



NEWSPLETTER

Cake Sale for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale last Friday in aid of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We were overwhelmed with both the quantity of cakes and the creativity behind them. We raised **£710** in total across both schools which is being sent to the *British Red Cross*. A special mention to Herbie from Alma Thomas who continued the sale over the weekend by taking home unsold cakes and selling them to his neighbours. His efforts alone raised **£61!**



Storytelling Festival

Last night, three teams of children from Year 2 to Year 6, competed in a storytelling festival against four other local schools at Trafalgar Junior School. The competition offers an opportunity for children to celebrate the oral tradition of storytelling, without the use of visuals, props or costumes. All three teams performed their pieces brilliantly, *Imagine (Lilla, Liliana, Olivia and Louie)*, *The Freedom Bird (Zainab and Kemaia)* and *Dulce et Decorum Est (Faisal, Seren, William and Mikhail)* and we are thrilled to announce we won the Year 3 and 4 category!



Winning moment



Year 4 Ducklings

Year 4 have had a wonderful two weeks watching their ducklings hatch and grow. They were even able to see them take their first swim! Today the ducklings set off to their new homes. Heera summed up the sentiment of the children well, saying, *"I will miss you Gormley Junior. I hope you will always be happy and enjoy your new home."* We are thankful to the PTA for helping fund this amazing experience.



Year 1 Reading Morning

Last Wednesday, Year 1 parents and carers were invited into class to spend time reading with their children. We were delighted with the support shown for reading and enjoyed a wonderful turnout. Musa said, *"I liked the quizzes [reading comprehension] and spotting the answers with my Mum."* Mollie added, *"I like spending time reading and playing reading games on the chromebook with Mummy."*



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Following the success of last year's *Sustrans Big Pedal*, from **Monday 21st March**, we will once again be taking part in this event which encourages active travel to school. Renamed *Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel*, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, cycling or scooting to school. Travelling actively in this way promotes good physical and mental health as well as reducing congestion and improving air quality around the school. Please do encourage your child to walk, cycle or scooter to school over the next two weeks if they can.



Singing Exams

We are super proud to announce that all of our singers successfully passed their Grade 1 and 2 ABRSM exams just before half term. Well done to Libby and Lily (Grade 2) plus Divine, Marta, Paige and Sophie (Grade 1). We wish you every success for the next stage of your singing adventures!

Mr Speck



Football News

Our football teams have had a busy fortnight. Our girls' football team played Nelson School last Monday and won 6-1. Our boys played a series of ten minute games against Nelson and Trafalgar School last week in preparation for the Borough Tournament this Wednesday at the NPL ground in Teddington. Playing against 30 other schools in the exceedingly wet conditions, they managed to win the plate competition!



More Book Week Competition Winners

The junior sock puppets have now been judged and congratulations go to Teddy in Mackesy for his winning design: Trillion from Beast Quest. He



won a £10 book token. The year group winners won a pen set each:
Joseph - Year 3
Leon - Year 4
Lyla-Rose - Year 5
Henry - Year 6

Spark! Poetry

Our school winners of the *Spark! Book Awards Poetry Competition* are:

Ayden (Early Years)
Giles (Key Stage 1)
Teddy (Lower Key Stage 2)
Stephanie (Upper Key Stage 2)

All their entries have now been submitted to *Spark! Book Awards* and we await to hear the results of the final stage of the competition.



Bikeability Training

Basquiat Class completed their Bikeability Training this week. Seren explained: *"On the first day we practised our skills, like signalling and bike control, in the playground. We also learnt the ABCD check (air, brakes, control and dress). From Tuesday we went on the road and learnt about main roads and side roads, which has priority and what different road markings mean. We learnt how to look behind us before we set off and when we make turns. I feel much more confident and will definitely keep practising on main roads."* The other Year 5 classes will undertake their training over the next two weeks.



Parents and carers of children in Year 6, who missed their training last year due to the pandemic, can request a free one-to-one cycle training session as an alternative. Please click here: [Book Cycling Training](#)



Dates for your diary

Monday **21st** - Friday **25th March** - Bikeability Training for Lichtenstein and half Murakami Class
Monday **21st March** - Friday **1st April** - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
Thursday **24th March** - Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day with Boundless Dance Workshop
Friday **25th** - Monday **28th March** - Year 6 Trip to PGL Osmington Bay
Saturday **26th March** - 10am-11am, **Nursery Open Morning** - no need to book, just turn up
Monday **28th March** - Friday **1st April** - Bikeability Training for Shonibare and half Murakami Class
Friday **1st April** - End of Spring Term
Tuesday **19th April** - Start of Summer Term
Monday **25th** - Friday **29th April** - Year 5 Trip to the Isle of Wight
Monday **2nd May** - May Day Bank Holiday