



# NEWSLETTER

## 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 69%.

Year 2 Browne had the highest attendance this week with 79.4% As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next term (first week back).

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we were treated to some enchanting performances during our KS1 and KS2 Carol Concerts. We are very proud of all teachers and pupils involved as these were the first public performances since the pandemic.

On the last day of term, 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 Mathematicans.Certificates.

We would also like to bid a fond farewell to Mrs Maclean and Ms Wilde who are moving on to new posts at different schools in the new year. Both members of staff have played a huge part in the school community since September and we wish them well for the future.

Lastly, please check previous newsletters or the school website for information relating to calander dates or reminders. Please look out for the first newsletter of the new year for further information relating to the start of Spring term.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

TGA Senior Leadership Team

### Stars of the Week:



**Y1: Phaebion & Ayra**  
**Y2 Anthony: Molly & Bobby**  
**Y2 Browne: Harley & Kodey**  
**Y3: Jackson C & Ella**  
**Y4: Oliver & Maisey W**  
**Y5: Isabella & John**  
**Y6 : Ollie & Charlie Ry**



For more information about our school, use our **QR code** to link to the website at anytime.

### 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



Early Years Foundation Stage Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Nursery**

The last week of term has certainly been busy and full of festive fun! The children have been delighted by the snow. They have continued to enjoy the cheeky antics of Santa's elf, Buddy, who has been causing mayhem and mischief in Donaldson class – much to the children's delight! In phonics we have focussed on general sound discrimination to develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment. In maths in addition to counting down the sleeps daily until Christmas Day, we have continued to look at pattern and number - with a focus on counting accurately to at least 5. We have also continued to work hard on our gross and fine motor skills - participating in funky fingers sessions, practising our scissor skills and name writing/mark-making for a purpose (creating and writing our own Christmas cards for our families). On Thursday we took to the stage with our Christmas performance - I'm sure you will agree that the children put on a fantastic show.

We wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

**Reception**

What a busy and chilly week it has been! We have been having lots of fun this week and have ended the term with lots of laughing and singing.

We have loved all the snow and have brought some into the class to make snowmen on trays. We have also made many Christmas crafts and shared lovely Christmas cards from home. On Wednesday we enjoyed a school Christmas dinner. We sang Christmas songs and pulled crackers in the dinner hall. All children enjoyed the lunch with lots of gravy and chocolate cookies! Thursday was a fantastic Christmas concert with many parents joining for the show! Thank you for attending and I am sure you will agree the children did a fantastic first concert!

From January, PE will be held every Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings their kit into school the first week back. We will keep kits at school until the end of the term.

Please remember to email a family photograph to [jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com](mailto:jchavaudret-rainfray@templegroveacademy.com) to feature in our home corner.





### Year 1: Dahl

Dahl class has been learning about the different ways that Christmas is celebrated throughout the world. They were wide eyed when their teacher told them that celebrating Christmas in South Africa includes a barbeque, salad and swimming as it is so hot!



### Year 2: Browne

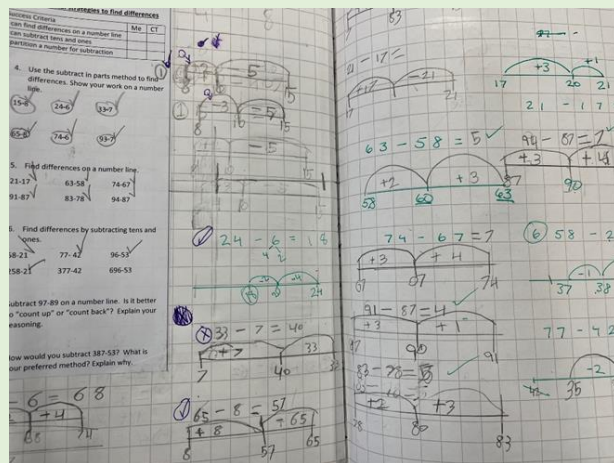
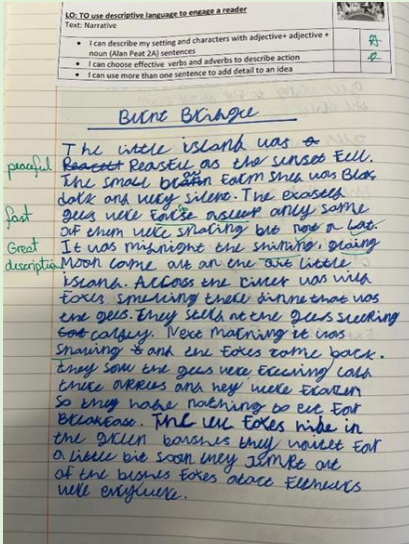
Year 2 have been working through a range of exciting activities all linked to 2-D and 3-D shapes. Below, you can see children creating a variety of 3-D shapes, which they turned into Christmas baubles. Well done everyone for showing so much determination and for having so much fun!





### Year 3 Walliams

Walliams class was still hard at work in the run up to Christmas! Here you can see Helena's great story opening and Darcy's fantastic maths work:



### Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed Forest School in the snow this week!

They also had great fun making Peppermint Cremes and packaging them in a Victorian style gift cone!





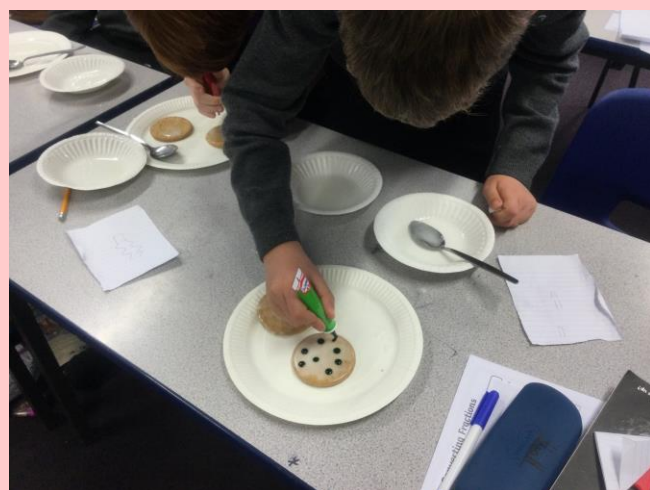
### Year 5 Blake

Year 5 have been learning about the food shortages during World War 2. In DT, they made powdered milk and glacé icing, both of which were typical of the time period. They then used the icing to decorate some Christmas themed biscuits



### Year 6 Shakespeare

Year 6 also enjoyed the experience of making 'treats' for a wartime Christmas, using powdered milk and icing sugar. They used scales and measuring jugs to make the recipe accurately.





**Over and Above Club**  
**this Week:**

Dahl: Lilia and Harleigh  
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Browne: Zosia and  
Henry

Walliams: Kaiden and  
Darcy

Snicket: Tariq and  
Akshaya

Blake: Stanley and  
Kaycee

Shakespeare:  
Fallon and Stefan



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



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

**Year 2 Browne: Kodey for being polite and respectful to your peers and teachers.**

**Year 3 Walliams: Karina has kept her area of the classroom spotless.**

**Year 4 Snickett: Roxy is always polite and respectful to all staff.**

**Year 5 Blake: Mia for being polite and respectful at all times.**

**Year 6 Shakespeare: Charlie A for polite manners when seeing staff in school.**



## 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.

### ***Helping with reading and learning at home***



We are teaming up with the National Literacy Trust to provide some exciting reading opportunities for pupils over the coming months. This will include an opportunity for pupils to choose and new books for themselves and for the school.

Take a look at the Parent section of the National Literacy Trust website for help and advice on home reading and other aspects of learning at home such as homework.

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/>