

NEWSLETTER

22nd April 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 96.1%.
Congratulations to Year 3 Walliams who are the attendance winners this week with 98.1%. Walliams will have an own clothes day on Friday 29th April.

Stars of the Week:



Although we didn't have a celebration assembly this week, here are some children who have worked incredibly hard over the course of the last few days:

Dahl: Jasmine and Harley
Browne: Beau and Jackson C
Walliams: Libby and Gregory
Snicket: Dylan and Emily
Blake: Ollie and Sara S
Shakespeare: Paris and Zak



A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We do hope that all of the children and parents had a relaxing Easter break; we were delighted to welcome everyone back to school again on Wednesday.

The final term is always a busy one, particularly for our year 6 pupils. Children in Shakespeare are working incredibly hard in preparation for their SATs assessments. Their upcoming residential will definitely be a well-earned adventure. For parents whose child/ren is/are attending the residential, look out for correspondence from the school in the coming weeks in relation to a Parent Meeting to go over all of the details of the trip.

Although we didn't have a Star of the Week assembly today, this will begin again next week. As before half term, parents of children nominated will be invited to attend via Parent Mail.

Forest School session began for years 1 Dahl and R Jeffers this week. Despite the weather getting wamer, can parents please ensure that children attend these sessions dressed in appropriate trousers, footwear and a long-sleeved top.

Have a lovely weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline: **0808 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk

If you believe that a child is in immediate danger call 999. Our school safeguarding leaders can be contacted by emailing stillman@templegroveacademy.com or telephoning 07835946414 / 07943276854

VIRTUAL GROUPS



introducing solid foods

Virtual Introducing Solids Workshop

Children's Centres and the Health Visiting Teams are offering virtual Introducing Solids Workshops to guide you through your weaning journey. You can choose a date below and book by phoning the number given for that session.

Tuesday 12th April	9.30am – 11.30am	03000 418008
Tuesday 26th April	1.00pm – 3.00pm	03000 418008
Wednesday 4th May	10.00am – 11.30am	03000 421167
Thursday 19th May	10.00am – 11.30am	03000 421167
Monday 6th June	1.00pm – 2.30pm	03000 414941
Monday 27th June	1.00pm – 2.30pm	03000 414941

Workshop suitable just before you introduce solid food to your baby from 6 months old.

Some children's centres offer face-to-face sessions as well, please check with your local centre to see what is available in your area





Chatter Time
9th & 16th May 2022
10am - 11am
13th & 20th June 2022
10.30am - 11.30am
4th & 11th July 2022
1.30pm - 2.30pm

A bookable 2 week group to support families knowledge of early years speech development and give simple tips and tricks you can do at home to help your child.
Age requirements - from 6 months upwards.



Baby Massage

5th May - 26th May
2.30pm - 3.30pm

21st June - 12th July 2022
10am - 11am

Learn some basic baby massage strokes and techniques, supports building a bond with your baby whilst being good for your baby's physical development. Suitable from 8 weeks to pre-crawling. Referral via health visitor or other professional service only.

To book onto any session please use the contact details below:

 **Email -**
virtualgroups@kent.gov.uk

Phone Number - 03000 418 008

WORKSHOP

Wisdom Workshops

Mental Health and Wellbeing
12th May 2022
10am - 11am

Oral Health
14th June 2022
9.30am - 11am

Outdoor Play
7th July 2022
10am - 11am



BOOKING REQUIRED FOR ALL OUR ACTIVITIES

Face to Face - email: Tunbridgewellsscc@kent.gov.uk tel: 03000 418 059

Virtual - email: virtualgroups@kent.gov.uk tel: 03000 418 008

	Little Forest Friars Way Tunbridge Wells TN2 3UA Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm	Harmony High Street Rusthall TN4 8RZ Tues, Wed & Fri 8.30am-1.00pm	The Ark Broadwater Lane Tunbridge Wells TN2 5RP Mon, Tues & Thur 8.30am-4.30pm	Southborough Broomhill Park Road Southborough TN4 0JY Tues & Wed 8.30am-4.30pm	Cranbrook Carriers Road Cranbrook TN17 3JZ Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm	Paddock Wood Wesley Centre Paddock Wood TN12 6DS Thur 9.30am-11.00am
Monday	Monthly International Stay & Play 10.00-11.30 Dates: 25/4, 30/5 <i>last Monday of each month</i>		Stay & Play with Messy 9.30-11.00		Grandparents & Family Carers Group 10.00-12.00 Date: 16/5	
Tuesday		Stay & Play with Messy 9.30-11.00	Bumps to Babes Young Parents Group The Ark 12.30-14.00 <i>FREE lunch included</i>	SEN Parents Support Group 13.30-15.00		
Wednesday		Baby & You (5 week course) 10.00-11.30 for babies 0-6 months Starting: 4/5	Childminders Group 9.30-11.30	Stay & Play with Messy 9.30-11.00	Stay & Play with Messy 1.15-2.45	
Thursday	Twins Group (2 nd & 4 th Thursday of Month) 10.00-12.00		Baby & You (5 week course) 10.00-11.30 for babies 0-6 months Starting: 28/4			Stay & Play with Messy 9.30-11.00
Friday	Stay & Play with Messy 9.30-11.00		PLEASE NOTE The Ark is closed to the public on Wednesdays , but available for Childminders & Grandparents/Kinship Carers Group.		Baby & You (6 week course) 10.00-11.30 for babies 0-6 months Starting: 29/4	

Kent Children's Centres Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres

SPRING TIMETABLE

starting **18th April - 27th May 2022**

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Face to Face
Email: Tunbridgewellsc@kent.gov.uk Tel: 03000 418 059

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Email: virtualgroups@kent.gov.uk Tel: 03000 418 008

HEALTH VISITING SERVICES
Child Health Clinics
Breastfeeding Support

Childminders Group

Baby & You 5 Week Postnatal Group

Stay & Play with Messy

International Stay & Play

SEN Support Group

VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES
Chatter Time
Introducing Solids
Wisdom Workshop
Baby Massage

Bumps to Babes Young Parents Group

Twins Group

Grandparents & Family Carers Group

To register at your local Children's Centre visit our Website: www.kent.gov.uk/childrens-centres or scan the QR code

Like us on Facebook: Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centre to find out about the latest events and activities







HEALTH VISITING SERVICES

in the Tunbridge Wells District Children's Centres

 **Kent Community Health**
NHS Foundation Trust

HEALTHY CHILD CLINICS

By appointment only, please ring 0300 790 0243

The health visiting team will be able to weigh your baby or child and offer you support and advice.

TUESDAYS

- Southborough Children's Centre - 9.30 to 11.30

WEDNESDAYS

- Little Forest Children's Centre - 9.00 to 11.00

THURSDAYS

- The Ark Children's Centre - 9.30 to 11.15
- Cranbrook Children's Centre - 9.00 to 11.00

Please arrive 10 mins before the end of the session and remember to bring your child's red (PCHR) book.

BREASTFEEDING DROP-IN GROUPS

Our trained breastfeeding champions will be able to provide information and help if you have breastfeeding concerns.

WEDNESDAYS - 10.00 to 12.00
Little Forest Children's Centre

FRIDAYS - 9.00 to 11.00
Southborough Children's Centre

For further information about the Health Visiting service, please visit:
www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/kent-baby/

HEALTH VISITING DUTY LINE
Monday to Friday, 9.00 to 5.00 (excluding bank holidays)

0300 790 0243

Forest School:

There will be two Forest School sessions next week as follows:

Tuesday: Nursery and Selected Children (Parent Mail will be sent to parents of these children today)

Wednesday: Year 5 Blake

Uniform Reminders:

Purple Polos: We are phasing out shirts and ties to be replaced with purple polos. These can be purchased at a number of large retailers.

PE kit: Children are now to arrive at school in full school uniform with their PE kits packed separately to change into.

Outdoor adventures await this May at Tunbridge Wells forest school

Temple Grove Academy is running a series of Saturday activities starting this spring



 Forest Schools offer children the chance to explore and learn new skills in a safe environment

Getting outdoors and exploring are joys that all children should be able to experience as often as possible and as spring once again breathes life into the woodlands and meadows of the Kent countryside and the evenings begin to stretch ever outwards the urge to adventure begins.

One way children can enjoy and learn about the green spaces that make up their world is through forest schooling and one primary school in Tunbridge Wells is opening its doors on Saturday mornings to young outdoor adventurers, who wish to explore and discover bushcraft skills such as whittling, bivouac building and fire-making - all supported by qualified leaders.

Forest schooling is already well established at Temple Grove Academy as part of the curriculum. The headteacher Isabel Ramsay is now going to open the school's woodland classroom to the local community by launching a series of Saturday sessions all year round, where children in the area can come along and enjoy discovering new skills.

This will be led by an experienced Forest School Manager and an Assistant. It is an exciting new opportunity for the community.



 Children can work together to build shelters and develop teamworking skills

"What we want to do now is open a Saturday school to the local community, running two classes, 9am-10:30am for 15 children aged 5-7 years and then 10:30am to 12pm for a further 15 children aged 7-10 years of age," said Mrs Ramsay.

"Forest schooling is nothing new to Temple Grove Academy and is a regular part of all the pupil's educational experiences.

"We have fantastic grounds covering four acres of land in the Sherwood Park area of Tunbridge Wells, we hope to teach the children a variety of Forest School activities. We want to open the school up to the local community, not just our children."



During the Saturday classes, children will learn to use tools, such as knives, saws, loppers and other cutting tools under supervision. They will also learn the principles of safe and effective fire-lighting.

Mrs Ramsay said: "We have a fire pit, a canopy, a mud kitchen and an outdoor classroom, it's wonderful and we may finish the sessions with cooking marshmallows and/or hot chocolate over the fire."

Using the tool skills they have learned the children will whittle wood, build shelters, set up tarps, learn to tie a selection of knots and make cordage out of materials they discover in the surrounding environment.

The school itself was rated Good in five categories by Ofsted during its latest visit in 2019, the report said: "Leaders are ambitious for their pupils, they work hard to provide a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum for everyone."

"Teachers have high expectations and pupils value the interesting work they are given. Through a rich curriculum, leaders aim for all pupils to be able to learn to manage their lives both now and in the future."

How much will the forest school cost?

The cost is £7 per session and the forest school opens on May 7, for eight sessions. Later in the summer a holiday club will run from July 25-29 and that will be for £30 per day for a maximum of 15 children, so it's a good idea to book early to avoid disappointment.

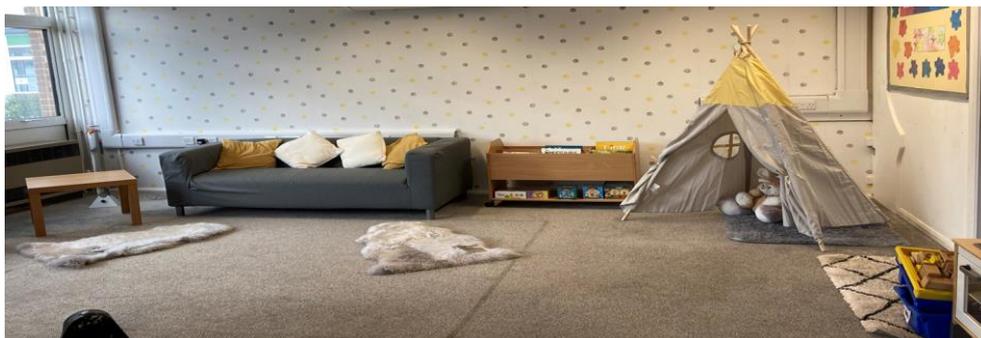
The Saturday school and woodland classroom return in September using the same themes as the May sessions, offering children the opportunity to adventure in an autumnal/winter landscape.

To learn more and sign up for the Saturday Forest School
email: office@templegroveacademy.com

Nurture Room:



The inclusion team have been working hard decorating the nurture room which is now a lovely space for children to relax, socialise and play. Here are some pictures of what it looks like:





NEW PLAY PROJECT

We've missed catching up with you!

Please join us for a free, tasty breakfast

**Free play resources to take away and the opportunity
for your child to use our NEW toy library**

Dates

Tuesday 26th April – 9am

Tuesday 3rd May – 9am

Tuesday 10th May – 9am

Tuesday 17th May – 9am



FREE, friendly workshops run by Susie Horton, our Play Therapist.

**Please register interest with the School Office or contact Susie on
07593 528 600 or shorton@templegroveacademy.com**

**We need to know numbers for refreshments and to get your free
resources ready!**

