

NEWSLETTER

11th November 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 88.5%.
Congratulations to Year 5 Blake who are the attendance winners this week with 95.3% As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.

Stars of the Week:



Y1: Imogen-Rose & Leyton
Y2 Anthony: Molly
Y2: Kodey & William
Y3: Grace & Logan
Y4: Sasha & Maizie
Y5: Mia & Riley
Y6: Millie & Archie



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,

At 11am on Friday 11th November, the school came together to observe two minutes silence to remember those who have lost their lives whilst serving their country. We were incredibly proud of how sensible and respectful all pupils were during the Remembrance assembly.

Well done and thank you to Jack and Kristina who read 'In Flanders Field' by John McCrae, so beautifully. We'd also like to thank pupils and parents who made poppies for our display in reception. There was such a variety and they have really added a personal touch to the display.

Lastly, please take a moment to read our 'Supporting Reading at Home' page and 'Poetry Corner'. We will be posting information and tips here to support with reading at home.

If there is anything you would particularly like to see on these pages or within the newsletter, please contact Mrs Cardall via the school office.

Have a restful weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class the children have enjoyed learning about Diwali – the Festival of Lights, which is traditionally celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains and is probably the most well-known of the Hindu festivals. We read the story of *Rama and Sita* – the children had great fun exploring the small world scene setter of the story, acting out the story and building bridges like the monkeys did in the story.

We also learnt about how Hindus' prepare for and celebrate the festival, created our own Diya lamps and firework pictures, made Coconut Barfi and explored pattern creating our own Rangoli patterns and making patterns with our bodies and musical instruments. A fun week has been had by all.



Reception

This week, Jeffers class has spent a lot of time thinking about Remembrance Day. We have made our own poppies and made a giant poppy mural to remind us of those who gave up their today for our tomorrow. In maths, we are still focussing on number formation and understanding the value of number. We have used counters, blocks, pictures, playdough and tally marks to show the values of different numbers.

Our story for the week was *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have had lots of fun doing actions while reading our story together. Our Jeffers class are phonics super stars. Many students are beginning to read short 3 letter words and are very proud of themselves. Name writing is another area we have seen huge improvements. Well done to all our students!



Year 1 & 2: Dahl and Browne

Both years have been exploring the creations of an artist called Andy Goldsworthy.

Year 1 and 2 joined together as a collaborative effort to create outdoor art that was inspired by this artist.

Andy Goldsworthy grew up on a farm and was inspired by the nature around home.

The children used the autumn leaves in varying hues, combined with twigs and stones from the environment to produce spiral based representations.

They began by creating spirals with our bodies and then transferred it to create art work with a group or partner.

The two classes really enjoyed working with each other.



Year 2 (Anthony Class)

This week, Anthony class have been very busy. They participated in a gymnastics PE session where the children showed off their skills in balancing.

They also worked as a team to decorate their classroom working wall. They painted it in chalk board paint, which was great fun.



Year 3 Walliams:

Walliams worked hard on their Remembrance writing this week. They learned to understand and empathise with the soldiers and support workers who have made sacrifices over the years. Zara's writing really shows an understanding of the conditions with which British soldiers were faced on the front lines in WW1 and everyone in year 3 should be proud of the writing they achieved this week.



Dear mum,
I am extremely sorry for not writing for ages.
I hope my precious valuable letter reaches you safely
because it's very dangerous and not fun! I wish I
can see you but I can't.

It's very dangerous and wet. My poor aching feet
are soaked and cold from all of the grey, filthy
puddles. It's so cold I can't stop shivering.

Also it's dangerous seeing the abandoned tank treads leaning
and falling. They can barely stand up. It is disgusting
looking at the dead trees. It took the lives.

Just then we heard a massive, deafening explosion
blow up a part of the trench. I quickly shielded my
ears. It made me fall over.

I really miss you and want to go home. X
Zara

Year 4 Snicket:

In Science, year 4 have been learning about teeth and how important it is to look after them. In the lesson this week, they put their teeth cleaning skills to the test and chewed a plaque disclosure tablet afterwards to see the areas they'd missed!



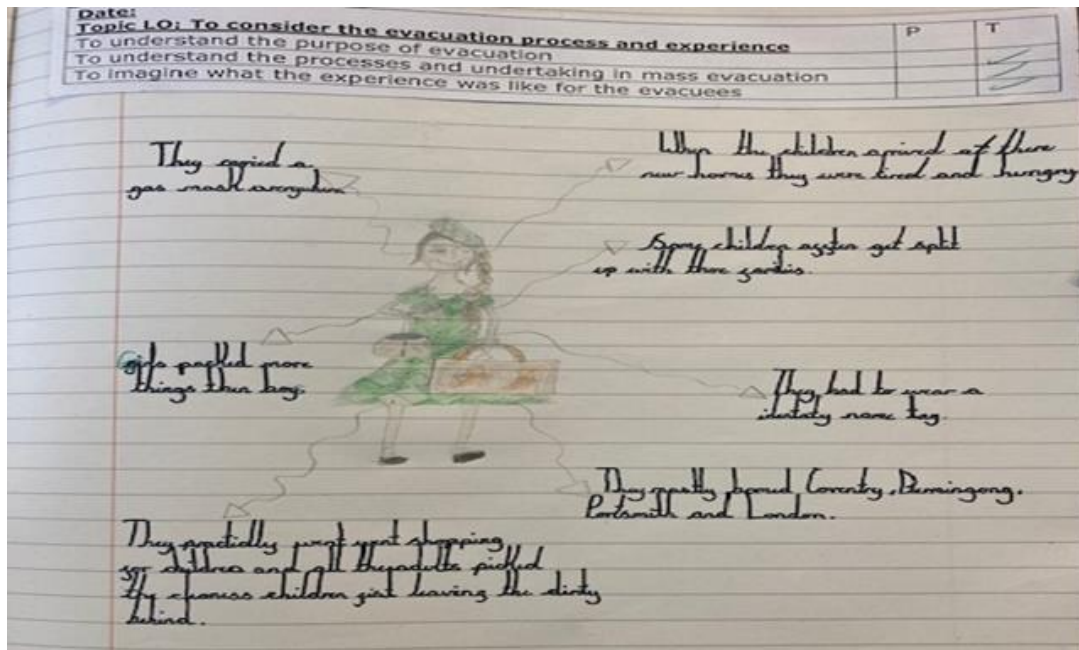
Year 5 Blake:

Year 5 had a fantastic time in Forest school this week. They made lovely poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day, using wool, and sticks that they found in the woods. They were lucky enough not to have any rain, although it was still extremely muddy!



Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 6 have enjoyed learning about evacuation and the experiences of evacuees during WWII. They have also written touching Remembrance Day poems and created some wonderful poppy art.



Film Club



Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who help run Film Club each week. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to relax and enjoy both familiar and new film titles with their friends. They are also treated to delicious refreshments, cosy cushions and bean-bags for the viewing.



Parent-Child Attachment Pay Workshop

Our Play Therapist, Suzie, hosted a workshop for parents to discuss and practice play sessions they could try at home with their children. As ever, the workshop was a warm and welcoming space for parents to try out new ways of engaging with their child and using play to develop key skills.

In our most recent workshop, parents looked at creating a very low cost box of activities to share with their child.

If you would like to attend a PCAP workshop, please contact Suzie via the school office where you can also take a leaflet to find out more.





Over and Above Club
this Week:

Dahl: Olivia and
Phaebion

Browne: Connie and
Chrisab

Walliams: Karina and
Kaiden

Snicket: Scarlett and
James

Blake: Taufiq &
Danielle

Shakespeare: Ruby
and Preston

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



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

Year 2 Browne: Tamin for always being so respectful to others.

Year 3 Walliams: Zara for always respecting the ideas of her classmates.

Year 4 Snickett: Evie is always polite and respectful to everyone in Year 4.

Year 5 Blake: Emily B for having excellent manners at all times.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Kiara for using impeccable manners at all times.

Home Reading



Supporting *Reading* at Home



Take a look at the “**Turn on the Subtitles**” campaign.

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/>



The initiative is backed by famous faces such as Stephen Fry and comes with a backbone of expert evidence which suggests that turning on the subtitles can double the chances of a child becoming a proficient reader. We will be discussing this with children in school and promoting the use of subtitles whenever we use screens in class. It would be great if you could take part too.

Tips to help your child read at home



Julia Donaldson has written some of the best-loved children's stories including The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child, Room on the Broom, The Highway Rat, Zog and Stick Man.

Watch [this video](#) of Children's Laureate Julia Donaldson talking about some simple and fun ways you can help your child with their reading at home.

Guaranteed to make reading fun and help your child develop a love of reading!



Poetry Corner

Each week, to compliment out 'Supporting Reading at Home' page, we will post a poem for you to read and enjoy with your child at home.

Poems are an excellent way of exploring stories and language and they don't take too long to read.

This week, we've chosen a version of 'In Flanders Field' suitable for KS1 and KS2 pupils.



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.



Positive Noticing Day
16.11.22

On Wednesday 16th November, staff at TGA will be observing Positive Noticing Day.

Positive Noticing is all about seeing and noting something that is great about ourselves and others. It comes from the work of Paul Dix who has informed many of our practices in school.

The idea of the day is really simple – children will be asked to spot and share positives about each other and then write a label for the person next to them. Every child is going to leave school on Positive Noticing Day with a lovely positive label on their bag, around their wrist or their button hole.

You can find out more about the idea [here](#).





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



Christmas Fayre

Saturday **26th** 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

Temple Grove Academy, Friars Way, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3UA

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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.