



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has seemed like an incredibly long term, but one with many successes. The challenges that we've faced as a community have been mirrored in school but staff and, in particular, our children, have done magnificently. Work on our 'Being More' curriculum has continued and there has been some fantastic learning going on in all subjects and in all phases of the school, which, after all, is what it is all about. This term, we've had our History Day (where we were visited by Dr Campbell Price, who introduced our Shabti, which is still housed in our junior library), celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and the importance of talking to one another, Neurodiversity Week culminating in the visit of Rob Martin, Red Nose Day (and our super 'UPS Got Talent' show), we've celebrated Earth Day as part of a Geography and fieldwork focus just last week, and we've had our Easter Bonnet Parade(s!) a few days ago.

Thank you so much to all of you infant parents who managed to make it to our Easter Bonnet Parade...and accommodated our altered plans. It was so lovely to have you join us and as we said on the day, we hope that this will be the first of many times in the near future that you can join us in school.

I mentioned at our recent SEN forum that soon we hope to invite parents in for an open afternoon so that you can get a feel for how your children learn and how we support and challenge them. It's been a while since we've been able to do this so keep an eye out for details, as well as our writing workshop, which we still hope to hold in the summer term.

We'll aim to get out a summer calendar early in the summer term and get some key dates in, which will also include our 'Belonging' Forum that we've needed to put on hold.

As always, thank you for your support and please do remember that we pride ourselves on being open and available to talk to you all...so please don't hesitate to come and see us for a chat if you need to.

We feel privileged to have been able to support a number of your children with Lego therapy and Drawing and Talking therapy, as well as facilitating and supporting with Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Play Therapy. Many of our children, like children across the country, have found coping with their anxieties and their feelings very difficult since the pandemic and so we have tried as best we can to support pastorally, either through our own staff, including Mrs Ball and Mrs Walker, or through more professional therapists. Attached with this email is also the local authority's Early Help provision and the support that it can offer, particularly relating to mental health and wellbeing. If you require such support for your family, do give it a look, or get in touch with us.

You all have a lovely Easter and we look forward to seeing you (after a much needed rest, that is!) in the summer term.

Best wishes, Mr P.

Vaisakhi

Thank you so much to Dharamraj, Prab, and co. who joined us yesterday to talk to us about the Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi. It was wonderful for the children to see you in traditional attire and to learn all about the importance of this time of year! Great stuff!



500 Word Writing Competition

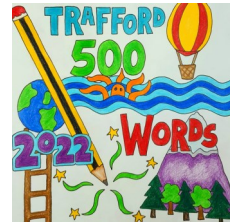
This half term, our KS2 children have been writing their own short stories based around a photo as a stimulus. The writing has been marked under the criteria of originality, plot, characterisation, language and enjoyment. Each teacher has picked one child to be entered from our school into the Trafford competition for the chance to win:

- A kindle for the overall winner, plus £50 book vouchers and £300 for the School Library
- A kindle for each year group winner
- A film made of one of the winning entries
- All commended pieces to be included in an anthology
- Invitation to an Awards Ceremony, where the winning pieces will be read by Lemn Sissay and brought to life in a Drama performance

We would like to say a big 'well done' to: Gargi Ambeka, Hattie Sander-son, Finley Moules-Rowe, Mackenzie Cook, Jessica Caslake, Max Bar-butti, Mason Billingsley and Ellie Smith.

Good luck in the next round.

Mrs Hall



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who bought books from our book fair last week! Not only does it help to enhance our children's love of reading, but it enables us to get vouchers for free books for our school...it really does make a huge difference. So thank you again!

BEING MORE

It is so appropriate that our motto is 'Growing Together. Empowered To Be More' as we have so many children who decide to 'be more' for the benefit of others. We've heard about Oriel and Everly, who did a bake sale for Ukrainian refugees. With a bit of help from mum and Grandma, they baked cupcakes and biscuits and set up a stall outside our house. They invited children from Year 2 and all of the street and raised an amazing £214.51! Well done guys!



A big well done to Matilda too. Matilda is taking part in the April squat challenge at her mum's gym to help a little girl from Urmston who is currently battling Leukaemia. She has donated £10 from her piggy bank and has raised over £90 in sponsors. Super Matilda – well done for supporting someone who really needs it! That's what being more is all about!

And last but not least, well done Scarlett. She and her sister Maci, decided to do their bit on Saturday to help the planet..and so went on a litter pick. That is o brilliant to see guys...we all need to do our bit for such a wonderful world. Well done both of you...we all need to take a leaf out of your environmental book!

