## NEWSLETTER 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

## Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 92.21%.

Congratulations to Year 5 Blake who are the attendance winners this week with 97.8%. As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day next week.



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

#### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

We'd like to take this opportunity to say that at Temple Grove Academy, we take all types of bullying very seriously and we are always here to talk to you and support your children. We would ask that you always communicate your concerns to us, so that we can resolve the situation quickly and effectively. We have a many strategies in place to support the children which we can discuss with you and put in place, should your child be in need of support with any aspect of their friendships or bullying.

In other news this week, the whole school enjoyed World Book Day. We would like to thank you for the effort which went in the costumes. Particular thanks goes to the children who took part in the 'University Challenge' quiz as they showed a great deal of bravery and skill when answering questions in front of the whole school. Everyone should now have a World Book Day one pound voucher – please do contact your class teacher via Class Dojo, if you are awaiting yours. **Best wishes, The Senior Leadership Team** 

#### Safeguarding: **Stars of the Week:** 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 R - Aliza If you believe that a child is in Year 1 – Devon immediate danger call 999. Our school safeguarding leaders can be Year 2 – Henry contacted by emailing Year 3 – Riaz stillman@templegroveacademy.com Year 4 – Nicola or telephoning 07835946414 / Year 5 – Stefan 07943276854 Year 6 – Bella

## Reminders

#### Tues 07.03.23

Year 4 Forest School Please provide suitable clothing for your child.

#### Wed 08.03.23

Year 2 Forest School Please provide suitable clothing for your child.

'Grease!' trip Yrs. 3-6 Pupils will travel to Beechwood School. Refer to letter for details.

#### Fri 10.03.23:

09.05 – Celebration Assembly For selected parents / carers notified by text.

#### Year 1: Dahl

Dahl class has been making wonderful progress learning to measure with nonstandard units. They used counters to measure items around the class room. Dahl have also begun a journey into Geography. They are exploring their own environment, beginning with school. They went on a senses treasure hunt to discover the layout of Temple Grove Academy.









#### Year 2: Anthony & Browne

During World Book Day, Browne Class had the most amazing time. They participated in a range of exciting activities showcasing a 'love of reading'. Thank you so much to all families for supporting this fantastic event. Every child looked truly magnificent!







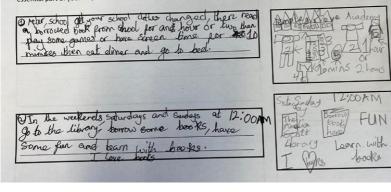
#### Year 3 Walliams:

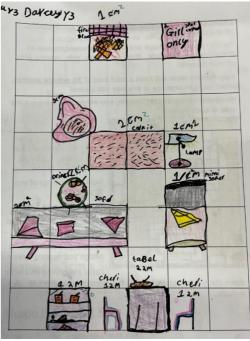
Walliams enjoyed a great World Book Day on Thursday. Thank you to parents and carers for creating such great costumes with your children. The wrote about how to make reading a life-long habit and created detailed floorplans of their "perfect reading haven" using their newly-acquired understanding of area measurements.



#### Your Guide to Making Reading a Lifelong Habit

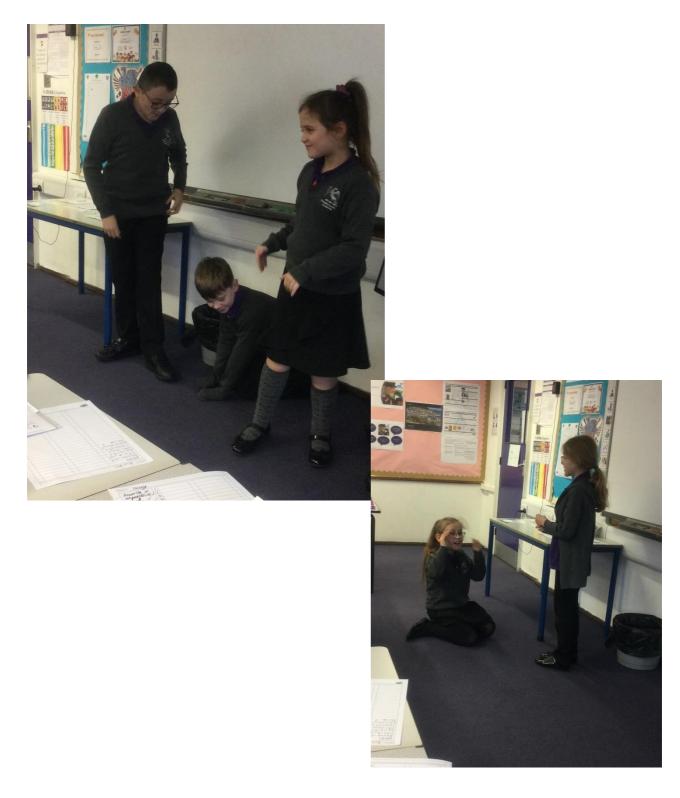
Reading enriches lives. It opens doors to new worlds, and creates new opportunities in our own. To make reading an essential part of your life, follow this simple guide





#### Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 enjoyed acting in the roles of Tom, Mowzer and the The Great Cat storm from their class text The Mousehole Cat during drama this week. They have some fantastic actors in Snicket Class!



#### Year 5 Blake:

In forest school this week, year 5 learnt a new skill called 'Nordic Braiding'. This involved tying pieces of weighted string around a tree trunk and swinging them to each other. The end result was a long piece of braided string, similar to a rope. The children then cut this down into smaller pieces and made friendship bracelets for each other. They all had a lovely time despite the cold weather!



#### Year 6 Shakespeare:

We are very proud of the Year 6 cohort this week as they have tackled their mock SATs very well. They kept calm and tried their best which is all anyone can ask for. Well done to all! In between test papers, we've had much fun with forest school, 'World Book Day,' and a little science investigation on adaption which involved eating jellybeans and liquorice! Year 6 also enjoyed 'Nordic Braiding' during their Forest School session.







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 tiltes with their friends. They are also treated to delicious refreshments, cosy cushions and bean-bags for the viewing.







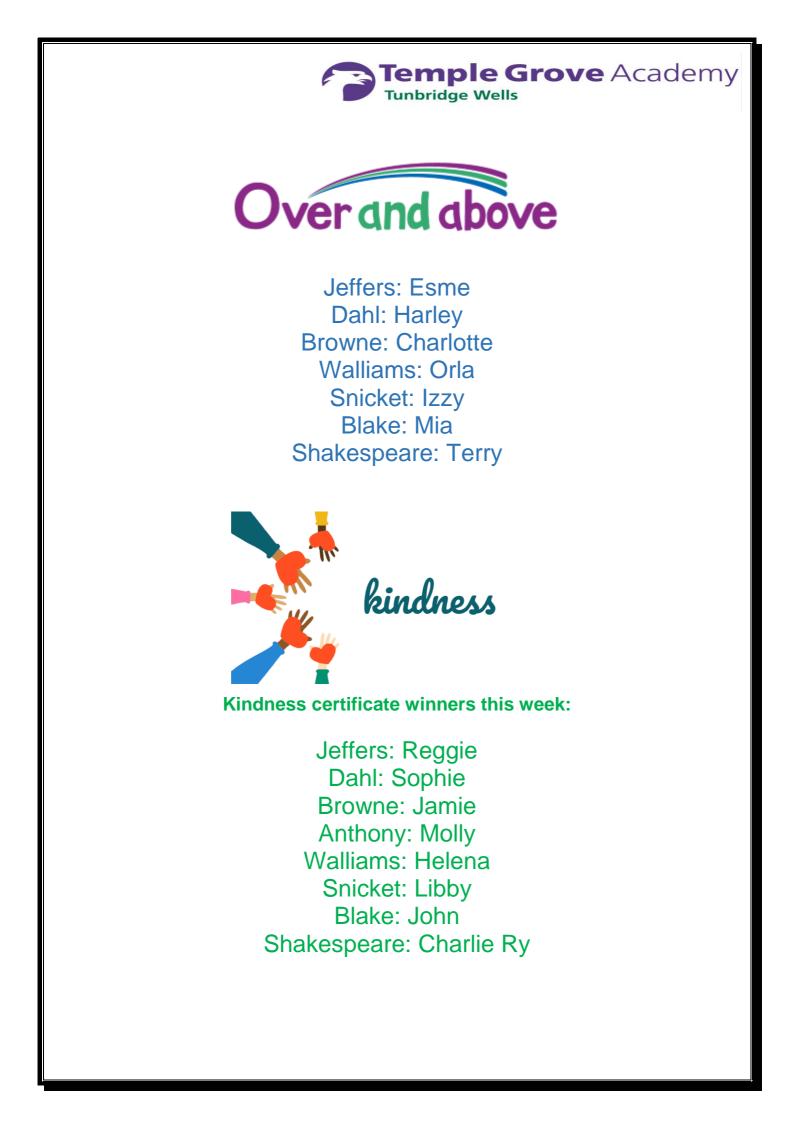
Thursday 30 March 2023 YEAR 1 TO 3 FROM 3.30PM- 5PM YEAR 4 TO 6 FROM 5.30PM - 7PM

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TICKETS FROM PFRG/ARBOR **£5 PER CHILD** INCLUDES: PIZZA, CAKE DRINKS & EASTER EGG

AND PARTY GAMES!



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



Reception Jeffers: Leena for being always saying please and thank you.

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

Year 2 Browne: Zosia for continuing to showcase immaculate behaviour to her peers and teachers.

Year 3 Walliams: Logan ensures that the lunch trolley is moved to the lunch hall every day.

Year 4 Snicket: Akshaya is always polite and respectful to all staff.

Year 5 Blake: Emily B for always having excellent manners and being polite and kind to everyone in the class..

Year 6 Shakespeare: Hanna for always speaking politely to the adults in school.





## Home Reading

Supporting *Reading* at Home



Take a look at the **"Turn on the Subtitles"** campaign. <u>https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/</u>



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.



Find out how to spend your World Book Day voucher here:

https://www.worldbookday.com/books/



On Friday 17th March at 3.30pm, we will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the school hall. The book fair will run every afternoon after school until Thursday 23rd March.

It will also run during Parents Evening on Wednesday 22nd March.

Books are available to purchase from just £2.99 and Scholastic reward the school by giving us a portion of the money raised to buy books!

The more books you buy for home, the more we will be able to buy for our school library and classrooms!

To celebrate World Book Day (2nd March) all pupils will also be given a £1 World Book Day Voucher which can be used at the Book Fair for books of £2.99 or more.



#### **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 <u>Primary school places - Kent County</u> <u>Council</u> 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 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	September 2023	January 2024
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2019	September 2023	April 2024 (Usually following the Easter Holidays)
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr 2019 – 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <u>advice</u> from the Department of Education to help you make a decision.