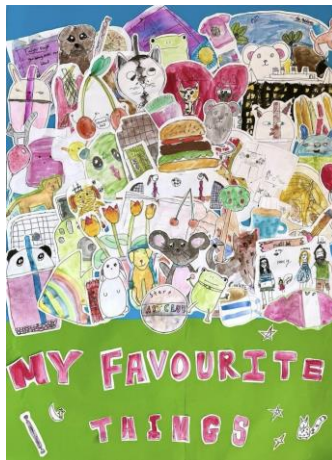




Trinity Newsletter - March 2024

Headteacher's Update



We have had a very busy and productive half term since our last newsletter. We have had several whole school events and celebrations including World Book Day, the Henley Youth Festival and Comic Relief. It was wonderful that so many of our children participated in the Henley Youth Festival and won prizes for their contributions across the board, including sporting events, performances at The Kenton Theatre, art and filming competitions. We are really proud of our children at Trinity and it's brilliant to see them having the confidence to share their talents with the wider community in Henley. It was also great to see the huge amount of effort that went into the World Book Day events - the dressing up, the entries to 'The Extreme Reading Challenge', the Reading Champions sharing stories in assembly, personalised messages from famous authors and more; the day really reflected the huge love of reading throughout the school.

This term, we have also had a particular focus on the mental health and well-being of our school community. We have rolled out the 'Flex it' approach in all classrooms and we were delighted that so many parents were also able to attend the Nixon and Nixon workshops in order to support their children. More details about this further down in our newsletter. In addition to this, we have had some 'Sport in Mind' workshops for our Year 5/6 children to help understand how physical exercise can really benefit our health and well-being.

Thank you to those parents who attend our recent Stakeholder Voice afternoon in preparation for our SIAMS inspection next year. It was a very positive outcome which highlighted how pupils, staff, governors and parents really understand the vision of the school and how this is central to all of our decision making.

We have also welcomed several new support staff members to our team this term - Mrs Celine Fernandes who is supporting pupils one-to-one and Mrs Rebecca Quinn who is supporting in Murphy class. It is with sadness we say farewell to Mrs Charlie Shaw, Jeffers class teacher, but we wish her all the best with her next steps in her career.

We very much look forward to seeing you at our Easter Service on Thursday at 10.30am at Trinity Church. We have lots of lovely things planned for Easter time in school, including an Easter Egg Hunt, which has been funded by FOTS - we are so grateful for their continued support.

Dates for your diary

MARCH

Thursday 28th - Easter Church service at Holy Trinity Church at 10:30am - all welcome

Thursday 28th - Term ends at 1:15pm

APRIL

Monday 15th - Return to School

MAY

Monday 6th - Bank holiday

13th - 16th - KS2 SATs

Friday 24th - Term ends at 3:15pm

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/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: Isla, Annie, Christabel, Oscar and Edie

Jeffers: Orya, Imogen, Phoebe, Martha and Nina

Murphy: Amy, Phoebe W, Darcey, Lucy and George

Rosen: Grace, Caswell, Henry, Hugo and Monty

Dahl: Finley, Charlie, Theo, Mauricio and Clemmie

Cowell: Sebi, Natasha, James R, Annabelle and Aroha

Coehlo: Victor, Ella W, Noah, Wendy and Ahsanul

Pilkey: Louie, Penny, Elik, Jude and Eva

Palmer: Teddy D, Izzy, Oscar, Ollie C and Mark

Zephaniah: Grace, Flo, Bodhi, Harry and Alice

Rundell: Alfie, Amber, Tommy, Evie and Edward

Early Years (Reception)





This term EYFS have been explores in two different areas:

Way Back When - Bikes

In Way Back When we looked at how bikes had changes over the decades, the children showed photos and videos of them riding a bike. We also had grandparents come in a speak to the children about bikes, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Matt Richardson from Henley also came in and showed the children his Penny Farthing and talked his upcoming adventure riding from Henley to Paris.

Animal Crackers

We have just started our second area of learning this term entitled Animal Crackers. We have welcomed some Caterpillar's into the classrooms and are going to watch how they change into a butterfly in relation to looking at life cycles within this area of learning.

Early Rider Bike Discount

Local bike maker, Early Rider, are offering **ALL** Trinity pupils a 20% discount on their bikes. Visit www.earlyrider.com and use the code TRINITY.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)





This term the children have enjoyed using the focus text 'Grandad's Island' as part of their English lessons. We started the unit by exploring a range of artefacts from Grandad's attic and thought about why he had kept hold of them for so long and the memories they might have held. The children enjoyed bringing in their own special objects to talk about the memories they associated with them. Following this, the children re-enacted what it would be like on the deck of a ship, they discussed the things, sights and smells out at sea and the sounds they would hear. The children were actively engaged in considering what life on the island would be like from the beach, to the river/waterfall and being amongst the jungle trees. To describe the environment the children thought of superlatives, e.g. the tallest trees, the widest ocean. Through the use of a video clip the children explored what the birds would be doing in the busy jungle environment and they thought of -ing verbs to describe how the birds were moving, e.g. Birds were busy dipping, diving, twirling and swooping. To end the unit the children

found a letter from Grandad which had been written for Syd. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and motivated as we have travelled through this story during recent weeks and we are looking forward to reading the stories they write as a result.

Amongst all of their learning about Grandad's Island there have been many other special events for the KS1 children this term, such as forest school and sporting events. We had a visit from some cricket coaches, Year 2 attended a Tag Rugby Festival, we had a visit from the Scarlett Oak Theatre company during Henley Youth Festival, we celebrated World Book Day, Year 2 attended a Football festival and to end the term the children have been to a multi-skills festival. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported these events, we couldn't do it without you!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4)



This term Years 3 and 4 have been enjoying our Learning Means the World topic 'Out and About'. We have learnt about the UK and its towns and cities, mountains and rivers and counties. We are now learning more about our town Henley and all the things that make it special. Our writing and class novel was linked to the Cressida Cowell book 'Wizards of Once' and involved the children writing a news report on the Queen declaring war on wizards!

In Maths, we finished learning measuring lengths and perimeter and are half-way through our fractions unit. We have particularly enjoyed creating fraction walls and using these to support our learning.

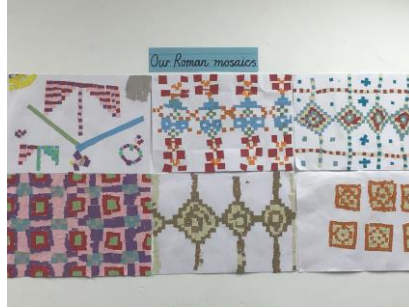
In PE the classes are learning Outdoor Adventurer Activities with our coach and ball skills with class teachers.

Our phase in particular were very engaged with our World Book Day and we were so impressed with everyone's engagement and enthusiasm. Cowell class won first place for their amazing door design and Pilkey came second. Unfortunately Coehlo class came fourth but as a phase we placed so well.

And finally, our most thrilling news, we have finished auditioning and giving out parts for our LKS2 Play called 'Time Lord'. Our phase hasn't had the chance to do a play these last few years so we are excited to have this chance to perform for you. Although the dates for the performances are not yet confirmed, we are potentially looking at the last week before half term (20-24 May but will confirm this at a later date). We will be relying on your support particularly for those children that have a number of lines.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)





We have had another busy term in Year 5 and 6, the highlight of which has to be our trip to Ufton Court where we had a brilliant time extending our learning about 'The Romans' as part of our Invaders and Settlers topic. We experienced training as a Roman soldier, dishing out some Roman justice and learning some Roman apprenticeship skills.

This has been a truly immersive topic and more recently we have created mosaics, clay jewellery boxes and roman battle soundscapes, as well as learning about Queen Boudicca and the rise and fall of The Roman Empire and using Tinkercad to create 3D designs of Roman artefacts. In our next unit we will be learning about Winston Churchill and World War II.

In English, we have just completed writing our balanced arguments to address the big question 'Should the school day be extended due to the missing learning during the pandemic?' As you can imagine, the children had lots of opinions on this issue!

In Maths we continue to hone our skills working with fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as speeding up our times table recall. Year 6 continue their preparation for the SATs in May and are working very hard.

In PE we have been enjoying developing our football skills and participating in Outdoor Adventure Activities (OAA), learning about collaboration, team building and problem solving.

Another highlight this term was the production of A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Young Shakespeare Company as part of Henley Youth Festival. This was as loud, as fun and as spectacular as ever!

With World Book Day, Red Nose Day and visitors including elite athlete Ryan Scott & PC Michael Dix, the children really have had a super term.

Finally, we must mention how proud we are of all the children who participated so well and so widely in the Henley Youth Festival - we had dancers, artists, musicians and runners to name but a few, all representing themselves and Trinity in such a positive way. Well done to all!

As we head into the Summer term, there will be lots to look forward to especially for Year 6. Please keep an eye out for communications about swimming lessons, which will start for all children soon after the Easter break.

National curriculum assessments

We've added a [National Curriculum Assessments](#) page to our school website under the 'Parents Zone'. The documents that you will find there are to help parents / carers understand the National Curriculum assessments for pupils in Primary Schools. They include why Schools are doing the assessments, what happens during the assessments and how the data is used. They cover from Reception to Year 6.

Sports

Cross Country

We have seen many children from Trinity attend the Cross-Country events this term. Well done to everyone who has run, won and challenged themselves!

Tag Rugby

Many Year 2 children enjoyed a Tag Rugby Challenge Event, hosted by Rupert House. The children had a fabulous time and showed their great ability to work as a team. Children played a round of skills and challenges before moving on to play a game of Tag Rugby against other schools. We were very proud of each and every child who went along to participate.

Football

Year Two children also attended a Football Tournament. Again, this was hosted by Rupert House and there were many schools to compete against. Our Trinity children played brilliantly and although there were no medals this time, it was great to hear how much the children loved the experience. A huge thank you to all parents / carers who came along to watch, and who were somewhat coerced into helping! I wouldn't have been able to organise all the teams without you.

Multi Skills Festival

Dahl and Rosen Classes attended a Multi-Skills Festival at Henley Hawks Rugby Club. What a great morning! Children played through a set of activities on a carousel, from Caterpillar Catch to Hit that Wicket! There were so many skills, so many challenges and the children did Trinity proud again.

Trinity are hosting our own Multi Skills Festival here at school this week. Unfortunately the organisers of the previous festival were unable to go ahead with this second festival due to a lack of participants. But not wishing to let the children miss out, we have organised our very own festival where children will complete a circuit of activities in mixed teams of Y1, Y1/2 and Y2.

Swimming

We finished this term with our last Swimathon of the year in a last attempt to raise money for the play gym equipment we hope to have installed on our playground very soon. Children swam laps in the style of a relay for 40 minutes on Saturday 23rd March at Gillotts Leisure Pool. It's not too late to donate to our Just Giving page - [CLICK HERE TO DONATE](#). So far we have raised over £700. Please can anyone who took part remember to pay in their money *before 28th March*.

Commonwealth Games Olympian

Children were awestruck as they met 4x100m relay Commonwealth Games Olympian Ryan Scott. Children enjoyed taking part in a sports circuit and altogether they raised a great amount. Very well done everyone!

Future event

On Sunday 21st April the 'Great School Run' will be held at Stonor Park from 9:30am. This is a cross-country event for children aged 3 to 18 (and their parents) from across Henley and the surrounding areas. The Great School Run is free to enter, but there is a suggested donation of £2 per participant for [Be Free Young Carers](#), a local charity which is devoted to improving young carers' wellbeing and opportunities. Please book at [The Great School Run of Henley](#). Race distances and further information is also available on their website.













Charity

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, children came into school in an array of red accessories to support Comic Relief this Red Nose Day. The children got creative with their red accessories; from socks to sunglasses, to hats and wigs. The amazing display of red spread across the whole school. In the afternoon the children took part in some Red Nose Day activities such as 'Pin the Red Nose on the Teacher'. Altogether we managed to raise over £350! Thank you for your donations!

Trinity Talent Show

Next term we will be bringing back the 'Trinity Talent Show'. Last year we got to see some INCREDIBLE talents from the children and raised money, which we donated to Cancer Research. This year we would love to showcase some more amazing talents and raise money for the New Brainstorm School. The Talent Shows will take place during Tuesday lunchtimes over the summer term. This is an in-school activity only, the audience will be fellow pupils. For more information about the New Brainstorm School and Trinity Talent Show (including how to sign up) please [CLICK HERE FOR THE FOTS WEBSITE](#).

We have also launched our Pen Pal club, in which the children will be writing letters to the pupils from the New Brainstorm School, providing the children involved with a wonderful opportunity to learn about one another's lives.



Henley Youth Festival

We had such an exciting week in school to celebrate the Henley Youth Festival!

EYFS & KS1

Reception, Years 1 and 2 were treated to a performance of 'Along Came a Magpie' performed by the Scarlett Oak Theatre Company. The children were engaged and focused well during the performance, which was filled with fun and excitement whilst teaching the children about the importance of friendship and helping others. After the performance some of the children shared their reviews of the show:

Fifi (Year 2) "I thought that it was inspiring because it was about things in the garden and taking care of them."

Charlotte (Year 2) "I think it was helpful because it taught us how to treat people nicely and it was all about sharing."

Winnie (Year 1) "I thought it was really funny because the magpie kept on coming to knock over the pots and make a mess."

Isaac (Year 1) "When the person was looking away the magpie was sneakily knocking over the plants."

Alfie (Year 1) "The show was about making friends and I thought it was fun to watch."

LKS2

The week started with the artist Emily Cooling working with the children in Years 3 and 4 to design and make a 3D mask, based on the theme of 'My favourite things.' The children used school resources and a selection of recycled resources they had brought in from home to make masks of their favourite animal.

Alfie (Year 3) "I loved making the masks, mine was the lion. We cut out some paper to stick onto it and we made the whiskers out of pipe cleaners."

UKS2

Years 5 and 6 welcomed the Young Shakespeare Company who performed 'A Midsummer Night's dream'. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the children and audience participation was high, it was great to see that we have some budding young actors at Trinity. After the performance some of the children shared their thoughts about the show:

Arlo (Year 5) "It was good. I enjoyed everybody being part of the show."

Emily (Year 6) "I liked it because it was interactive and lots of people joined in."

Chantelle (Year 6) "I liked it when they went into the forest and were trying to film their movie but it kept going wrong."

Competitions

It was wonderful to hear about so many of the children from Trinity attending the Henley Youth Festival competitions and events, many of which won certificates and trophies for their achievements. Well done to all of the children who participated in these events and thank you for sharing the vast array of talent we have within Trinity with the Henley community.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day at Trinity on Friday 8th March and what an amazing day we had - the costumes were absolutely fantastic! In the run up to the day, children entered our 'Extreme Reading Competition.' We were blown away by the weird and wonderful locations everyone was reading in. The competition was judged by our Year 6 Reading Champions and the winners were announced in assembly that day. A huge well done to: Louise (EYFS), Charlotte (KS1), Elik (LKS2) and Alice (UKS2).

During the day, all classes explored an amazing book by Oliver Jeffers called *Here We Are*. The book was written as a manual to life on Earth by the author to his new baby son. It explores the concepts of kindness, tolerance and environmental responsibility. Throughout the day, our Reading Champions hosted a storytime in each class, sharing a favourite book from when they were younger. They chose to read stories from Julia Donaldson: *Zog*, *Tabby McTat and Squash* and *a Squeeze*. Two very courageous Year 2 children, Dorothy and Alice, read to our Year 6 and Year 5/6 classes too!

During our very special World Book Day assembly we also celebrated the first ever child at Trinity to complete our Trinity Reading Challenge! Louis in Year 4 has read all 50 books and is now working through the Year 5 list. As a special surprise, we arranged for author Tom Palmer to create a personalised video for Louis that we played in assembly. It was such a lovely moment to share as a school and especially exciting as Tom Palmer is who our Year 5 class is named after.





Home Upgrade Grant

Your family may be eligible to receive a grant from Oxfordshire County Council to put towards energy efficiency upgrades, including insulation, solar panels, air source heat pumps and more. If you are living in a home that is hard to heat, with little or no insulation then this grant is designed to help you save money on your energy bills, reduce your carbon footprint and to provide a warm home for families who are at risk of fuel poverty.

The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Homeowner or privately renting
- Homes with EPC rating of D or below (a free survey can be completed if no current EPC)
- Gross household income of less than £39,000 or in receipt of means-tested benefits
- Not using mains gas for heating

The Oxfordshire County Councils retrofit team will be able to tell you more about the Home Upgrade Grant and they can be contacted on retrofit@oxfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.welcomethewarmth.org.uk to register your interest.



FOTS

FOTS are excited to be hosting two fabulous events next term.

Roller Disco

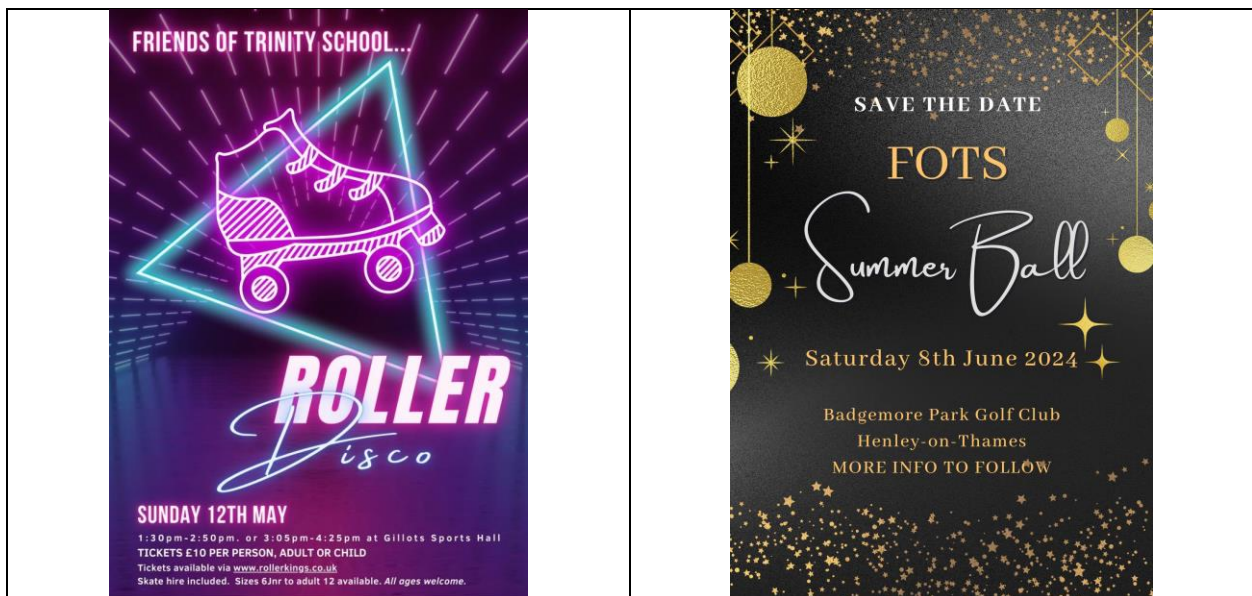
Trinity's first Roller Disco is happening on *Sunday 11th May* at Gillott's Leisure Centre, children and grown ups all welcome to join in!

Tickets on sale now, they're selling fast so get yours quick - <https://rollerkings.co.uk/tickets/henley-friends-of-trinity-school-fundraiser/>

Summer Ball

The much-loved Summer Ball is back for 2024. Pop *Saturday 8th June* in your diary and look out for more info after Easter.

We're looking forward to a fun summer term!



Mental health and Wellbeing

Childhood is an important time to instil healthy habits and learn crucial life skills. Establishing these habits early on will help to improve your child's future quality of life and enable them to reach their full potential in education and beyond.

Support from School Nurse Service

School Health Nurses are available to support children / young people in Oxfordshire with any health concerns. To find your local team visit the School Health Nurse website: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses/

Getting enough sleep

Sleep is essential for our health, a good night's sleep can boost our mood, reduce stress and help with anxiety. The recommended times for your children, according to Great Ormond Street Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2020), are:

- Children 3 to 5 years 10 to 13 hours including naps
- Children 6 to 12 years 9 to 12 hours



Action for Happiness

Action for Happiness' aim is to help people create a happier world, with a culture that prioritises happiness and kindness. They have identified 10 key ways to live a happier life, see image above.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Oxfordshire CAMHS offers a single point of access for parents/carers, who have concerns around mental health. For more information visit <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/>

Young Minds

The Young Minds website offers support to parents about young people's mental health, mood and behaviour. Practical advice and information about their parent helpline can be found under the parents' section of the website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

Nixon & Nixon Workshop

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Nixon & Nixon workshop about the Flex-It! approach this term. We have launched Flex-It! across the whole school and the children will be using the Flex-It! tool three times during the school day (feel it, tap it, breathe it, move it).

School website

We've added a [Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) page to our school website under the 'Parents Zone' which gives advice, information and contact details for various support services available.



Looking out for our neighbours

We have had a number of complaints recently from our neighbours on Vicarage Road and Victoria Court, asking for Trinity parents and carers to stop parking **dangerously** on pavements, on double yellow lines and obstructing driveways. This includes a number of elderly residents who are struggling to access their homes. Photographic evidence has been sent to ourselves, the local council and the police, so please can we urge you to park safely and considerately. Our school motto after all is 'Who is my neighbour?'

