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News from the Federation – 19th January 2024

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This has been a week at TM that sums up the breadth of the curriculum the children here can enjoy. On Tuesday, our Lego League team competed at the Department of Engineering and you may have seen some of them on ITV news speaking about their work – the link is available on our X and Instagram pages! Today, our choir has travelled to the O2 for the Young Voices concert to sing alongside thousands of other children whilst on Tuesday, our Year 6s visited PwC for a day focused on careers. These varied experiences are not possible without staff giving up their own time, so thanks to them and to all the children for the exemplary way they have represented our school.



**Volunteers needed for Trumpington Federation Science Event,
Tuesday 12th March, 3:30pm – 5pm**



Our annual STEM event will take place at Trumpington Meadows from 3:30pm – 5pm. It has been hugely popular in the past and we are grateful for all those members of the STEM community who have volunteered previously. In order for the event to take place this year, we will need a whole host of volunteers once more. We ask the following of volunteers:

- to plan and resource a STEM activity of your choosing.
- to run this activity from 3:30pm – 5pm.

If you have any background in STEM and would be happy to volunteer, please contact Katie Fisher (kfisher@trufed.org.uk). Please do also contact me if you have any queries about volunteering.

PTA Annual General Meeting:

The PTA will be holding an AGM on Tuesday 30th January at 9.30am. Please use the link below to join the meeting virtually:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/bbt-tibe-jjo>

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school to improve air quality in their neighbourhood. **Join us for the 15-anniversary celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel – save the date: 11-22 March 2024.**

Dates and Events

Term Dates

<https://www.trumpingtonfederation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=133>

Tue 30th January at 9:30am

PTA AGM Virtual meeting:

<https://meet.google.com/bbt-tibe-jjo>

Wednesday 7th February

Year 3 Trip to Kettle's Yard

Friday 16th February

Year 2 Trip to Mosque

Friday 16th February

OPAL Non uniform day and parts donation (more information to follow)

Monday 19th February -

Friday 23rd February

Half Term

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day and dress up day

Tuesday 12th March, 3:30 - 5pm

Federation STEM Event

11th - 22nd March

SUSTRANS Big Walk and Wheel event

Punctuality

The school day starts for children in Y1-6 at 8.40am and the register will be taken at this time. Please ensure children arrive at 8.40 as intervention groups and tasks often begin at this time! Reception and Nursery begin at 8.45am. The gates will close by 8.50am so if you arrive after this time, you will need to sign your child in at the office.

Trumpington Community College

TCC has had its latest OFSTED report published this week – this report will be published on the OFSTED website: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/145034> The inspectorate has awarded TCC a ‘Good’ outcome overall with the college being deemed ‘Outstanding’ for their quality of education, and leadership and management TCC will be hosting a number of Open Mornings from February and would love to have TM parents visiting their school. The dates and form to sign up will be available on their website: www.trumpingtoncc.org.uk

Parking enforcement changes – please think about where you park

Please can we remind parents to park considerately around the school site. We have also been sent the following information this week from Cambridgeshire County Council:

From 1 February anyone parking on restrictions such as double yellow lines or zig zag lines near the school are far more likely to receive a parking ticket than before.

Cambridgeshire County Council was given Civil Parking Enforcement powers by the Government late last year and are doing a final push with South Cambridgeshire District Council to remind people of the change before tickets, with fines attached, begin to be issued by Civil Parking Enforcement Officers.

The safety of pupils and everyone in and around the school is really important and inconsiderate parking can make it more dangerous for people. Please use this change as an additional reminder to think about where you park.

In the past only the Police could issue tickets for illegal parking, but the changes mean it is now a civil matter and Council Civil Parking Enforcement Officers can issue the tickets for some matters For more details about Civil Parking Enforcement please visit Cambridgeshire County Council’s [Civil Parking Enforcement page](#) of its website.

Using a knife and fork

Mealtimes are an important aspect of family life. Children begin to develop self-feeding skills from birth. Self-feeding is a very complex task and it is common for children to have difficulty using cutlery to feed themselves. It usually takes until a child is 7 years old before they can successfully use cutlery to feed themselves without being too messy. We have noticed that this is still a struggle for a number of children in the dining. In order to support your child at home, the following website has some really useful tips:

<https://www.nhs.uk/media/272351/using-a-knife-and-fork-information-sheet.pdf>

Careers Related Learning (CRL)

At the Federation, we are incorporating into our curriculum a ‘careers related learning’ approach. Research (conducted by The CEC, 2021) has shown that by 6 years old children start to adopt stereotypes based on gender, ethnicity and social background. At 9 years old children start to abandon fantasy careers and start to become more aware of potential constraints on their futures. The aim of the approach is four- fold: to challenge bias and stereotypes, to make links explicit in the curriculum, to forge meaningful encounters with local employers and to engage parents.

To open up the world of work to our children, **we are looking for volunteers to talk about their job and workplace at an assembly. We are also seeking out people willing to invite us into their place of work to learn more about it. If this is something that you are able to contribute to then please email the school office:** office@trumpingtonmeadows.cambs.sch.uk

Giraffe News!

Giles has been successfully shipped off to his new home and this week we have seen the results of his professional photoshoot (see below!). The trail will run in Cambridge from the 21st March to 2nd June and we will share the full details of the trail, and the precise location that Giles will be placed, closer to the time.

