pots and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Museum on Friday 9th, and for you to see all our cross-curricular creations.

At the end of Spring Term we will be casting, creating and putting together a play and are excited to perform it for you in Summer Term. Stay tuned for more!

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



In Year 5 and 6 this term we have been busy finishing off the 'Go with the flow' topic all about our circulatory and digestive systems, concluding with an experiment involving skittles to show the processes of dissolving, absorbing and diffusing. Lots of the children went home and repeated the experiment as they had enjoyed it so much!

We have now started our 'Invaders and Settlers' topic learning all about the Roman Empire, some famous emperors and battles. We will of course be heading to Ufton Court on the 27th February to further extend our learning, please let us know if you are able to help out on the trip.

We have been having a brilliant time learning how to disco dance 1970s style in our PE lessons - we have some excellent movers! We have also been learning the fundamental skills for basketball - despite the chilly weather at times, the children have really enjoyed these lessons.

In English, we have just finished writing our diary entries as a character from the book 'The Nowhere Emporium' and in Maths we are working on our long multiplication and short division skills as well as fractions, decimals and percentages as we move through the term.

Year 6 visited The Kenton Theatre to watch a special performance of 'The Wedding Singer' by the drama department of Shiplake College. It was absolutely brilliant.

Sports

Swimming

Several children participated in the first swimathon of the year at Braywick Leisure Centre on Sunday 14th January. They worked brilliantly as a team and encouraged one another throughout the hour of swimming. So far, we have raised a superb £605. If you would like to help raise a little more (our target is a whopping £1500), please click here³. For those wishing to join the team, please keep Saturday 23rd March from 1.30pm available. Details to follow shortly.

Rugby

In November Year 2 & 3 children attended a Tag Rugby Festival at Henley Hawks Rugby Club. This was organised and run by Chris Ellison and coaches from HHRC and so much fun was had by all, despite the terrible weather for Year 3. What great sports they were!

Cross country

Again with incredibly wet weather, some of our Y3-6 children were invited to participate in a Cross Country Competition at Rotherfield FC. The children did brilliantly despite the rain and the awful muddy conditions. A special shout out to Ronnie who absolutely smashed it and came second in the Y3/4 competition. Well done everyone, you all ran well and encouraged each other brilliantly.

Tennis

And finally, a few Year 4 & 5 children attended a superb Tennis Competition at Henley Tennis Club organised by Tom and Levi. Those who went were invited because they had shown such dedication and passion for the sport the previous summer when Tom came to Trinity to coach, and they all scooped up two trophies. Absolutely incredible!

Future events

Oxfordshire Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at MECE (Maiden Erleigh Chiltern Edge) on Saturday 24th February for Years 1 - 6. No pre-entry required. Races for Years 3 - 6 are a team event and

³https://www.justgiving.com/page/trinityswimmersunited?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Ftrinityswimmersunited&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

a minimum of three runners can make a team. Year 1 will start at 10:00am, with Year 6 finishing at 11.15am. For further information, please contact Kevin Nutt on knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk⁴



⁴<mailto:knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk>







Charity

Last term the school council team were busy planning and organising whole school events to help raise money for different charities.

In November, the school councilors planned a 'Crazy Hair Day' to raise money for **Children in Need**, everyone looked amazing and Trinity managed to raise a massive £755. In December, the whole school came in wearing Christmas jumpers and our donations came to £192 which went to **Save the Children**. As well as Christmas jumper day, the school council team also organising a reverse advent calendar for **NOMAD foodbank**.

Thank you all for your donations and support so far!

Our Christian Vision

As a church school, in addition to Ofsted Inspections, our school will also have a SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. SIAMS inspections focus on the impact of the school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the

provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish.

We are in the process of preparing for this inspection, which we expect in the next academic year. As part of this process, we are having a **Stakeholder Voice Day** on the afternoon of **Tuesday 12th March 2024**. We are looking for a group of parents who would be willing to talk to our diocesan advisor about how they feel the school lives out it's vision - more information about our vision and ethos can be found on the school website by clicking [here](#)⁵. *If you would be happy to be part of this group for a short half an hour interview, please contact the school office on office.3254@trinity.oxon.sch.uk*⁶.

Parent Workshop (Flex-it! by Nixon & Nixon)

We are very excited to inform you that there will be a parent workshop taking place on Tuesday 12th March between 7:00 - 8:00pm. The workshop will inform parents about the **Flex-it!** approach, which we will be introducing across the school to support children's mental health and well being.

Flex-it! will support children with managing their anxiety and developing emotional flexibility. The Flex-it! approach is intended to improve children's physical and mental health whilst developing stronger relationships with adults and their peers. We are hoping that this approach will support the children to become more aware of how they respond to and manage situations, helping them to regulate their emotions.

We will be asking parents who attend this training for a voluntary contribution of £5. Further details can be found on our website under Latest News⁷ and an email will be sent shortly with details about how to register.

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⁵<https://www.trinityprimaryschool.org/values>

⁶<mailto:office.3254@trinity.oxon.sch.uk>

⁷<https://www.trinityprimaryschool.org/latestnews>



FOTS are delighted to announce that last term we raised over £6000! A massive thank you to everyone who got involved to help make our fundraising events such a success; as always, the children had a blast at the Glow in the Dark Disco and the Christmas Fair, and it was fab to have the Quiz Night back on the calendar.

And, we are very excited to tell you that the date for the **Summer Ball** has now been finalised, so save the date; **Saturday 8th June**. Dust off your dinner suits and sequins for what promises to be a fabulous evening. More information to follow soon...

If you have any ideas for fundraising events or would like to be involved with organising the ball, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch via your class rep or drop us an email; info@friendsoftrinityschool.com⁸

Meet our new Assistant Headteachers

This term we have welcomed two Assistant Headteachers. In the few short weeks they have been at Trinity, Claire and Sarah have already made a hugely positive contribution to school life. Here's a bit about them:

Claire Rolfe

⁸<mailto:info@friendsoftrinityschool.com>

My ambition has always been to work with children and I have been in education for twenty years! My journey began as a Teaching Assistant, enjoying every minute of supporting children and working as part of a team. I started teaching in 2010 and during the last 13 years I have taught across EYFS, KS1 and LKS2. Before joining Trinity I was an Assistant Headteacher at St. Mary's C of E in Aylesbury, where I led the Early Years Foundation Stage and supported the implementation of whole-school strategies, such as behaviour. In my spare time I enjoy going for walks and swimming. I am an experienced and compassionate leader who is committed to ensuring children are supported with their mental health and emotional well-being so that they are ready to learn. I am really looking forward to being KS1 and mental health lead at Trinity and will strive to ensure school is a positive, enjoyable experience for all of its pupils.



Sarah Majer

I've been teaching for over ten years and really enjoy how every day is different! Prior to coming to Trinity, I was an Assistant Headteacher at a school in Wokingham and I was there for four years. Prior to that, I worked in schools across central Reading and Wokingham, either as a KS2 teacher or senior leader. I'm really looking forward to bringing the experience I gained in these settings to Trinity and really making a positive impact on the school, children, staff and parents.

Outside of school, I play netball to try and keep fit, but my real love is reading - I usually read close to a 100+ novels a year!