

NEWSLETTER

27th January 2023

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 90.15%.

Congratulations to Year 5 Blake who are the attendance winners this week with 97.5%. As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.

Stars of the Week:



R – Rendon & Riah
Year 1 – Zulika & Lauren
Year 2 – Leo & Emily
Year 3 – Lenny & Ella
Year 4 – Tariq & Sienna
Year 5 – Henry & Isabella
Year 6 – Keeley & Fallon



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

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, Year 3 and 4 took part in the first of three book events and were able to choose a free book of their own to take home. They enjoyed activities and stories linked to Burns Night (Year 3) and the theme of Chocolate (Year 4). This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and it was delightful to see them engrossed in their book choices from the moment they picked them up.

The children also enjoyed yesterday's school discos and we would also like to thank the Parent Fundraising Group for all the hardwork setting up and running them.

Next week will be busy as the children continue to make progress through their topics this term, and we will also be marking National Storytelling Week and Children's Mental Health Week.

We look forward to a productive week ahead.

Have a restful weekend,
TGA Senior Leadership Team

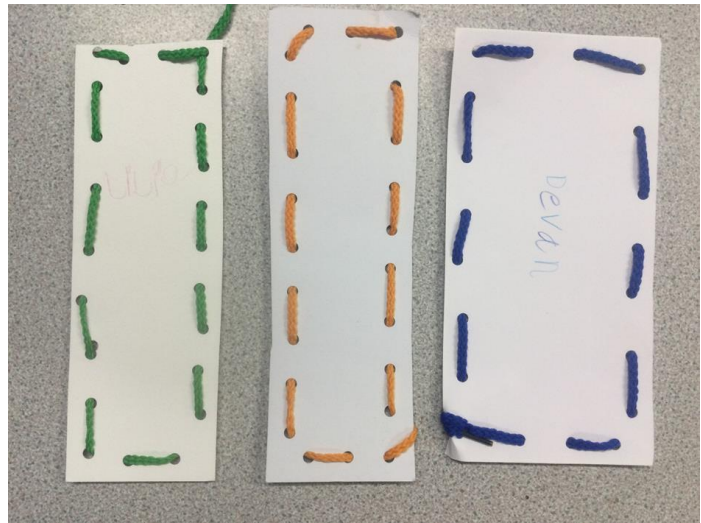
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In literacy this week we have continued our focus on the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. The children have learnt to retell the story orally using our class story map and Makaton actions. They have continued to use their phonic knowledge to add labels to their own story maps for each environment in the story. In phonics we have learnt about adding the suffixes -s and -es to the end of words to make them plural and also met a new *Letterland* character *Jumping Jim* who makes a 'j' sound. We have also reviewed all tricky words taught to date - a, I, the, has, yes, no, he, she, oh, for, ok, that, says, they, her. In maths we have focused on capacity and explored the concepts of light vs heavy using balancing scales, and full vs empty. We have also learnt about road safety, started learning about real bears and, explored freezing and melting (the children were excited to discover that two cartons of milk had frozen. We explored melting using salt and warm water with the children predicting which would melt the ice faster).

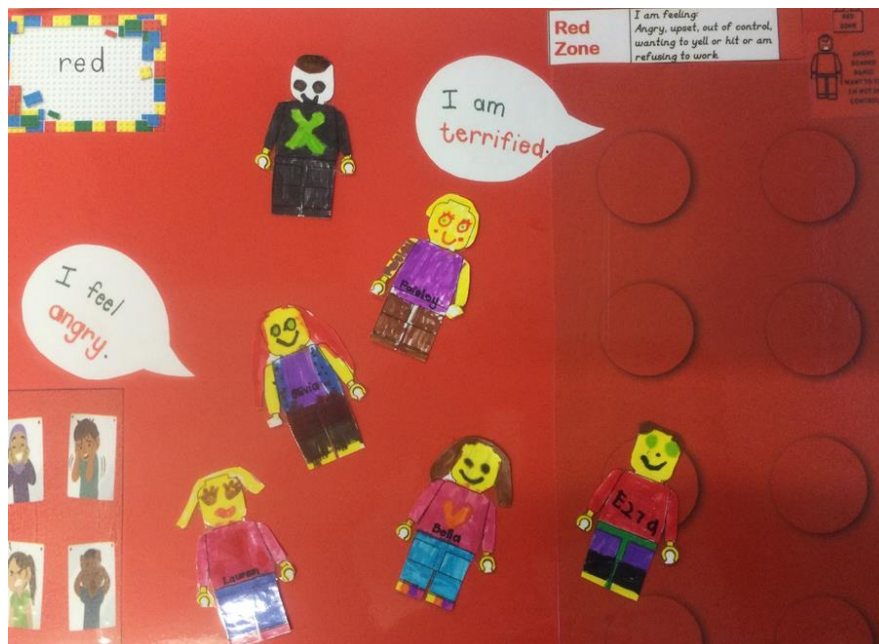


Year 1: Dahl

In DT lessons, the Dahl class have been planning and considering – their goal is to create a puppet. They drew ideas and began practising sewing techniques. Their story, Traction man, is about a toy who becomes a hero. They are also learning about qualities that make superheroes.



Year 1 also created a new Zones of regulation area which is Lego themed. Each child created their own character and the children drew pictures of what they could do to help themselves when experiencing a range of emotions.



Year 2: Browne

During numeracy this week, Browne class have been working on 'multiplication' by recognising, making and adding equal groups. It has been so lovely to see children working across a range of tasks allowing everyone to make noticeable progress.

Well done to all for showing so much determination!



Year 3 Walliams:

This week children learned to switch from major to minor chords on their ukuleles.

Students also practised their touch-typing skills on laptop keyboards.



As part of their Young Readers Event, which had a Burn's Night theme, children honed their putting skills and solved word puzzles collaboratively. They were each gifted a book by the National Literacy Trust to take home. Thank you, Mrs Cardall, for organising the event!



Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 have been Netball superstars this week. Perfecting the three different passes, learning to pivot without losing balance and beginning to defend fearlessly!



Year 5 Blake:

Year 5 were lucky enough to have forest school this week. Despite the cold weather, the children had a fantastic time, and took full advantage of the tyre swing, mud kitchen and hammock. They even invented a game inspired by the mythical creatures we have been learning about as part of our Ancient Greece topic!



Year 6 Shakespeare:

Year 5 & 6 have been busy perfecting their dance and movement skills as part of their recent indoor PE studies. In small groups, they worked to create a freeze-frame of Ancient Greek Olympic game scenes which they had studied in class. They also enjoyed building their own dance routines by adding new movements to their partner's suggestions.



Film Club



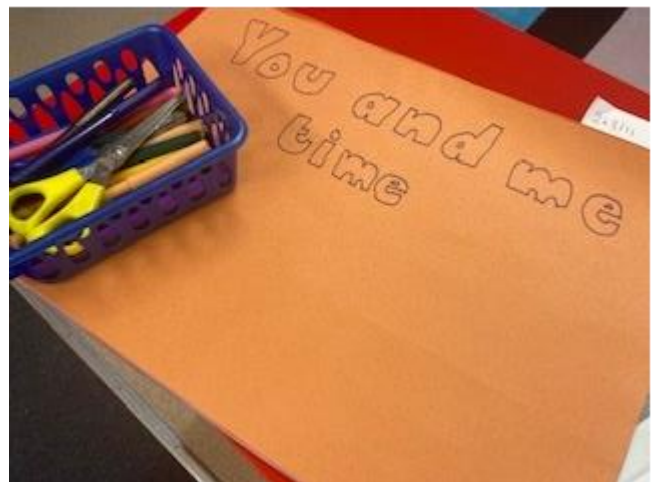
Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who help run Film Club each week. The club is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to relax and enjoy both familiar and new film titles with their friends. They are also treated to delicious refreshments, cosy cushions and bean-bags for the viewing.



Parent-Child Attachment Pay Workshop

Our 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

Over and Above Club this Week:

Jeffers: Skye and Elyse
Dahl: Maisie and Imogen-Rose
Browne: Lottie and Anwar
Walliams: Jayden and Zara
Snicket: Dana and Albie
Blake: Danielle and Mia
Shakespeare: Hana and Molly



kindness

Kindness certificate winners this week:

Jeffers: Bethan
Dahl: Leyton
Browne: Henry
Anthony: Molly
Walliams: Henry
Snicket: Rueben
Blake: Stefan
Shakespeare: Millie

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



Reception Jeffers: William for being polite and having great manners.

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

Year 2 Browne: Zosia for being polite and respectful to peers and teachers.

Year 3 Walliams: Grace has been a helpful and respectful learning partner.

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

Year 5 Blake: Samuel for being a considerate, helpful and respectful member of the class.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Arthur shows good manners consistently.

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/>

Young Readers Project – Reading Events in Years 2, 3 and 4



National
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Trust

We are very pleased to have been selected to take part in the Young Readers Project. This means that children in Years 2, 3 and 4 will take part in three fun reading events where they have the chance to select a book to take home and keep. The first events have already taken place.



Wondering how to help your child choose a book?

Watch this short film to discover top tips for choosing a book with your child!

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-to-choose-books/>

‘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, Myleene Klass, and Tanni Grey-Thompson are amongst 16 presenters featured in the films.

Child’s mental health



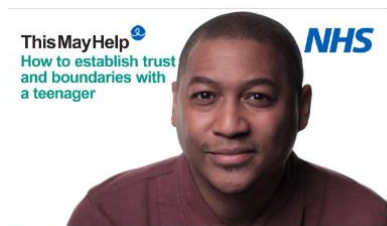
Self-harm



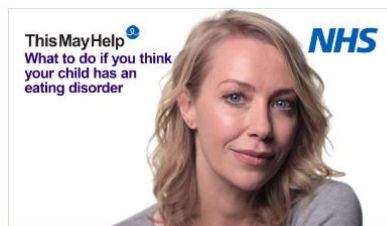
Gaming & online activity



Teenagers safety



Eating disorders



School avoidance



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Lanterns
A CREATE PRODUCTION



Winter Lantern Parade

4th February 2023 17:30

Calverley Precinct, Tunbridge Wells



Make your own lantern and join the parade!

Kits cost just £5 and come with full instructions.
You will just need to supply your own PVA glue and any additional decorative touches. **Kits available: Bird, Butterfly, Caterpillar, Flower, Gnome or Ladybird.**

Kits can be purchased from these local shops:

Manic Ceramix
40 Camden Road
TN1 2PT

Whirligig
90 Mount Pleasant
TN1 1RT

Saltmarsh
32 Monson Road
TN1 1LU

Serendipity
123 Camden Road
TN1 2QY

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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.



Summer-born children

As you may be aware, while most children start school in the September following their 4th birthday, they do not reach Compulsory School Age (CSA) until the term after their 5th birthday. For children who are under CSA, once a place has been accepted, parents/guardians can decide for their child to start a pattern of part time attendance or a delayed start until later in the school year.

DOB	May start school full or part time from	Must start school full time no later than
1 st Sept 2018 – 31 st Dec 2018	September 2023	January 2024
1 st Jan 2019 – 31 st Mar 2019	September 2023	April 2024 (Usually following the Easter Holidays)
1 st Apr 2019 – 31 st Aug 2019 (also known as a Summer Born child)	September 2023	September 2024 (starting from Year 1)

If you think this arrangement may apply to you, please use the Parental [advice](#) from the Department of Education to help you make a decision.