



Friday 19 November 2021

Dear Parents,

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Please see the communication from Trafford Public Health regarding enhanced covid safety measures.

Enhanced Measures in Trafford Early Years and Education Settings

In October, in response to the increasing rate and subsequent peak in Covid infection across Trafford, a number of recommendations were made to Early Years and Education Settings. A review date was set for the 15 November, with the enhanced measures including;

- face coverings for secondary pupils in communal areas,
- face coverings for all staff,
- daily LFD testing for household contacts,
- routine LFD asymptomatic testing,
- reinforcing face covering during travel,
- parents/carers wearing face coverings during drop off and collection.

Whilst we have seen a welcome reduction in the rate, this appears to be plateauing. Trafford's rate is still high. We also need to consider the time of year and winter pressures; although our hospitalisation rates remains stable there is a slight increasing trend.

Therefore, Trafford's Public Health Covid Response team reviewed the recommendations, and in light of the current epidemiology, it has been agreed to keep the current enhanced measures in place, and to review these again on the 29 November 2021.

PUPIL VOICE

We now have many pupil groups in school. Throughout the year, we will be reporting back on the great work the children are doing. The pupil groups allow the children to offer their ideas and provide excellent opportunities for pupil leadership.

WELLBEING CHAMPIONS

Each class from Reception to Year 6 has nominated 2 wellbeing champions to represent their class for the year. The wellbeing champions met Miss Slater last week to discuss their role and any ideas they have to support wellbeing in school. The first project they will be working on is to create a 'wellbeing garden' within our school grounds. The champions have already begun to think about what the garden will look like and have written 'wellbeing stories' for children to read.



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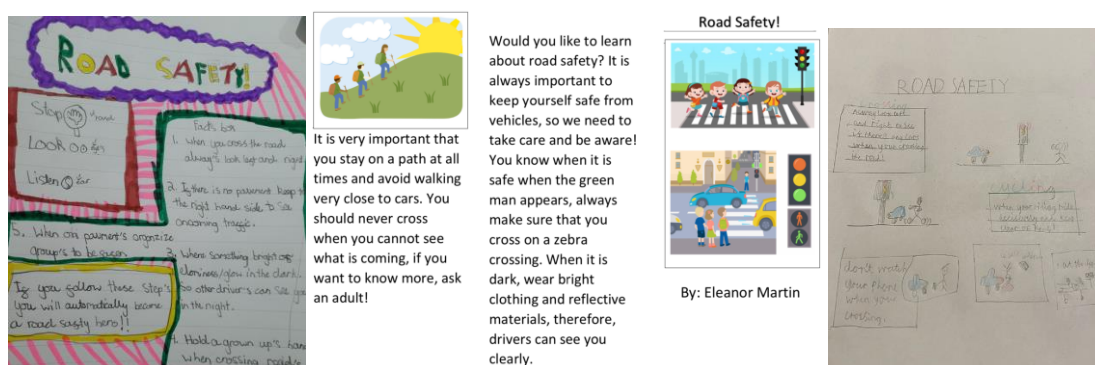


During our 'Hello Yellow' awareness day, the wellbeing champions helped to make photo frames and take photographs to promote positive mental health. It was lovely to see their beaming smiles.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Another pupil voice group is the School Council. School councillors from each class met last week to find out more about their new role and voice their thoughts and opinions about important school issues. Since then, the school council have been busy creating 'Road safety awareness' posters and talking to their classes about road safety as part of the awareness week. The school council have also organised a road safety competition and details can be found on your child's Google Classroom.



For more information about our school council please visit our meet the [school council page](#) on website.

DID YOU SEE OUR TWEET THIS WEEK?

Our Sports Leaders have been busy thinking of ways our new daily mile track can be used. The finishing touches have been made to the track and it is now ready for use. As we have all been so inspired by Marcus Rashford, the Sports Leaders wrote letters to him asking him to officially open our daily mile track. We tweeted the letters this week in the hope he would spare some time to visit us. We have not heard back...yet. The sports leaders would like to know if any of our parents have connections to sportsmen and women who could come down to open our track and perhaps talk to the children about fitness.



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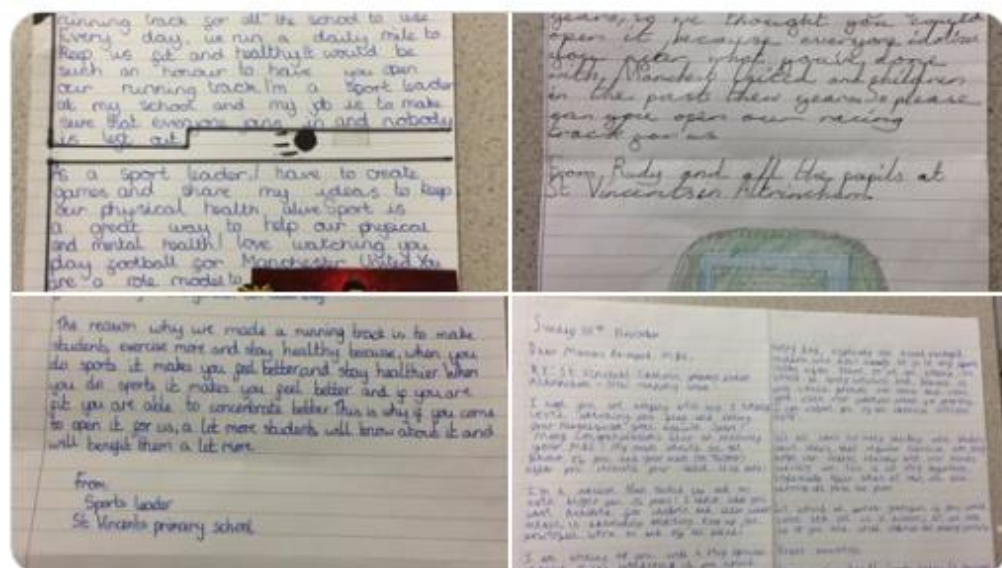
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Our sports leaders have written these persuasive letters to @MarcusRashford. We would love you to come and officially open our new running track. 🏃‍♂️ #sportsleaders #Altrincham



PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR



We are very excited to be holding a Christmas Fair on **Thursday 2 December 3:30pm-6pm**. Unfortunately we are unable to organise our usual large, indoor fair this year but we hope that this mainly outdoor event will still be enjoyed by many. For further information about the stalls and activities at the fair, please see separate flyer.

MUSIC TUITION

Would you like your child to learn a musical instrument? We can offer music lessons via Trafford Music Service. Please see the attached information for more details.



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WALK TO SCHOOL/WEELLBEING

Well done to Edie in Y3 who won the Living Streets #WalkfortheWorld walk to school competition in October. Edie received a £100 voucher to spend with a sustainable clothing brand. Walk for the World focuses on the sustainability benefits of walking, highlighting how local actions can have positive global impacts. Pupils were asked to consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and the effects it has on wildlife and natural habitats around the world. Please keep up the active travel to school. Together we can make a difference!

PASTORAL PARENT WORKSHOP - TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2PM

How can we encourage our children to build and maintain their self-esteem?

We are pleased to be holding another of our Pastoral Workshops on Tuesday 23 November at 2pm. The theme of this workshop will be 'Building and Maintaining self-esteem and Resilience'. Low self-esteem can be a real barrier for learning. Lack of confidence can also lead to an inability to cope with life's challenges. Nurturing children's confidence is therefore a great way to both enable learning and maintain wellbeing.

This workshop forms part of our important pastoral support, and also links with our work on Character Education. You can join by following the below zoom link. It would be useful to know in advance how many people are attending so we ask that you email the helpdesk to confirm attendance. However, if you have not let us know, you can still attend on the day.

Topic: Pastoral Workshop Self Esteem and Resilience

Time: Nov 23, 2021 02:00 PM London

<https://zoom.us/j/5049788409?pwd=SFdneWpOSnQ0VWk2THNhZl1FuRGZpZz09>

Meeting ID: 504 978 8409

Passcode: t4dSWY

ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

Each week we report attendance. Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time.

Attendance Percentages	
Highest infant class attendance	Reception Miss Turnbull and Y2 Mr Nicholls 100%
Highest junior class attendance	Y3 Miss Slater 100%
Overall school attendance	97.35%



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*Please note that disability related absence is not taken into account when calculating best attendance

We aim to be a listening school and offer an open door to parents. Mrs Farrell (deputy head teacher based in the junior department), Mrs Tiernan (deputy head teacher based in the infant department), and I are very happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

