

NEWSLETTER

30th September 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 94.32%.
Congratulations to Year 5 Blake who are the attendance winners this week with 98.08%! Blake will have an own clothes day next Friday (7th October)!

Stars of the Week:



Y1: Imogen-Rose and Maisie

Y2: Charlotte, Magnus and Billy

Y3: Vivaan and Orla

Y4: Oliver and Evie

Y5: Emily B and Leo

Y6: Kiara and Ollie



Safeguarding:

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child please contact the NSPCC on their helpline: **0800 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

A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have seen our main hall transformed with some many brand new, vibrant displays. Some of you will have seen during Celebration Assembly today the array of colour and the fantastic range of work on show.

We can also confirm that almost all school trips/visits are close to being finalised so you can expect a letter home with all of the detail in the near future.

There are also lots of lovely things on the horizon, things that we are very much looking forward to...

On Monday we have Reverend Rich coming to school to deliver a Harvest Assembly. We always look forward to Rich coming to visit, especially as he is also our Chair of Governors. The children and staff are always delighted to see him.

You will see further in this email that we have also finalised dates for our Christmas events. Phases will each do a Christmas Performance which parents will be invited to watch. These will be in school time.

A reminder, also, that Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 12th October. Do remember to sign up for an appointment with your child's class teacher. This can be done after school or, in some cases, via the Class DOJO platform.

Have a restful weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

Nursery

What a fun week we've had! Last Friday we went on a welly walk searching for signs of autumn and collected different coloured, shaped and sized leaves; horse chestnuts; acorns and sticks to use for activities this week. The weather was awful - pouring with rain, we found the largest puddle we could and had great fun jumping in it - we all got very wet! The children observed the drop in temperature, the changing colour of leaves and leaves starting to fall. They were excited to find a horse chestnut and most cautiously touched the spikes. At the beginning of this week, we read the beautifully illustrated texts *Leaf Man* by Lois Elbert and *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak which we used to inspire our own autumnal artwork. On Wednesday the children enjoyed their first Forest School session. Mrs Maclean our Forest School teacher talked to us about the how to keep ourselves and our friends safe and gave the children a tour of the Forest School. Afterwards the children enjoyed climbing, swinging on the rope swing and tyre swing, swinging on the hammock and swinging their friends on the hammock. They also enjoyed digging and building bridges. A great morning.

In phonics we have focussed on environmental sounds and tuning into sounds. In maths we have focussed on number recognition, counting and reciting numbers to 5. The children have enjoyed numerous other activities this week including daily Dough Disco and Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle sessions (helping to develop their motor skills). Please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display: ichavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com and to bring in your child's 'Marvellous Me' boxes.



Reception

Reception has had a busy week with lots of lovely new learning. This week we have been speaking about our families and have discussed all the special things we can do with our families.

We have enjoyed learning new phonics sounds through the *Letterland* fast track scheme. Each day we have briefly reviewed two letter sounds, learnt actions, and listened to a story to help us remember the sound of the letter. Our Reception students are beginning to hear the initial sounds in different words. Very soon we will begin using these sounds to read unfamiliar words.

The highlight of our week was attending Forest School. The children had a fantastic time digging, climbing, swinging, and playing in the woodland. Students were also encouraged to find different shaped leaves and look on a chart to find out which tree they came from.

Our focus book this week is *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. Children have been writing their own packing list of the things they would take with them on a journey to the South Pole.



Year 1 Dahl:

As we are reading *The Snail and the Whale*, we went exploring the habitat around the school.

Look what we found.

We also did leaf rubbings for our wall display and the children were amazed to see the leaf appear as they rubbed over it.

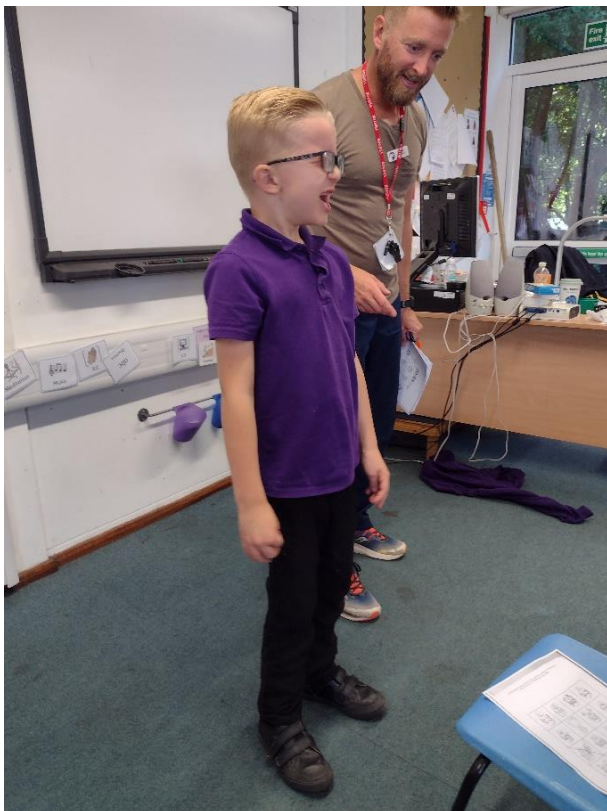
I do encourage you to explore the habitat around your home.

I am so happy to finally be in England. I am getting to know all the wonderful children in Dahl class and look forward to a year of learning and fun.



Year 2 Browne:

During our 'Zones of Regulation' lesson this week, we had enormous enjoyment playing BINGO for the first time. Both Mrs Tutt and I were so impressed with Year 2's understanding of all the colours associated to 'How We Feel' and were able to link this with previous learning displayed on our learning walls. Not only were children able to identify a specific zone but also could write down the exact emotion linked with each clue. WELL DONE EVERYONE!



Year 3 Walliams:

Walliams really enjoyed their whole-class jam as they practiced their musical skills in their ukulele session.

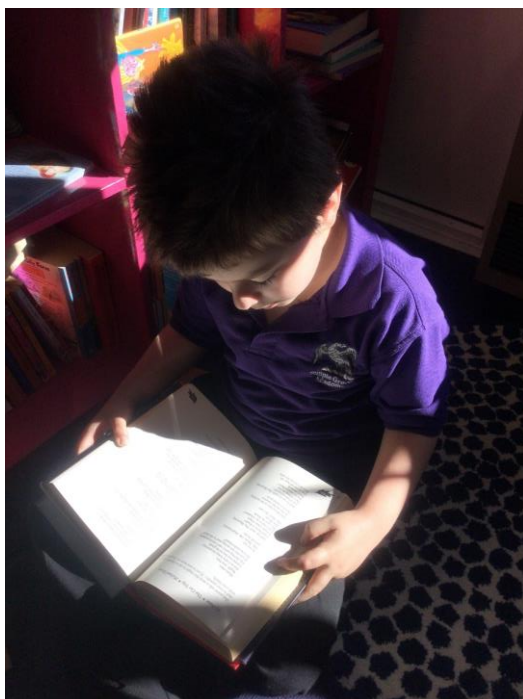
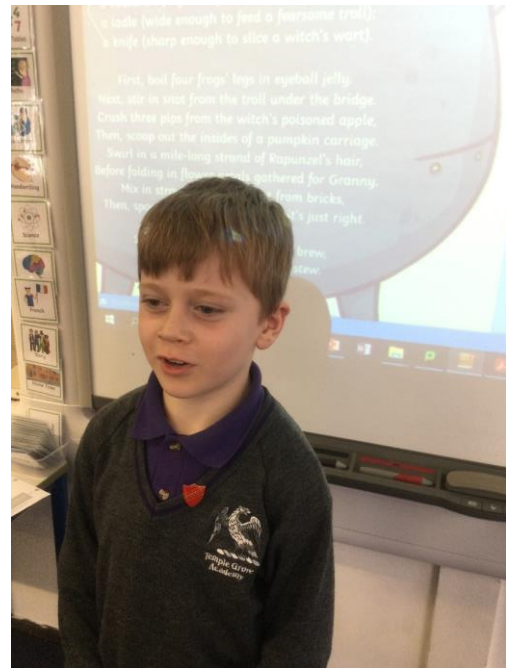


Walliams learned how to communicate appropriately whilst messaging and produced wonderful writing and fantastic artwork which are featured in the Key Stage 2 Hall.



Year 4 Snicket:

This week we have been immersing ourselves in Poetry! We have been learning about similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia and alliteration! The children enjoyed writing a class poem about feelings, using some fantastic similes and they had fun trying to say 'Sam's shop stocks short, spotted socks' as fast as they could! See how fast you can say it!

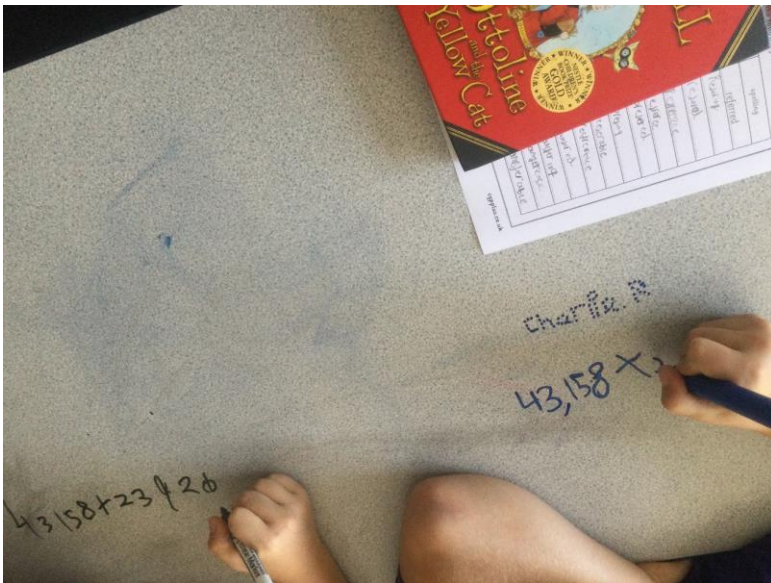


Sadness is like isolation.
Sad is blue like tears dashing down your face.
Sadness is an empty room.
Happiness smells like the cooking in the oven.
Happiness feels like a warm hug.
Happiness is like joy in the summer.
Anger is red like the year of the tiger.
Anger feels like boiling hot lava.
Anger is orange like the bright hot sun.
Peace is white like a fluffy puffy marshmallow.
Peace is like a lovely piece of art.
Peace is pink and white like cherry blossom blooming in May.
Peace is white like a fluffy cloud.
Peace feels like sliding down a sun heated slide.

Year 5 Blake:

This week, Year 5 have been learning greetings in French. They practiced their pronunciation in class before going to the hall for some role play. They walked around the room and had to stop and greet their peers and ask each other how they were. They really enjoyed putting their practise in class into action!

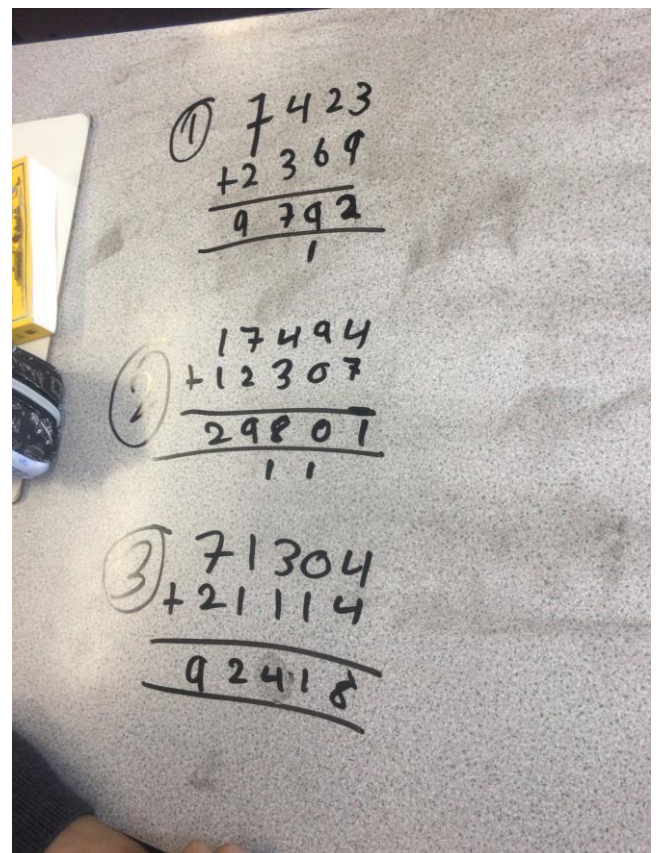
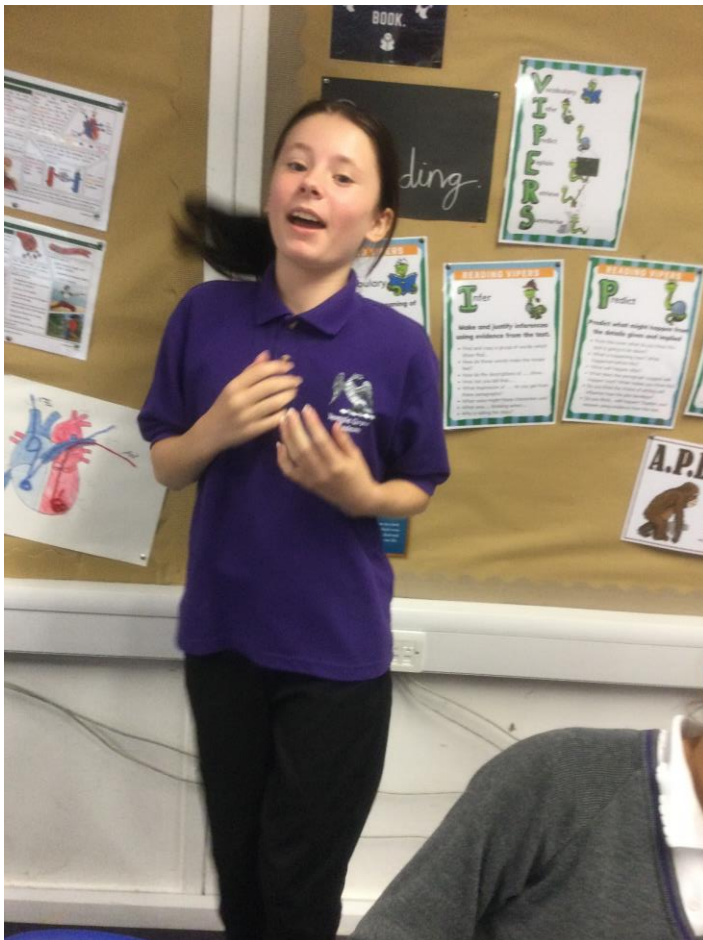


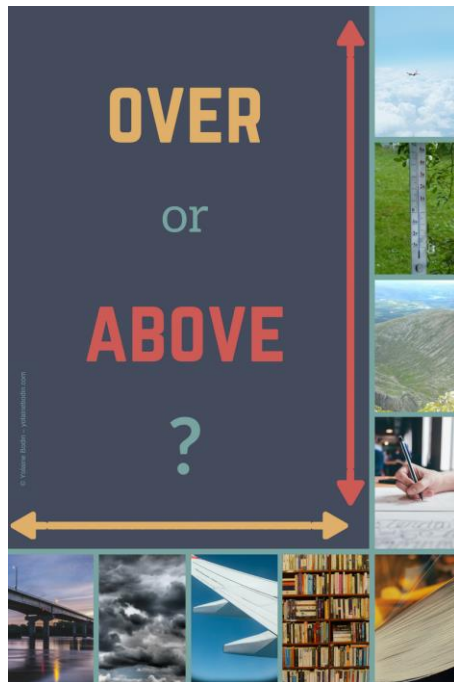


Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 6 have been getting stuck into column addition this week.

We also had a fantastic time investigating how exercise affects our heart rate by taking part in a very active experiment with lots of movement. The class really enjoyed it!





Over and Above Club this Week:

Dahl: Carter and Lilia

Browne: Lottie, Henry and Billy

Walliams: Helena and Jayden

Snicket: Roxy and Eddie

Blake: Kaycee and John

Shakespeare: Kristina and Stefan



Harvest Festival

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest Festival is not far away. Reverend Rich from St. Philip's Church will be leading a whole school assembly on Monday 3rd October, which will focus the festival. We ask parents to

make any donations to the school that they can. We can accept donations from now up until the morning of the assembly. Any tinned foods or items that keep for longer periods of time would be most welcome. We will then donate the items to St. Philip's Food Bank. Thank you for your support with this.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022

Thursday 8 December

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

Drop in for parents and carers of children/young people

with Autistic Spectrum Condition/SEN

(Your child/young person does not need to have a diagnosis)

Tuesday 4 October 2022 - 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Held at Sunrise Children's Centre, London Road, Southborough TN4 0RJ

These sessions will enable you to

- meet professionals who may be able to support you and your child. These may include a Specialist Teacher, a representative from the Kent Autistic Trust, a representative from IASK (Information, Advice and Support Kent), Early Help, Space 2 Be Me and other local organisations;
- ask questions and learn more about the support and information you can access through a range of services and recommended reading;
 - consider your next steps;
 - refreshments will be available.

Please call Julie Goodfellow 01892 502466 or email Julie.goodfellow@stlsoutreach.org.uk if you have any queries

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.

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



Year 1 Dahl: Devan has such beautiful manners all of the time.

Year 2 Browne: Connie always makes the right decision in class.

Year 3 Walliams: Tilly-Mae is always ready to learn and makes the best use of her time in class.

Year 4 Snicket: Maizie is excellent at following our class rules. She is polite and helpful and always keen to do a job!

Year 5 Blake: Riley shows respect and consideration towards his peers at all times and is always offering to help others.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Molly is always respectful to all of the adults and children in the class.

Remembrance Day



We plan to make an incredible 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 Dates

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

Tuesday 13th December:

10.00AM: Years 1, 2 and 3

2.00PM: Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 14th December:

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December:

10.00AM: Nursery and Reception

CENSUS Day (Thursday 6th October)

This coming Thursday is CENSUS Day, which means every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given a free school dinner. Even if your child is ordinarily a packed lunch, they will be provided with a free school meal.

