

NEWSLETTER

7th October 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 92.69%.
Congratulations to Year 3 Walliams who are the attendance winners this week with 94.81%! As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.

Stars of the Week:



Y1: Paisley and Harley
Y2: Molly, Chris and Lena
Y3: Savannah and Jackson C
Y4: Sarah and Isla
Y5: Kaycee and Logan
Y6: Libby and Ronnie



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 had some very special visitors! Five of our school Trustees came to visit the school for a look around all of the classes and to meet all of our lovely children. They also stayed for lunch. Suffice to say, they were all delighted by the way the school functioned and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the children learning a variety of different things. We look forward to welcoming them again.

In other exciting news, years 3 and 4 have a trip to the National Gallery in London next Friday. Parents, please do ensure that you have handed back permission slips to the school office and made payment for the trip to ensure it will go ahead and that everyone can attend.

Parent Consultations take place on Wednesday next week (12th). Not all parents have signed up for an appointment so if you haven't done so yet, please do. It is really important that you attend to hear how your child has settled into their new year group as well as to meet their new teacher in a more formal setting.

Have a restful weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have been focussing on differences between ourselves and our families. At the beginning of the week we read 'We are all different' and considered what makes us different from one another such as the length and type of hair we have; the colour of our eyes and skin; the languages we speak; our likes and dislikes. Following this we produced our own self-portraits. We then read 'Who's in My Family?' by Robie H. Harris to introduce the concept of families and considered different types of families. After reading the text, we talked about our own families and the people they are made up of. In maths, the children enjoyed building towers out of Multilink cubes to show how many people live in their home, estimating whether they have more, less or the same number of people living in their home as their friends', comparing their towers with their friends' towers and finally calculating the amount of people who live in their home.

In phonics, we have continued to focus on environmental sounds and tuning into sounds. The children enjoyed guessing and identifying hidden objects.

We'll don't to Lola for producing and sharing her fantastic 'Marvellous Me' box with us all!

Please remember to email any family and pet photos to me to add to our home corner display:

jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com and to bring in your child's 'Marvellous Me' boxes.

And lastly, if you haven't already signed up for a parent meeting slot on 12th October please speak to Miss Rainfray.



Reception

This week in Reception we have been exploring the topic "Marvellous me!" and focussing on how we can take care of our bodies. We have spoken about different food and how some foods are healthier for us than other foods. The children really enjoyed making pretend lunch boxes and choosing healthy foods they would like to eat.

Our key text this week was the traditional tale "The Gingerbread Man". During these read aloud sessions children were encouraged to act out and repeat the phrases from the story. We then extended the story and students role played the story using masks and puppets.

The children have been having so much fun in the playground this week. Our large Oak tree has been showering down acorns and children have been collecting, counting and making "acorn soup" for the squirrels in the trees.

We look forward to meeting parents next week on 12th October for after school parent meetings. Please sign up with Mrs MacLean after school to choose an available five-minute time slot.



Year 2 Browne:

During Maths this week, we have been chanting, singing and completing a range of different activities all linked to our times tables. Our target is to be able to answer any times table question within 6 seconds. As you can see from the pictures below, we have also focussed on our TT Rockstars where children have increased the speed when recalling number facts. Keep practising Year 2! Well done!

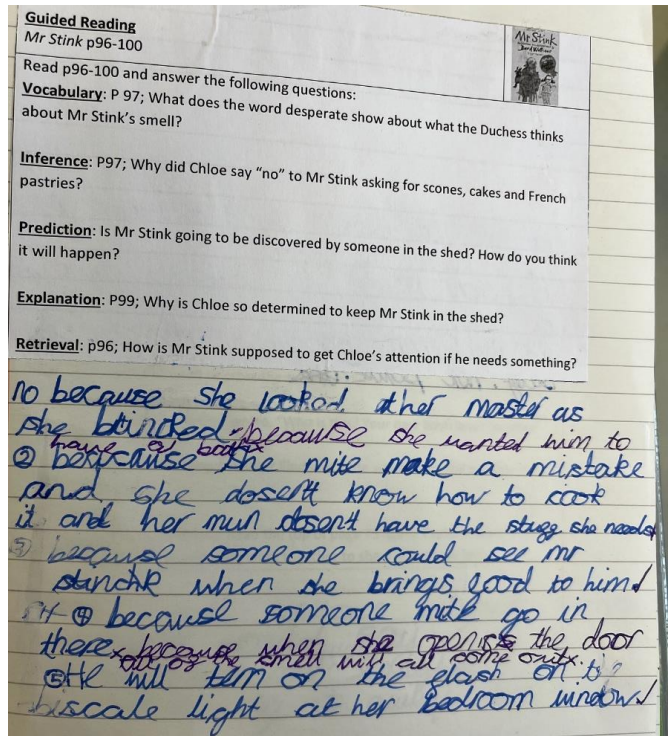


Year 3 Walliams:



Jackson C created a wonderful information leaflet about Hever Castle for homework.

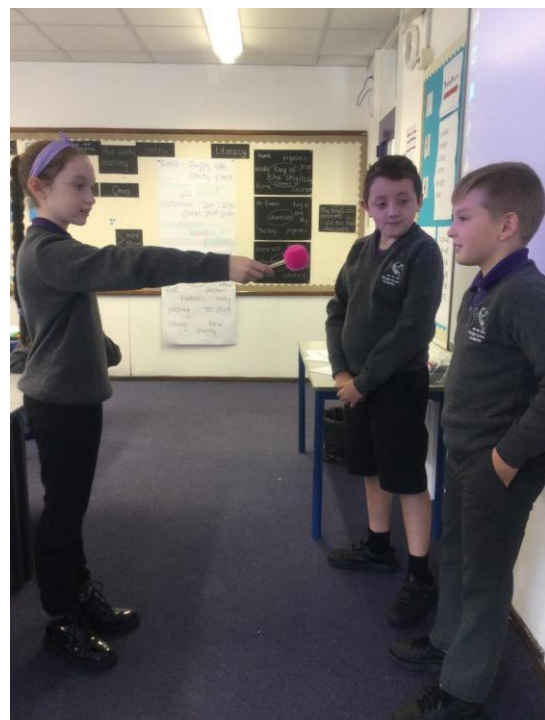
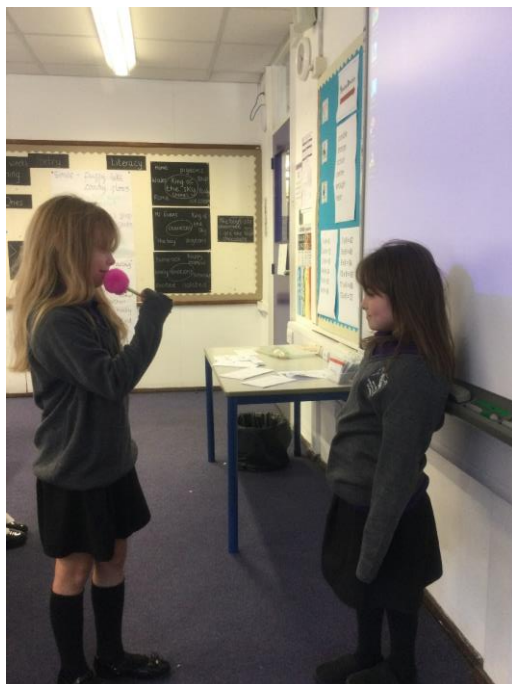
Students in Walliams worked hard to develop their reading comprehension skills.



Children worked together to broaden their geographical vocabulary.

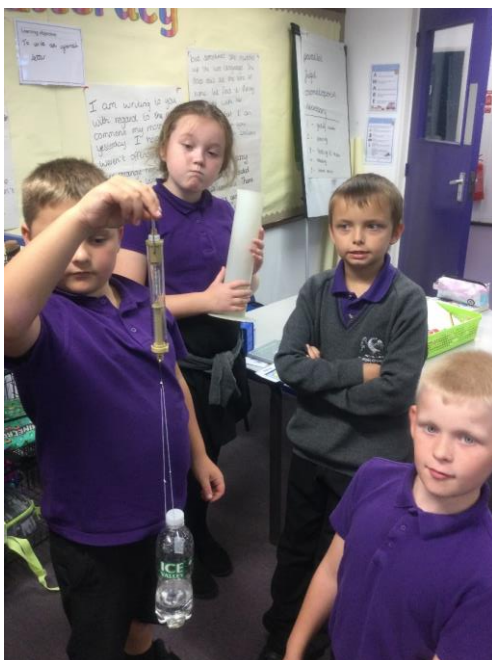
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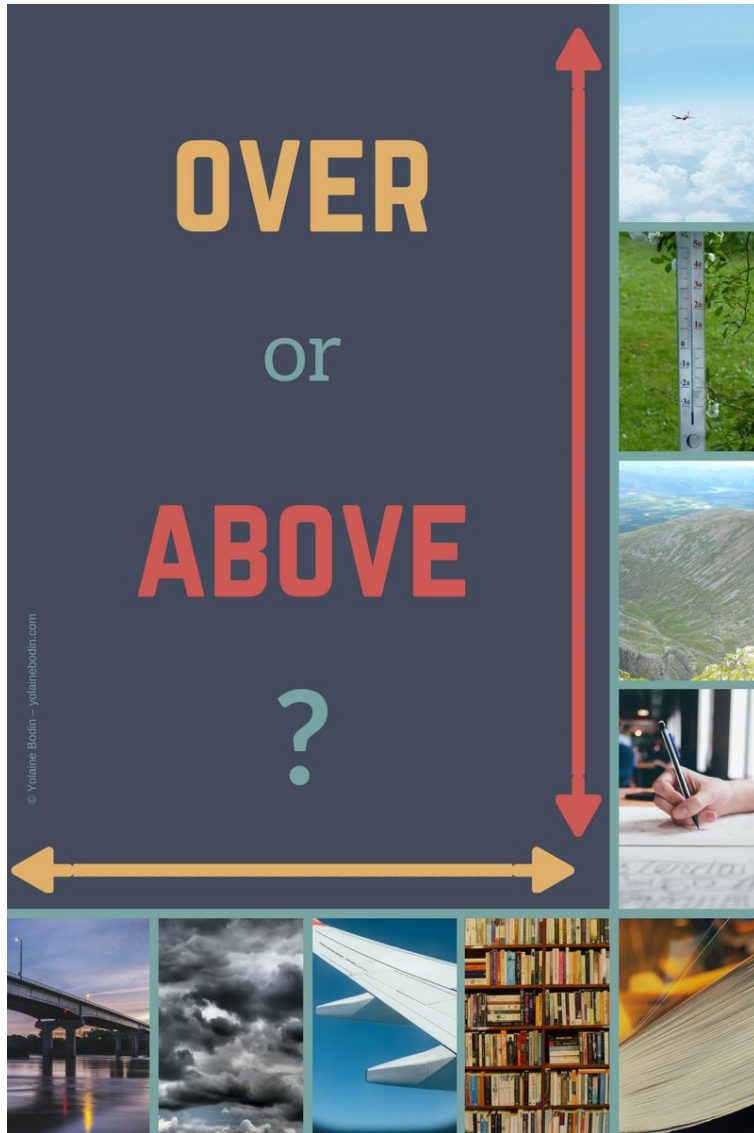
This week in Year 4, we began our new topic in Literacy with a drama lesson. We took it in turns to be a news reporter, interviewing characters from the book we have been exploring, King of the Sky.



Year 5 Blake:

This week, year 5 took part in a fun science experiment in order to understand the difference between mass (the amount of matter an object has) and weight (the effect of gravity on mass). Firstly, they measured out water in grams, then poured it into a plastic bottle so that they could measure the weight using a Newton meter. They really enjoyed the experiment, and only spilt a little bit of water in the process!





Over and Above Club
this Week:

Dahl: Rosalie and Ema

Browne: Oscar, Harley
and Lena

Walliams: Beau and
Jackson C

Snicket: Evie and Oliver

Blake: Belle and Emily

Shakespeare: Libby
and Arthur



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

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



Year 1 Dahl: Devan is always respectful to teachers and friends and works diligently to follow the class rules.

Year 2 Browne: Zofia continues to showcase immaculate behaviour to her teachers and peers.

Year 3 Walliams: Darcey always keeps her workspace ready for learning.

Year 4 Snicket: Oliver always sets a good example to the whole class.

Year 5 Blake: Taufiq is ready to learn at all times and always listens to adults and other children.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Ruby models our class values and works hard in all lessons.

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/performance 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

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.