

### Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already at half term and we have had a really busy couple of weeks. Last week, we had our Stay and Calculate morning and Coffee morning for parents and I hope those of you that were able to attend enjoyed spending some time in school and sharing learning with your children. This week included our KS1 trip to Blue Planet, skateboarding sessions and finally our No Pens Day on Friday. We continue to look for as many ways as possible to engage all of our children and make it as enjoyable and fun.

### ELSA Room Donations

We received so many donations this week for our ELSA room. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated. Your generosity will really allow us to make much better provision for our children who require extra support with their emotional wellbeing. I hope to be able to update you on some of the improvements when we return next week.

### Lent

During the holidays, we begin the season of Lent and I encourage you all to enable your children to receive their ashes on Ash Wednesday. We will be speaking lots with the children over Lent, on how they can get closer to God as we prepare for Easter.

### World Book Day, Science Week and Parents Evenings

As ever, next half term is a busy one and I just want to point out a few dates that you may want to make note of. Thursday 7th March is the annual World Book Day and we are asking children to come to school as a word and will be having a vocabulary parade in school. Please see the post from Mrs Groves on Class Dojo for some ideas and more explanation.

The following week is Science week and parents will be invited into school again at 9am on Tuesday 12th March as part of a Stay and Investigate morning. The following day, children will be invited to come to school with a Science theme, this may be in bringing in a Science related object or wearing something that is Scientifically related.

Parents Evenings for Y5 and Y6 will take place on week beginning 11th March (due to the Y6 residential) and Parents Evenings for the rest of the year groups will take place on week beginning 18th March.

I hope you all manage to have a lovely half term break and we will see you all again on Monday 19th February.

Take care,

*Mr Doherty*

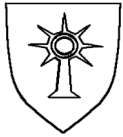
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### ATTENDANCE

School - 93.06%  
N - 98.08%      5K - 87.93%  
RQ - 87.37%      5/6B - 97.14%  
RV - 76.00%      5/6S - 87.59%  
1B - 96.79%  
1/2F - 99.00%  
2S - 92.00%  
3B - 94.64%  
3/4C - 94.67%  
3/4GS - 98.67%

### Did you know?

Anyone who is persistently absent (less than 90% attendance) is now automatically alerted to Trafford's absence team and school is contacted to advise on issues related to that persistent absence.



### *Headteacher's Awards and super spellers – Well done boys and girls!*



05/02/24	Nursery	Maebh	for always being kind and considerate
	RV	Edith Gee	for being helpful and listening carefully to instructions
	RQ	Smiley	for trying really hard to write her full name correctly
	1B	Luca	For writing super sentences about sharks in English!
	1/2F	Arlo	For excellent work in our Vipers lessons.
	2S	Evie	For writing a fantastic diary entry about Simeon seeing baby Jesus in the temple.
	3B	Lilah-Rose	For creating super patterns in Art lessons.
	3/4C	Mitchell	For always working hard and being kind and considerate.
	3/4GS	James	For super tessellations in our Art project.
	5K	Milla	For presenting her work to a high standard.
	5/6B	Theodore	For trying really hard to finish his work.
	5/6S	Grace	For good vocabulary choices in her story of The Highwayman



### *Health Champions. Online Safety Ambassadors and our brilliant spellers*

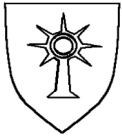


Our Online Safety Ambassadors with our Online Safety poster award winners highlighting the importance of using technology responsibly and for good use. Thank you for sharing this message boys and girls.



Our Health Champions shared with children the importance of their physical and mental health and how they can keep active and improve their wellbeing. Once again, thank you girls and boys!





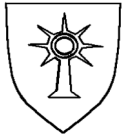
The child is at the centre of everything we do.

### Maths Morning-Stay and Calculate

Thank you to everyone who came to share our Stay and Calculate morning. It was lovely to see so many of you share in your children's learning.



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**TRAFFORD MUSIC SERVICE**  
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**Music Production**  
We are excited to launch our brand new Music Production course here at The Claremont Centre! Tailored for beginners, musical instrument skills are not a prerequisite. The course covers composition, loops, sampling and editing on our brand new suite of iPads and headphones. There are separate sessions for KS2 and KS3, held on Monday evenings. For detailed information and to join our waiting list, [click here](#).

**Early Years**  
Join our Early Years Lead Jenny Davies for delightful nursery rhyme sessions at various libraries across Trafford. These sessions offer an ideal opportunity to introduce babies and toddlers to the enchanting world of music within a joyful and supportive environment. For further details, feel free to [email Jenny](#).  
March 15th, 1pm - Hale Library  
March 20th, 2pm - Old Trafford Library  
April 19th, 1pm - Partington Library  
April 24th, 10.30am - Coppice Library  
If you are an EYFS lead in a Trafford school, Jenny will be hosting the next EYFS network meeting on 23rd May at Lime Tree Primary Academy from 4pm until 5.15pm.

**Singing Festivals**  
A whopping 54 classes from Trafford schools will be taking part in the 2024 Singing Festivals! Events take place at the Garrick Theatre and Waterside Arts Theatre, giving children the chance to perform in a professional venue. Your child's school will be able to advise you regarding tickets.

**Battle of the Bands**  
Trafford's Battle of the Bands on January 27th saw a record number of entries. Seven bands competed, making judging challenging. After intense deliberation, 'Disgarded' from Sale High School emerged as Trafford's representative for the Greater Manchester competition on March 17th. There were some outstanding performances and we hope that young aspiring bands will be encouraged to enter next year's competition. Details for the next competition will be released in September 2025.

**UPCOMING CONCERTS**  
Sunday 17th March - Trafford Music Service concerts, Stoller Hall, Manchester  
Sunday 17th March - Battle of the Bands, Greater Manchester Hub Final, Manchester Academy 2

**Jazz Camp for Girls**  
'Jazz North' are running their Jazz Camp for Girls across several regions. Trafford's will take place on Sunday 3rd March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Winners of Trafford Battle of the Bands 'Disgarded' performing at the Claremont Centre

### Some dates for your diary

Monday 19th February-Return to school

Tuesday 20th February- Dogs Trust Assembly and Workshops

Monday 26th February- Year 5/6S Woodsend Library

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day and Author visits

Week Beginning 11th March- Science Week

Monday 11th March-Year 5 and 6 Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th March- Stay and Investigate for parents/carers

Thursday 14th March- Year 5 and 6 Parents Evening

Monday 18th March- Parents Evening Nursery-Year 4

Monday 18th March- Wednesday 20th March- Y6 residential

Tuesday 26th March- KS2 Easter Performance

Thursday 28th March- Break up for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 9th April- Children return to school for Summer term