



# Trafalgar School **NEWS**

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# Welcome to Trafalgar News

It has been a busy Spring term at Trafalgar School!

It was my pleasure to cheer on our dancers at Dance Live at the Guildhall in February. Their performances go from strength to strength every year and I was so proud of their moving and thoughtful piece and I'm thrilled they were recognised for this by winning three awards! Our two Personal Development Days focussed on our values of Respect and Resilience have supported our students with the knowledge and confidence to keep themselves safe physically, mentally and online. These days are an important opportunity for our students to learn about relevant topics in more depth outside of the formal curriculum. All of our students took part in the live webinar that marked Holocaust Memorial Day. Opportunities to hear from Holocaust survivors are very limited now so it is important we seize them while we still can.



We celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March and it was great to see staff and students in so many fantastic costumes that celebrated their favourite characters from the books they are reading. Unsurprisingly, the English department won the best costume prize! Our Science department then took the dress up reigns for British Science Week. Dressed up as their favourite scientist, students had to use their scientific knowledge to guess which famous scientist they were.

We have continued to support schools across the city with the development of Relational Practice in their settings. We now support over 30 Headteachers across the primary and secondary phases in developing the ethos and culture in their schools. We have received local and national recognition of our work in this area, hosting visitors from across the south coast as well as the Regional Director for OFSTED, Matthew Purves who was very complimentary about the work we are doing.

As you know, for the last 18 months I have been seconded for two days a week to Meridian High School, a secondary school in Croydon, for a large Multi Academy Trust to support its rapid improvement. After 15 years as a school 'requiring improvement' I am delighted to tell you that following an OFSTED Inspection in January they are now officially a 'GOOD' school in all areas. As a result, I have now completed this secondment but continue to support the leadership of the school. I am now working with a more local Multi Academy Trust, HISP, supporting their secondary and primary schools with school improvement work. This provides a range of valuable opportunities for our leaders to complete outreach work, supporting colleagues to develop practice in other schools.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break!

**Mrs Copeland - Executive Headteacher**





# Trafalgar bring home awards from Dance Live! 2023



In February, Trafalgar took part in Dance Live! with students performing their routines at the Portsmouth Guildhall, competing against other schools from the area.

Our students represented Trafalgar School superbly at the annual competition, bringing back with them the award for Creative Concept and the Judges Technical Award.

The dedication and skill displayed by the whole group was exceptional and has done the whole school proud!

# WORLD BOO

This year's World Book Day saw students and staff get in on the dress-up fun!

World Book Day is a charity that changes lives through a love of books and reading. Their mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Reading for pleasure is a vital indicator of a young person's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

Students were given book day vouchers and everyone had the chance to dress up as their favourite fictional characters. There were some fantastic costumes and here are a few of our favourites!





# BOOK DAY 2023

## WORLD BOOK DAY

2 MARCH 2023





# PD DAY - RESPECT



For our third PD Day of the year we welcomed a host of visitors to the school to address the students.

The focus for this day was on developing knowledge and understanding on how to keep ourselves safe; both physically and online. Students learnt to recognise, challenge and understand the impact of abuse on themselves and others, appropriate to their year group.

We designed this day in response to government guidance, as well as feedback from our parents and students.



A challenging but essential topic to learn about, this day was a real success with feedback from students revealing a 50% increase in the number of students who were able to recognise abuse and know how to seek support.

Thank you to Stop Domestic Abuse, Primary Goal, Lasting Support Services, Prison Me! No Way! and Paul Hannaford for all their support and efforts on the day.





# Young Writer's Competition success!

A huge congratulations to Keke in Year 7 for her fantastic effort in our most recent 'Young Writer's' competition whereby students were tasked with creating their own poem on the issues facing climate change and the threats to the environment. Keke crafted a beautiful poem detailing the threats to animals through the eyes of an endangered panda.

Her poem was judged and came Top 5 out of 7,000 national entries!

What an incredible achievement. Well done Keke.

*There's a panda on my doorstep  
And I don't know what to do  
It's eating the wispy grass  
Instead of it's bamboo  
I said to the panda  
'What are you doing here?'  
Even though I didn't want to interfere  
'They've destroyed all the trees  
And all of my bamboo' the panda replied  
'I'm sorry, Panda' I said  
'You can come inside'  
'Thank you!' he cried*



*'Tell me more about what's going on in your head'  
As I looked across, he has a face full  
Of dread.*

*The panda whimpered, 'My family was trapped there  
And my home was destroyed'  
My heart sank into a void  
I wiped away a tear and leant back in my chair  
If only the rest of the world would care.*

*In a world where animals have to fight for their lives  
Just like the panda, I wish everything could be black and white.*

# FOOTBALL CORNER



## **Year 10 Football**

Our Year 10 boys took part in a match against students from Milton Cross this term. It was a great performance from everyone involved, massive thanks to Milton Cross for a thrilling game, that ended 2-2 thanks to some excellent goals by Romeo and Max

## **Girls Football**

Our girls football team travelled to Springfield for an away fixture earlier this term. They played some good football and began moving the ball around and keeping possession for long spells. Unfortunately they lost the game but can hold their heads up high as they flew the flag for Trafalgar with pride.

## **Year 7 Football**

It has been an exciting term for our Year 7 team, who are still top of the league with a top of the table clash against Mayfield still to come!

They have been our busiest team, playing in the quarter finals of the Hampshire cup against Kings School. It was a thrilling game that ended in a draw after extra time, which meant the dreaded penalty shoot out. The boys took four fantastic penalties and our super keeper saved two, putting them through to the semi final of the Hampshire cup.

They also travelled to Springfield for the semi final of the Portsmouth Schools cup this term. It was a tough game for our students and they started off on the back foot. They slowly got back in the game but a late corner was fumbled over the line to end the game 4-3 to Springfield.



# SPORTS LEADERS - SPRING TERM

## Sports Leaders events

Well done to our Sports Leaders who supported the Mary Rose School with their Movement Festival this term.

They represented Trafalgar School brilliantly, and had this wonderful comment back from the Assistant Principal from Mary Rose:

*A MASSIVE THANK YOU to our awesome Sports Leaders that came and helped at Mary Rose School on Tuesday 17th January. There were so many complimentary comments from staff about how brilliant you were, and they did a fantastic job!'*

## Set 4 Success Wimbledon Trip

Some of our Year 10 students have entered their second year of the Set for Success programme run by the youth sport trust. They kindly invited our students to visit Wimbledon for the day. The day included a career talk from various professionals that work for the Wimbledon foundation e.g Head Gardner, a member of the digital marketing team and Head of ticket sales. The day also included a guided tour around the grounds and a visit to the Wimbledon museum.

The students had a really great day and came away feeling inspired by the possibilities of different routes into various careers and how the skills they have learned during the programme would enhance their opportunities after leaving Trafalgar.



# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023



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Women's History Month and International Women's Day is in March every year and is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of women.

It is celebrated globally, highlighting the struggles and achievements of women across the world, and people wear purple to symbolise justice and dignity.

In Trafalgar we have lots of opportunities to highlight the success of women, such as having roles like head of house, head girl etc. There are also programmes like the Girls Network, which empowers girls towards their future as women.





# Hot Chocolate with the Head



**Mrs Copeland and Miss Pearse were delighted to celebrate with so many students and congratulate them on their achievements this term.**

**Well done to everyone featured!**

**#HCWTH**





Spring 2023