

# NEWSLETTER

## 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 82.4%.  
Congratulations to Year 3 Walliams who are the attendance winners this week with 93% As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day in the first week back after half term.

### Stars of the Week:



**Nursery & Reception: Sydney**

**Y1: Lilly L & Harleigh**

**Y2: Chrisab & Jasmine**

**Y3: Archie M & Kaiden**

**Y4: Nicola & Maisey W**

**Y5: Chester & Millie**

**Y6: Sara M & Rayan**



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stillman@templegroveacademy.com) or telephoning 07835946414 / 07943276854

### A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in Celebration Assembly, a number of additional certificates were given out to mark exceptional work in each subject over the half-term. Congratulations to all of our Wonderful Writers, Remarkable Readers, Spectacular Scientists, Amazing Artists and Marvellous Mathematicians.

On Wednesday, years 2-4 enjoyed a visit from an accomplished writer for a poetry workshop. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to two poems about friendship and had the opportunity to contribute some of their own ideas for a poem. You can view pictures from the workshop and read one of the poems featured on our new 'Home Reading' page below.

In other exciting news, pupils took part in a Diwali Dance Workshop to mark this important festival and help them learn about its origins and traditions.

We wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Have a restful weekend,  
TGA Senior Leadership Team

### Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have been focussing on our bodies. At the beginning of the week, we read *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. After reading, we discussed where we find skeletons, the role they play in supporting our bodies and the names and location of key body parts.

The children enjoyed painting skeletons, singing various action songs, playing games linked to naming and identifying body parts and playing *Go Lungs Go* – exploring breathing by blowing cotton wool balls from one end of the line to the other. In maths we have explored length and used cubes to measure our feet and compare who has the longest versus shortest feet.

In phonics we have been focusing on listening and remembering environmental sounds.

It's been a very busy and successful term. We wish you a restful and fun break and look forward to welcoming you back on 31<sup>st</sup> October Term 2.

Remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: [ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com)



### Reception

This week our children have had lots of fun exploring the Diwali Festival. We have created paper lanterns, Rangoli patterns and enjoyed trying out Diwali dances in the classroom. This is so important to understand the world around them, different cultures and experiences.

The Rangoli patterns were a great continuation of the pattern work we started in math last week. Many students enjoyed the variety of patterns we could make with paint, shapes, colours, blocks and toys.

I wish all the Reception students a fantastic half term break and look forward to seeing you all back to school on 31 October!



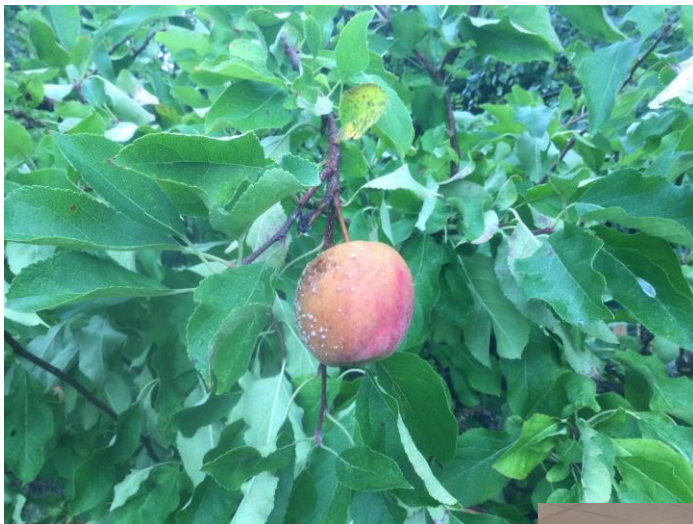
### Year 1: Dahl

During the week, year 1 have been exploring the topic of Autumn. They went on a treasure hunt to find Autumn objects in the school grounds. They had a check list to see if they could spot

- Acorns
- Squirrels
- Orange, brown and yellow leaves
- The wind blowing
- Spiders and webs
- Birds flying

During Forest school they continued with an Autumn theme as they created a leaf mobile and immersed themselves in the season of Autumn.

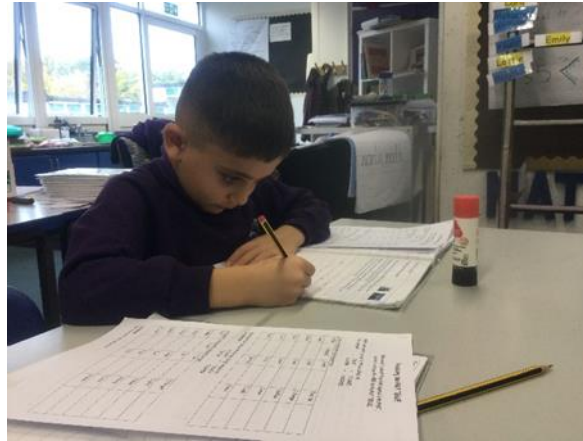
They have been exploring settings through our book *The Snail and the Whale*. They chose their favourite and wrote about why the particular setting appealed.





**Year 2 Browne:**

During Literacy this week, Year 4 have been learning all about recounts and have been writing a diary entry. They have learnt about past tense verbs, time connectives and how to write in the 1st person. Before writing a final piece they also created our story maps to guide them. Well done everyone!



### Year 3 Walliams:

Walliams enjoyed a fantastic trip to the National Gallery in London. They appreciated rare and superlative works of art. We are also extremely proud of their wonderful behaviour in such a crowded and busy setting. Year 3 also listened carefully and attentively as they prepared to play their own tunes on the ukulele.





### Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 had a wonderful trip to The National Gallery in London and looked at some famous landscape paintings by artists such as Constable and Monet. Afterwards, they enjoyed lunch in St James' Park.



### Year 5 Blake:

Year 5 have been investigating the effect of friction on stopping distance. In their science lesson this week, they released cars down ramps made of various materials to see which material slowed down the car the most. They made a prediction before the experiment and then summarised their findings. They worked really hard and enjoyed it a lot!





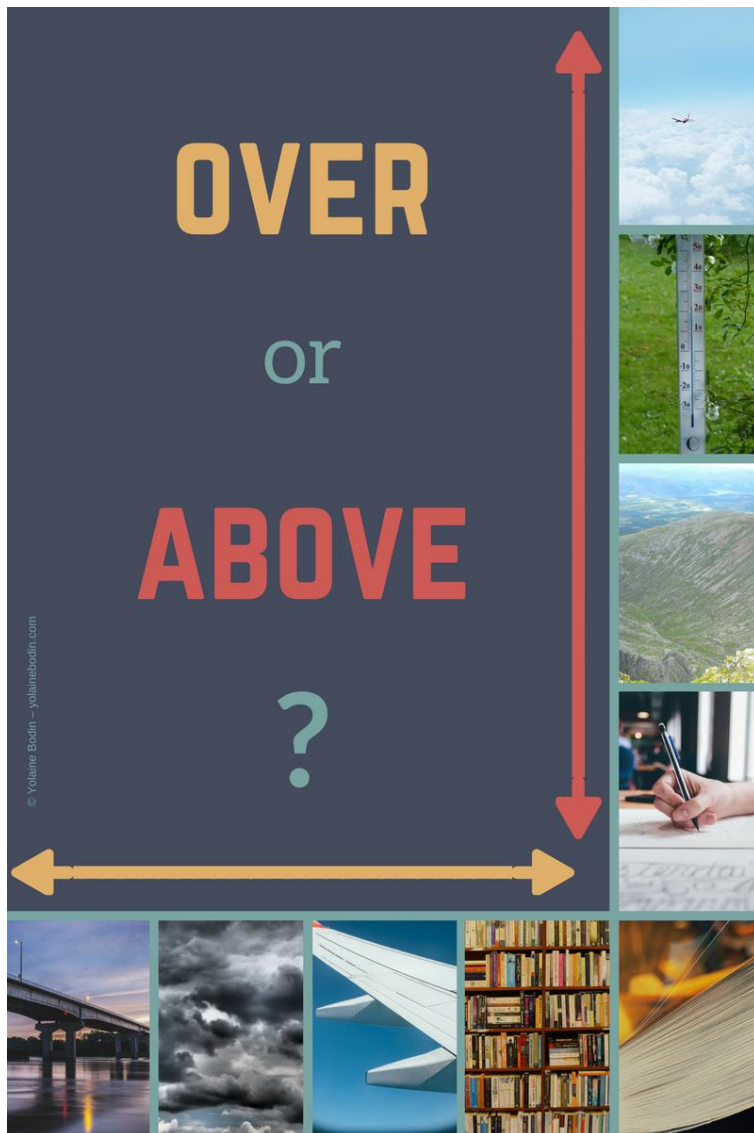
### Year 6 Shakespeare:

The final week of a very busy half term in Year 6! We have been debugging computer programmes in computing. We had fun investigating kidney function with the use of an observational experiment involving coffee filters, red food colouring and sparkly things!

We also delivered our class assembly where we showcased our fabulous presentation skills by sharing our storytelling performances and RE debates. Enjoy the half-term break Year 6!







**Over and Above Club  
this Week:**

Nursery & Reception:  
Wania

Dahl: Lilly L and  
Samvedh

Browne: Izabella and  
Chris

Walliams: Jayden and  
Beau

Snicket: Gregory & Max

Blake: Isabella and  
Riley

Shakespeare: Hannah and  
Tanmayi

**This week here are children who demonstrated our School Value of...**



**Nursery: Lola for being an asset the the class.**

**Year 1 Dahl: David for consistently for consistently showing good manners and being respectful.**

**Year 2 Browne: Cara for listening brilliantly during teacher's input and respecting others during playtime.**

**Year 3 Walliams: Akshay always readies himself quickly for learning and tasks as well as setting a good example for others.**

**Year 4 Snicket: Lee-Jay is is always polite and respectful to everyone in Year 4.**

**Year 5 Blake: Emily B for being polite, courteous and considerate at all times.**

**Year 6 Shakespeare: Paige for being especially polite and courteous at all times.**

## Home Reading



# Supporting *Reading* at Home



This week, we received a visit from Cecili Knapp – Children's Poet Laurette for London (2020.21). She read two beautiful poems to the children, including the following one which you could read together at home to remember and discuss the session.



### **BEST FRIENDS**

You say this tree is a castle and I say OK  
and we play and we climb for the rest of the day.

There's a spot down the garden where we talk for hours,  
down with the snails and the foxes and flowers.

You say you've made a cake, would I like a slice?  
I say OK and I pass you the knife.

I'm peeling an orange and I give you a piece  
and you share your bag of your favourite sweets.

We're watching a scary film on the TV,  
I can tell that you're frightened, say come sit with me.

When the moon's in the sky we chat under the covers.  
We share our worries and we comfort each other.

You forget your sandwich, you're hungry at lunch.  
So I split mine in two and we both have a munch.

I'm a red, you're a blue and your team wins the game  
but I see the smile on your face, and it makes it OK.

The ice-cream man comes, but I don't have the cash  
but you run to the van, you bring two lollies back.

Maths was never my strong point, I struggle with sums  
but you show me how and you make it fun.

I wait for you after school so we can walk home.  
When I'm with you, my best friend, I'm never alone.



## Remembrance Day



We plan to make an indredible display in our Main Reception to remember those that lost their lives. In the coming weeks, every child will come home with a lollipop stick and will be challenged to design and make their own poppy. We will then display these alongside some beautiful writing.

## Christmas Countdown!



On Thursday 8 December, millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater.

This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time you donate £2, the UK government has totally promised to give £2 to Save the Children too.

That means double the funds, double the fun! With all that extra cash, Save the Children has big plans to help mums and babies in Kenya.

With all that extra cash, Save the Children can totally work its magic in Kenya, where, every year, 74,000 children die before reaching the age of five.

We'll help mums-to-be, new mums, tiny babies and bigger kids get the food and medicine they need to be strong and healthy. We're talking 200,000 people you'll be helping – just by wearing a super-Christmassy sweater!

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive outfit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve.

### WHEN IS CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY?

Christmas Jumper Day is on Thursday 8 December 2022.

### HOW DO I GIVE?

Use the link, below, to make a donation:

[https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/register?cid=eml-launcjdschoolsmarketing1cn\\_W22004001-cjd22\\_001-4C37421DB&utm\\_campaign=cjd22\\_001&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=launcjdschoolsmarketing1cn\\_W22004001&howheard=W22004001](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/christmas-jumper-day/register?cid=eml-launcjdschoolsmarketing1cn_W22004001-cjd22_001-4C37421DB&utm_campaign=cjd22_001&utm_medium=email&utm_source=launcjdschoolsmarketing1cn_W22004001&howheard=W22004001)



# Christmas Fayre

Saturday **26<sup>th</sup>** November 2022 10 am till 2pm

Come to our Christmas Fayre and have loads of  
fun with, Games, Crafts,  
Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments, Stalls and of course  
met Father Christmas.  
so come and join us and have some fun

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### Christmas Dates

**Christmas concerts/performance will take place on the following dates this year:**

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

**10.00AM: Years 1, 2 and 3**

**2.00PM: Years 4, 5 and 6**

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

**Christmas Lunch**

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

**10.00AM: Nursery and Reception**

### Primary School Applications

Applications for transfer to primary school for both the Reception year and Year 3 (junior school) in September 2023 will open on Friday 4 November 2022 and close on Monday 16 January 2023.

Applications can be made online. Please visit [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#) for more information or to apply.