

Trafalgar Newsletter

22nd October 2021

We have all made it to our first half term of the year. Well done to everyone for their hard work and effort these past 7 weeks and a massive well done to all of our Year 7 students who have settled in so brilliantly.

Thank you to everyone who returned their Activities Week choices to us by today's deadline, we are aware that the cost of some of the trips may seem high, but please be assured that we have tried to get the best deals wherever possible. A large part of the increased cost is down to travel costs having increased massively since the pandemic, meaning the cost of getting to these activities has greatly increased. If anything changes with prices, we will let you know right away. There is of course help for pupil premium and FSM children, please email activitiesweek@trafalgarschool.org.uk for more information. Students will find out their chosen activities by the 26th November at the very latest, with deposits due by the 10th December.

Have a restful half term and we will see all our students back here on the 1st November!

Team Trafalgar

Hot Chocolate with the Head

This week's 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' goes to Hayden!

Hayden was nominated by not one, but two members of staff separately for this award. Hayden has been spotted by Miss Pearce picking up litter in school of his own accord, whilst in English he produced a spectacular piece of writing for his landmark assessment, which blew Mrs Roberts away.

Along with this, Hayden has shown amazing resilience in his school life and always tries his best in every lesson.

Well done, Hayden!



Uniform Reminder:

As the weather is becoming colder please ensure your child has their blazer with them in school. Whilst the school jumper is optional, the school blazer is essential and should be with them every day. Could we also take this opportunity to remind you that makeup is not permitted at all in lower school (year 7 and 8) and that false nails and false lashes are not permitted in school.

Key Dates

25th - 29th

1st

**October 2021
Half Term**

November 2021
Students start back



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Food Preparation Department Update

Open Evening 2021

Our Year 11 Food Prep students did a fantastic job preparing, cooking and presenting canapes for our visitors for Open Evening!



Year 7 Food Tech



Some of our Year 7's have begun their Food Tech journey this term by learning how to work safely in a kitchen, how to cut and prepare fruit and veg and then how to plan, prepare and present their own fruit salads!



IMPORTANT: Students with nut allergies in School

Please could students refrain from bringing food to school that contain nuts. We have students with us who are severely allergic to nuts. They do carry epi-pens, but we need to all do our part and to keep each other safe. Our school kitchen is a nut free environment and any products bought in externally will be marked with a notice to confirm if it may contain traces of nuts. Thank you for your support with this!

Music Department Update

Throughout this half term, Year 9 have been recapping and honing their music theory skills with a bit of a twist!

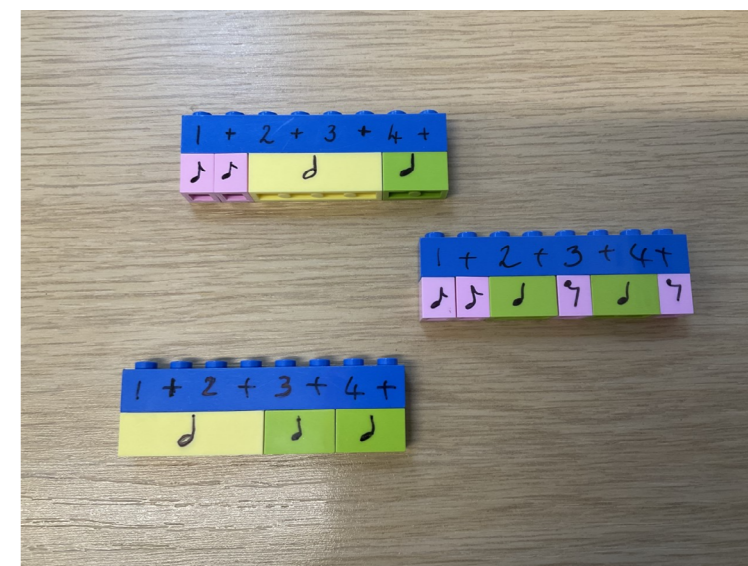
From understanding basic notation, right the way through to composing a piece of music using key signatures.

The highlight of this half term has clearly been writing rhythms using Lego bricks! Not only has it been a fun and exciting exercise, but pupils have



gained a clear grasp on the confusing concepts that are more complex rhythms, and have even implemented these within their own compositions!

Mr Mountney



English Department Update

Some of our Year 7 students won a competition and had their poems chosen for publication!

Congratulations to:

- Savan
- Keegan
- Theo
- Daisy
- Tyler
- Daisy
- Jessica



Well done to everyone who took part and massive congratulations to all our future poet laureates!

Free webinar - Maths Anxiety

Helping your maths-anxious child Webinar

Wednesday 3rd November 7:30pm (Free)

In this session, Rachel Kidson (Maths Author & Educational Psychology Lead at Eedi) gives practical advice on ways you can help your child with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework.

And you'll learn tips for keeping your own maths anxieties at bay too!

We all experience maths anxiety in certain situations, but if your child experiences it on a regular basis, it can result in lower performance, and more importantly be detrimental to their self-esteem.

Let's help them build confidence!

To register your place click the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RaZtoO11RIGk7HzuDRVYMA



Introduction from our Parent Ambassador

Hello Parents/Carers

I'm Abby and my son is in Year 8.

Some of you may remember a little while back I spoke, on behalf of parents, with Miss Pearse about some of the queries we had. Since then I have been working with Miss Pearse and Mr Fenwick with the aim of involving parents more so we can help to make the school the best we can.



The first thing I would like to draw your attention to is the Official Trafalgar School Parents Group, which is overseen by Mr Fenwick and myself; please join this if you haven't already as this is the best place to go for any questions you have (and if we can't resolve them for you, we can advise who will be able to).

[Facebook Parent Group.](#)

Class Charts is up and running now and I don't know about you but I love it! It's so easy to use and there's so much information about how your child is doing which is great! It also fixes the problem some of us had with tracking attendance.

Some parents had voiced concerns around students not always having enough time to eat their lunch. I had a meeting with the new catering manager, Vicki, last week and we agreed that sending the menus to parents could help reduce the queues as they can plan in advance what they want to order. There are five service points up and running so please make sure your children know this. Everything is made fresh each day which is amazing and there are so many options, our children should finish lunchtime full up! Vicki is going to meet with the student council soon to discuss introducing more of their favourite foods so there will be less food wastage.

I am so excited to be working with the school and I'm here if anyone needs help. There are so many exciting things to come which will continue to make Trafalgar the best school for our children.

Lexia Update

We are aware people have been having issues with Lexia recording reading times accurately. We are looking in to this, but please ensure students log out properly when they finish and do not just click the 'X' to close the screen, as it doesn't always record their time accurately when this happens.

PE Clubs - Autumn Term Attendance

Current appearances at after school PE clubs are as follows:

1st - Britannia - 90 appearances

2nd - Temeraire - 82 appearances

3rd - Victory - 40 appearances

4th - Sovereign - 29 appearances

Keep it up Trafalgar! Let's see if you can make your house top of the table by the end of the Autumn term!

#teamtrafalgar



The Seven Sentences Writing Competition

Deadline Extension - Friday 12th November

Can you write a story using just seven sentences? It must be narratively complete and pack a punch – the possibilities are endless... even if the word count isn't!

Submissions electronically submitted to AKnight@trafalgarschool.org.uk or a physical copy handed into the library.

Top 3 entries will be featured in the Parent Bulletin!

You could win a £10 Waterstones Gift Card!

WELCOME TO THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF YOUR MARKETING BULLETIN. WE'RE CATERLINK, YOUR SCHOOL CATERER. WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GREAT OFFERS, PROMOTIONS, EVENTS AND DEALS WE HAVE COMING UP THIS MONTH - SO, IN NOVEMBER WE HAVE NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK, IN SEASON: APPLE, DESTINATION CHINA AND ROAST DINNER DAY! WE HAVE MEAL DEALS, LOYALTY CARDS AND PRODUCT PROMOTIONS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH.

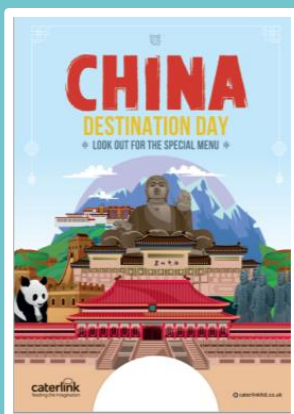
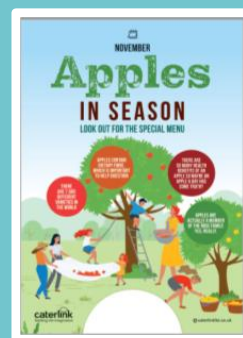
NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK



THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK! BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE CLASSIC OFFERS SUCH AS JAM SPONGE AND CUSTARD, TOAD IN THE HOLE AND FISH PIE!

IN SEASON: APPLE

THE APPLE. A STAPLE IN BRITISH CUISINE. FROM PARSNIP AND APPLE SOUP, TO APPLE CRUMBLE TO APPLE SLAW, CHECK OUT OUR CREATIVE APPLE OPTIONS THIS MONTH!



DESTINATION: CHINA

CHINA IS FEATURED AS OUR DESTINATION DAY THIS MONTH! BE SURE TO GRAB OUR SWEET AND SOUR DISHES AND HOT NOODLES!

ROAST DINNER DAY

EVERYONES FAVOURITE DINNER, THE ROAST! WE WILL BE SERVING YOU ALL THE TRIMMINGS! MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTION WITH CRISPY ROAST POTATOES, SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND LASHINGS OF GRAVY!

