



Last Friday, our choir, along with our friends from Fawcett, travelled to the O2 arena and took part in the Young Voices event, performing at the stadium with thousands of other children from across the UK. By all accounts, this was an amazing experience and thanks to all the parents who helped to make this event happen. Particular thanks also to Mrs Goodger and Miss Free who have given up a lot of their time to organise and prepare the choir and ensure the children had this fantastic opportunity!



A well done too to our Year 6 English Challenge team who took part in their heat of the challenge after school this Thursday. The team had to answer some very tricky questions about books, grammar and text types and also had to work as a team to memorise a poem. Well done to Sammy, Jelo, Caleigh and Freddie for their great effort!

Volunteers 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.

Dates and Events

Term Dates

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

Tuesday 30th January

9:30am

PTA AGM Virtual meeting:

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

Wb 5th February

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 5th February

SLT Drop-in

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

Friday 8th March

Year 6 Science Trip (letter to follow)

Tuesday 12th March, 3:30 - 5pm

Federation STEM Event

11th - 22nd March

SUSTRANS Big Walk and Wheel event

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

RSE Parent Survey

We are reviewing our Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) Policy and would value your feedback. Please use the link below to share your thoughts with us.

<https://forms.gle/HrWyALiB4LYCaUneA>

Some highlights of the week!

Year 1 have enjoyed writing a story about being lost in a toy museum, Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London and Year 3 have been writing stories focused on suspense. In Year 5, they have been learning about space and astronomy and even have a telescope in their class! Reach for the stars!

Meet the Senior Leadership Team

On **Monday 5th February** we are inviting parents to drop into school and talk to members of the Senior Leadership Team. We will start from **2.30pm** and we will be meeting in one of the community rooms at the front of school. We are always trying to improve as well as support the community so please do come along and share.



Updates:

We have now completed our first term of OPAL play. It has been a great success – more children are loving being outside, no matter the weather, as there is now so much more to do.

In the last term we have introduced a number of areas which have extended the opportunities for play, these include: a creative area, a reading area, a digging area, a mud kitchen, a treehouse and a wheels zone. We have also introduced large loose parts such as pallets, cable reels, barrels, planks and tyres which the children have been enjoying using to make dens and other creative things! Thanks to our new boom box, we now also have music on the playground which has created a really happy, positive atmosphere.

Through this kind of play not only are children more active at play times but they are also having the opportunity to further develop life skills such as cooperation, team work and problem solving. They are becoming motivated and enthusiastic builders, engineers, explorers and designers.

To check out the OPAL philosophy go to www.outdoorplanandlearning.org.uk

Date for the diary:

On the last day of term, **Friday 16th February** we will have a **non-school uniform day**. On this day, instead of bringing a £1 donation, we will be asking for each child to **bring a donation for OPAL**. A list of things we are hoping for can be found overleaf.

Thank yous:

Thank you for all your donations so far, our mud kitchen in particular is now well stocked with pots, pans and trays.

Thanks also for sending your child into school with appropriate warm/waterproof clothing and wellies. It is essential that your child has a pair of wellies in school for both forest school and OPAL meaning they can play in all areas of the playground and in all weathers. If you need help acquiring wellies for your child/ren, please contact the Trumpington Kids Clothes Hub.

<https://www.trumpingtonkidsclotheshub.co.uk/>

Can you Help?

Please see the next page for items that we are currently looking to source for our OPAL play times. Please add any donations into the yellow donation points at the school entrances. Many thanks for your ongoing support with this.



Rake	Toy cars	Action figures	Umbrella	Plastic trucks
Suitcases	Hard hats	Wellies	Wood dowels	'Caution' tape
Bricks	Plastic bins	Laundry baskets	Egg containers	Rect t
Straw bales	Rocks	Leaves	Gravel, pebbles	5 Gallon buckets
Poles	Glass jewels	Plugs	Marbles	Balls - every kind!

Acorn	Baking pans	Candy molds	Measuring spoons	Strainers
Baskets	Cable spools	Cones	Containers	Corrugated pipes
Dress up items	Fabric	Funnels	Nets	Old electronics
Pool noodles	PVC pipes	Ropes	Shovel and blades	Sink and tubs
Tires and wheels - big, small and weird	Pots	Colanders	Wheelbarrow	Watering cans

Pinecones	Waistcoats	Wooden spoons	Cuddly toys	Plastic crates
Cardboard boxes	Hats	Dinosaurs	Plastic tubs	Seashells
Tree stumps	Small balls	Buggy	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Parachutes	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Ice cube trays	Old keyboards	Bin lids