

NEWSLETTER

18th November 2022

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 89.5%.
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: Mya & Johnny-Lee
Y2: Leo & Jamie
Y3: Tabish & Jackson P
Y4: James & Lilya
Y5: Leo & Emily G
Y6: Ronnie & Alia



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

A Message from the School Senior Leadership Team:

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, pupils enjoyed a storytelling assembly. This was a fantastic opportunity to come together to enjoy and discuss a new and exciting story. This week, we read 'The Lipstick' by Laura Dockrill and everyone agreed it reminded them of times they may have drawn on something they shouldn't have!

Each week, pupils have the chance to choose the story they want to hear next, so we are looking forward to unveiling the mystery story in next's week's assembly.

Please take a moment to read 'Poetry Corner' as there will be a new poem to read and share at home posted here each week.

Lastly, we would like to ask for the support of parents / carers to encourage children to speak to teachers when there is a problem, rather than take matters into their own hands. Pupils can speak to any member of staff at any time.

Have a restful weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 18th November 2022

Nursery

This week in Donaldson class we have continued our learning about Diwali.

At the beginning of the week, we read the story *Lighting a Lamp* by Jonny Zucker and Jan Barger Cohen. After reading we discussed how the family prepared for Diwali celebrations and all the things we have created so far linked to Diwali. We used Google Earth to locate India (where the story of Rama and Sita is set) and then to locate where we live – the children were so excited by this.

The children have enjoyed listening to Indian classical music.

In maths, we have continued to explore pattern and have created simple patterns using blocks, paint, body percussion, musical instruments, pompoms, and different types of pasta. We have also been focussing on counting accurately.

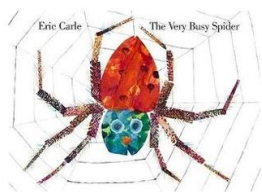
For *Odd Sock Day* we focussed on our unique and special we all are. We discussed kindness – the children had some great ideas on what it means to be kind and how being kind makes people feel – both those showing kindness and those receiving it. Every child drew a picture of one their peers and said something kind about them.



Reception

We began this week celebrating Odd Sock Day. Riah was wearing lovely colourful long socks and we all discussed how we are unique and special. We made a list of things we can do if someone is being unkind to us or someone else. Some students coloured hearts for each other and traced the outlined of their handprints. This theme continued to Wednesday where we had some special time noticing the all the positive things, we see about our classmates. Many students shared they loved their friends because they “played nicely” and “shared their toys.” All students who attended school on Wednesday took home a short note from a friend saying what they really liked about them.

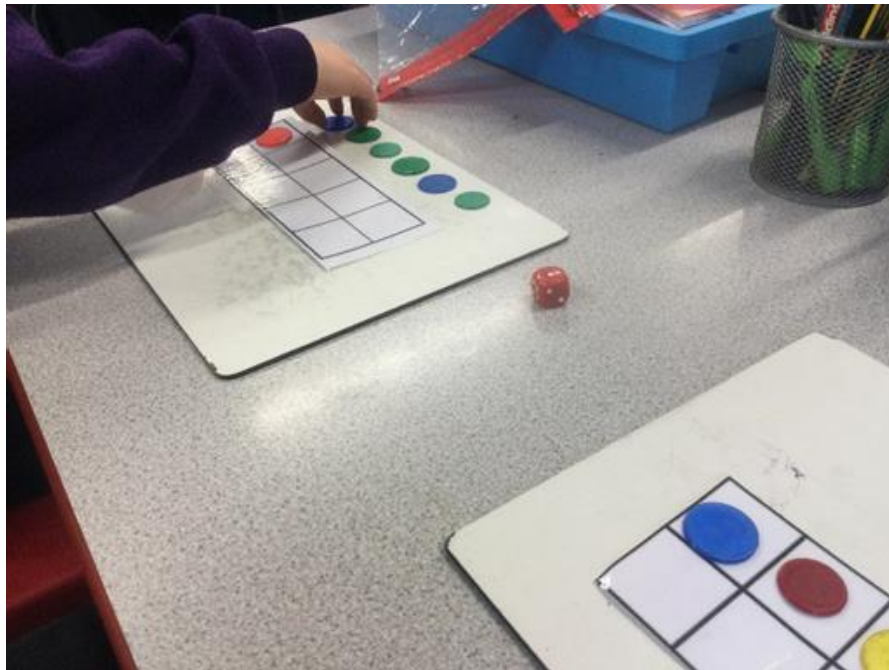
Our book of the week has been *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. We’ve had great fun creating spider webs, making spiders with paper, painting spiders using handprints, and drawing spiders using a step-by-step guide. During all these crafts and tasks our children have built vocabulary and math concepts such as “cut a circle for his head” and “count 8 legs for his body.”



Both classes have begun learning festive songs for our Christmas performance which will be held on Thursday 15th December. We will send more details about this special day closer to the time!

Year 1: Dahl

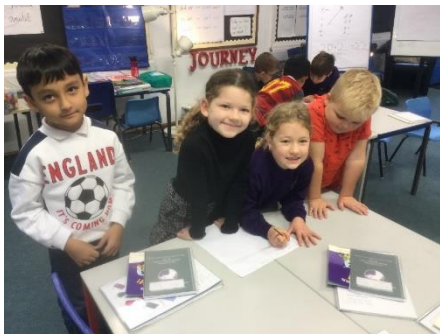
Dahl class are exploring the words 'plus' 'more' and 'equals' and are learning to write them mathematically. They played games with a dice and ten frame to do this. This is such fun and really helps them to learn.



Year 2: Browne

During Literacy this week, year 2 have been working through a range of exciting activities all linked to our class text... 'Zeraffa Giraffa'. Firstly, they watched a video of a giraffe roam across the plains of Africa and then they watched a video of a giraffe living in the confines of a zoo.

Below, you can see children sharing and writing down their ideas. Which environment do they think will be the best place for a giraffe to live? Each group gave detailed reasons why and we were impressed with the wonderful, collaborative learning that we witnessed.



Year 3 Walliams:

The students in Walliams enjoyed a wonderful time in Forest School. It was a little wet, but they had a great time making some holiday season arts and crafts.

The also created some fantastic and poignant Remembrance Day art for display.



Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 had a very wet, muddy but wonderful time in Forest School this week. They made Christmas decorations and dens and showed fantastic teamwork and resilience.



Year 5 Blake:

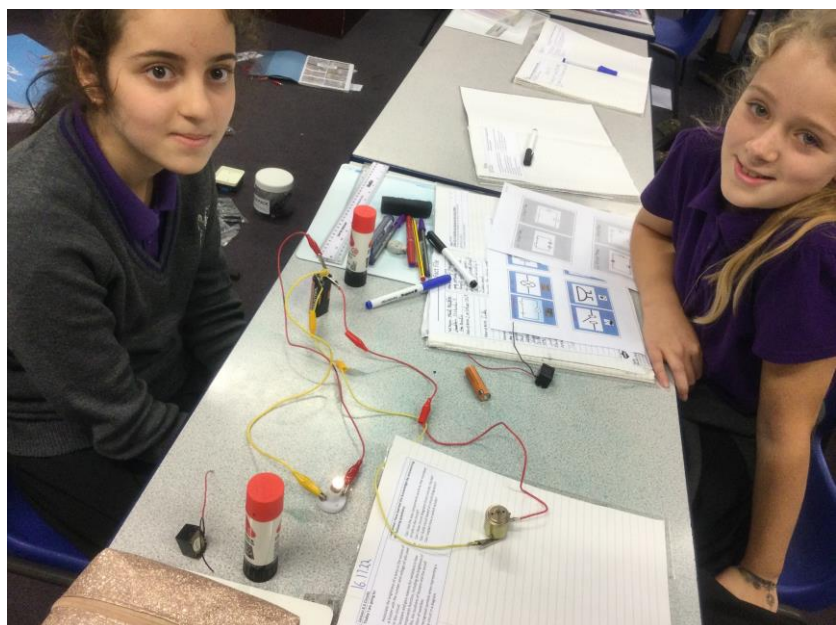
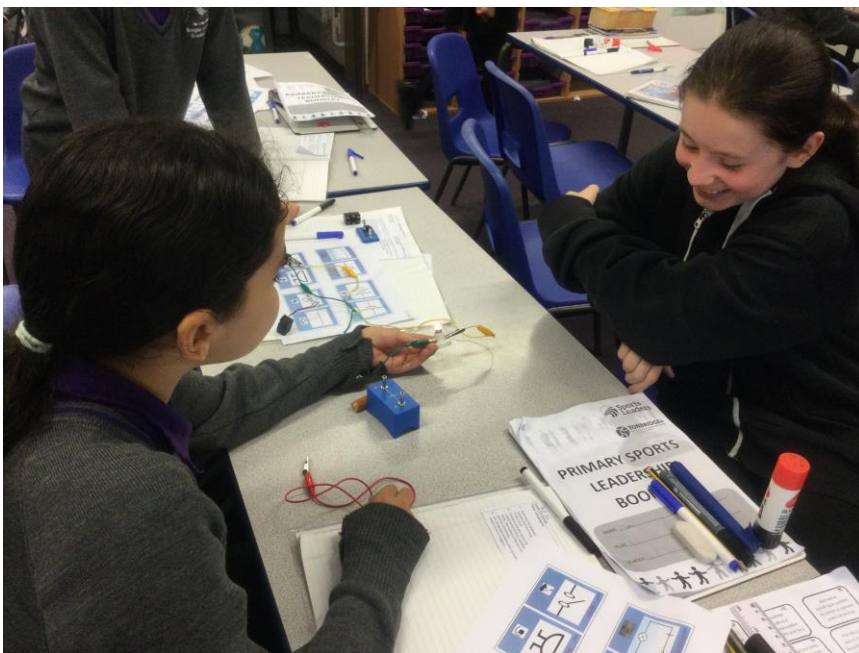
For one of their homework tasks, Year 5 were given the challenge of making World War 2 air raid shelters. They were given the freedom to use any materials they had available to them at home. They were incredibly creative with their designs and produced some amazing models!



Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 6 really enjoyed exploring and matching equipment for making electrical circuits to their symbols and trying out some different electrical circuits.

They have also begun a new history project exploring significant figures from World War II. They have been investigating real examples of persuasive posters and letters about evacuation in English. In Maths, we have been developing division methods and the pupils are really understanding the need for solid multiplication tables knowledge.



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.





Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Parent Sessions

Coffee Morning

Temple Grove Primary Academy Nurture Room

9am—10am Monday 21st November 2022



Emma, your school's Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner, would like to invite you to our parent coffee morning to find out more about how the Emotional Wellbeing Team help at your school.

Please come along for an informal chat over tea and biscuits!

The Emotional Wellbeing Team is specially trained to help children at school with their wellbeing and mental health. We understand that from time to time children need additional support so we're here to help. We believe that getting early help can prevent difficulties from getting bigger so that children can enjoy their life.

We work alongside everyone in the school community to promote a 'whole school approach' to emotional wellbeing and mental health. We can also think with parents about their children's feelings and behaviour, sharing information and working together to find a way forwards.

We look forward to meeting you.

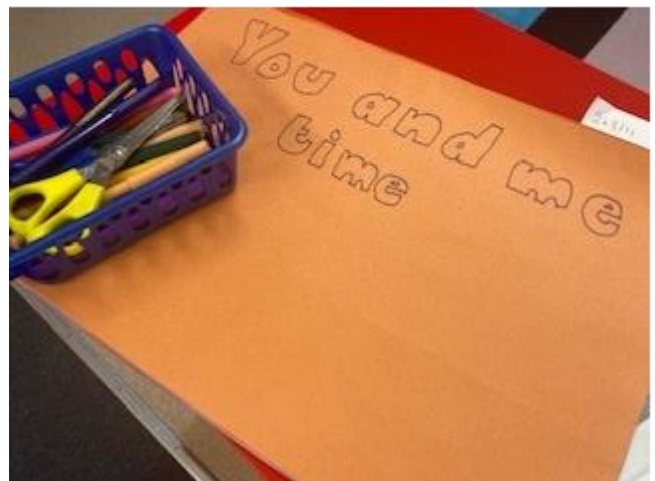


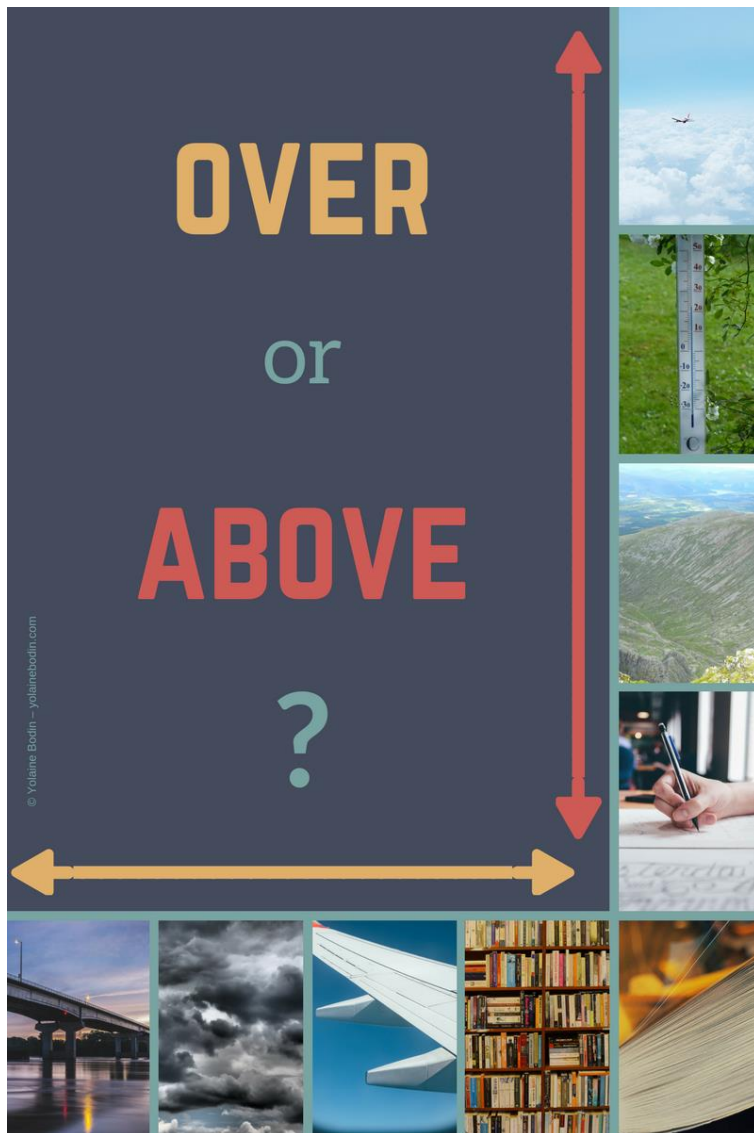
Parent-Child Attachment Pay Workshop

In this week's workshop, parents will be able to discuss boundary setting and will watch a video about children's ability to be patient!

Workshops are a warm and welcoming space for parents to try out new ways of engaging with their child and using play to develop key skills.

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: Paisely &
Rosaleigh

Browne: William and
Cara

Walliams: Henry and
Isabel

Snicket: Sasha and
Maizie

Blake: Tayra and
Samuel

Shakespeare: Molly
and Kiara

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



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

Year 2 Browne: Magnus for being an ambassador for Browne class. You always make the right decisions.

Year 3 Walliams: Karina shares equipment and space readily.

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

Year 5 Blake: Isabella for listening to and respecting others.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Stefan for being a consistently polite, well-mannered and considerate pupil.

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, 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, in Storytelling assembly, we listened to a story called 'The Lipstick' by Laura Dockrill and the children have been recently thinking about the significance of red poppies. So our poem this week is all about those colours.

What Is Pink?

By Christina Rossetti

What is pink? A rose is pink
By the fountain's brink.

What is red? A poppy's red
In its barley bed.

What is blue? The sky is blue
Where the clouds float through.

What is white? A swan is white
Sailing in the light.

What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.

What is green? The grass is green,
With small flowers between.

What is violet? Clouds are violet
In the summer twilight.

What is orange? Why, an orange,
Just an orange!



'This May Help' initiative

We are pleased to announce the launch of This May Help, a new national initiative providing mental health advice to parents and carers. This May Help is aimed at parents and carers who may have concerns about their child's mental health and is part funded by the Quality Improvement Taskforce for Children and Young People's Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Inpatient Services.

The website gives easy-to-follow advice to help families manage their child's mental health. This advice was developed by NHS professionals and parents who've been through their own child's mental health journey. Parents and carers have shared advice that helped them and that may also help other families.

The advice covered on This May Help includes: self-harm, gaming and online activity, teenagers safety, eating disorders, school avoidance and preparing for a children and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) appointment.

These subjects were chosen by families and young people who have gone through their own mental health challenges. Gary Lineker, Mylene Klass, and Tanni Grey-Thompson are amongst 16 presenters featured in the films.

Child's mental health



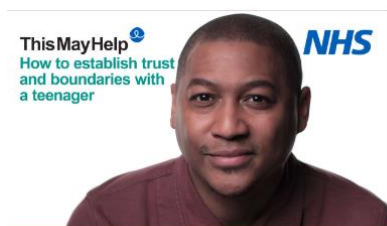
Self-harm



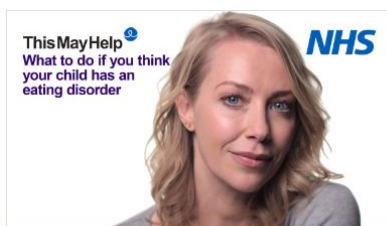
Gaming & online activity



Teenagers safety



Eating disorders



School avoidance



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 Academt, 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.