

NEWSLETTER

17th March 2023

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 88.6%.

Congratulations to Year 3 Walliams who are the attendance winners this week with 96.9%. 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.

Reminders

Tues 21.03.23

Year 3 Forest School

Please ensure your child attends in suitable clothing for the weather and has a change of clothes / shoes should the weather be very adverse.

Wed 22.03.23

Year 1 Forest School

Please ensure your child attends in suitable clothing for the weather and has a change of clothes / shoes should the weather be very adverse.

Parent Consultations from 15.30

By appointment with your class teacher. The Book Fair will be available to buy from whilst you wait.

Fri 17.03.23:

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

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents / carers of the procedure for reporting your child absent from school. Below is an information poster outlining the steps to take. Thank you for your continued support with attendance.

Although the end of term is approaching, we are still busy with exciting events and opportunities. Next week, you can visit the Book Fair after school and during Parent Consultations on Wednesday 22nd March. On the 30th March, we will receive a visit from a Team GB Athlete called Jessica Roper and on Friday 31st March, pupils will take part in an Easter Activity Morning to round off the term. Look out for more information over the remaining weeks.

Lastly, Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 22nd March. Please do book an appointment or speak to your class teacher to arrange a conversation, as sharing information about your child's progress is vital to their success.

Best wishes, The Senior Leadership Team

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

Stars of the Week:



R - Reggie
Year 1 – Haylen
Year 2 – Cara
Year 3 – Grace
Year 4 – Evie
Year 5 – Kaycee
Year 6 – Stefan

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Steps for absence reporting

1.

If your child is unwell, telephone the school on the first day of absence **and** on each and every day that they remain unwell.

2.

Provide a reason for the absence.

3.

Contact us before **9:00am** where possible.



**You may also email us to notify an absence using this email address:
absence@templegroveacademy.com**

When contacting us by email, we also require you to get in touch daily until your child returns to school.

Thank you for your support.

Early Years Foundation Stage

We've had a very busy week in Jeffers class. On Tuesday we held our Mother's Day Tea Party – it was lovely to see so many of you in attendance. We were so proud of the children's performance and their bravery in standing up individually and speaking about why they love each of you. I'm sure you'll agree they were a credit to us all!

In phonics we have been practising reading and spelling words with final consonant blends - *n-d* (as in sand), *n-t* (as in went), *n-k* (as in pink). We have also been practising reading and spelling tricky words. In maths we have been comparing numbers within 10, and exploring fewer than, less than and more than. As the weather has improved the children have had great fun exploring the outdoor area - they were particularly excited to receive a visit from a frog on Thursday and loved observing his antics!



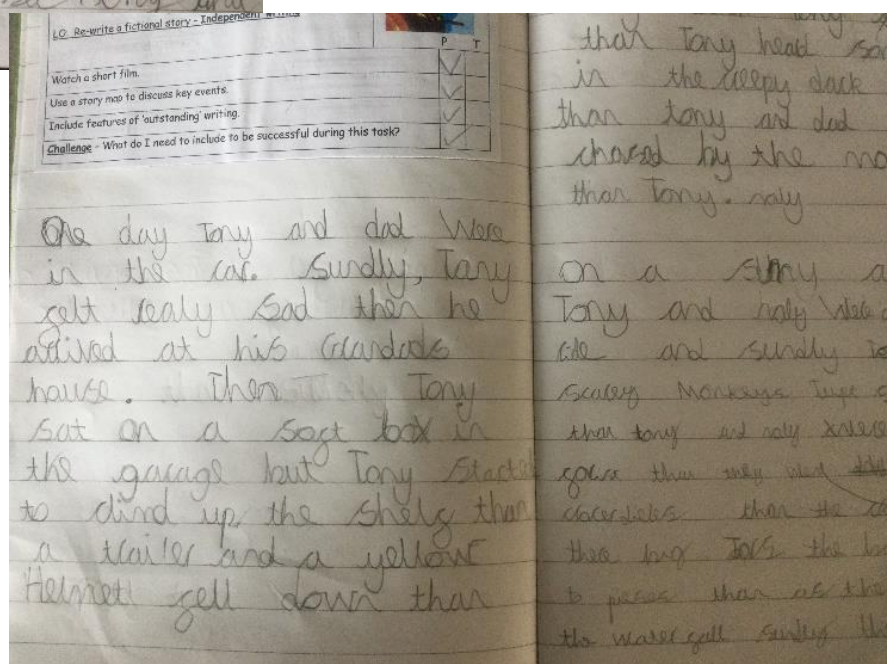
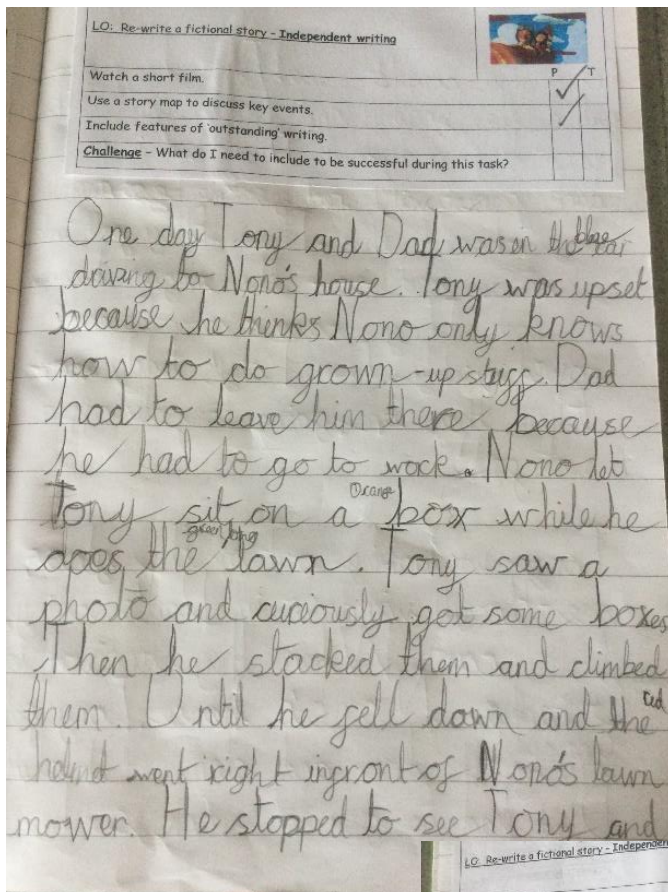
Year 1: Dahl

The children really enjoy reading and can't wait to choose a fun story book to take home every week. They are doing so well with a new type of group reading called Choral Reading where they read together in a group.



Year 2 Browne:

During Literacy week, we have been writing independently showcasing everything that we have learnt so far this term. We have been delighted to see children making so much progress. Well done everyone for showing so much determination.



Year 3: Walliams

Year 3 investigated measuring changes in the friction of surfaces. They found that they could create substantial differences in speed with small changes in friction.

The children's touch-typing skills are also developing nicely.



Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 are continuing to enjoy their Ukulele lessons and have now mastered three different chords!



Year 5 & 6 Blake and Shakespeare:

Year 5 and 6 have both worked incredibly hard at writing brilliant Mexican folktales in literacy; and have explored the complexities of colons and semicolons to mark clauses.

After all this work plus some complex maths, Year 6 let off steam with fun and active PE lessons. Tennis provided some giggles as they worked on hand-eye coordination.

Check back next week for photographs of Year 5 in action plus some photographs of the Enterprise Event which some Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in from Wed-Fri this week.



Whole school events

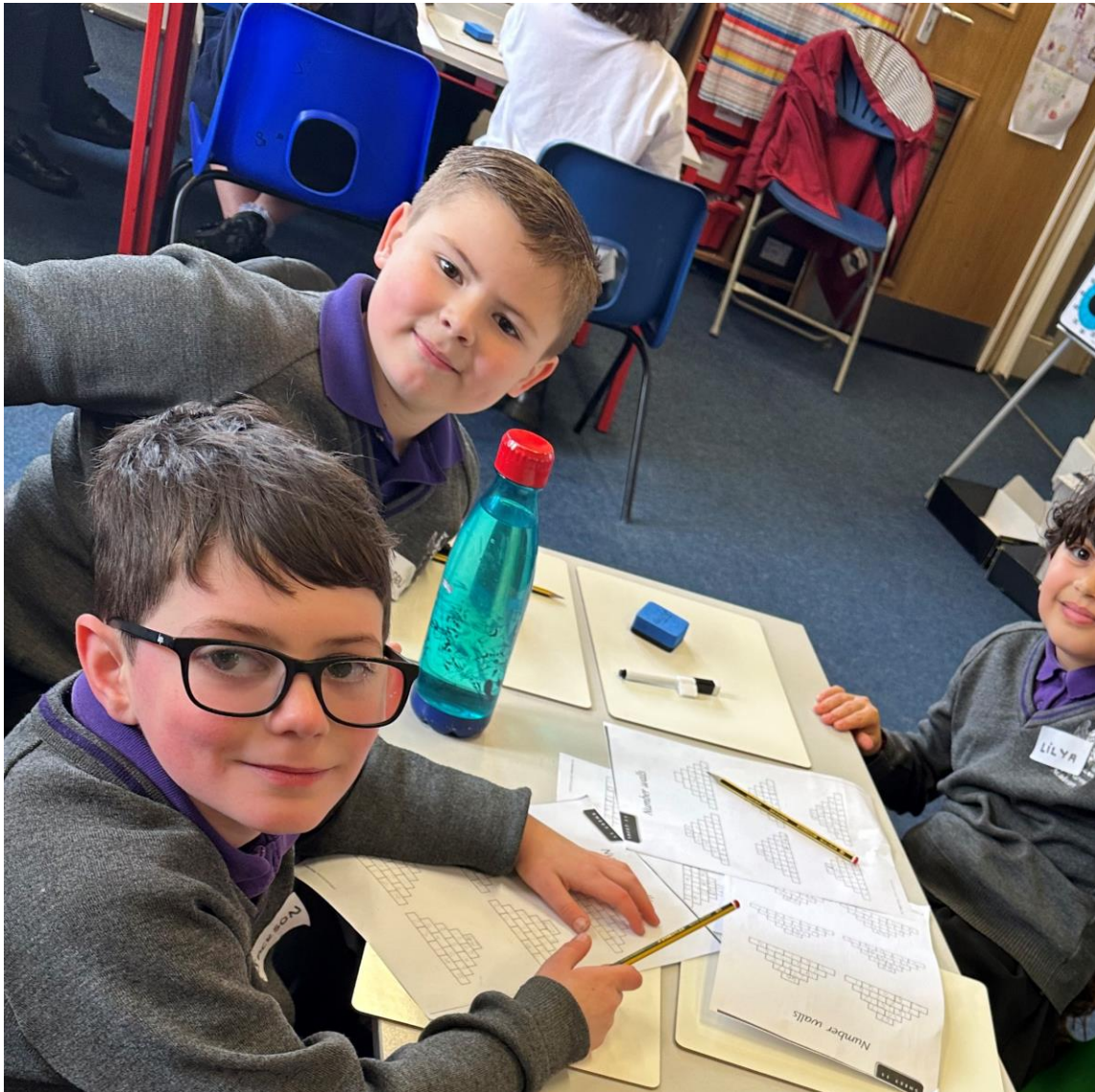
Hockey:

We are very proud of those children who took part in the Hockey Tournament this week. You represented the school superbly and showed a great deal of promising talent. Well Done!



‘Aim High!’ Maths day at St Barnabas:

Congratulations to the pupils who took part in some very challenging maths activities alongside other primary schools, this week. You showed your commitment to learning and how confident you are with maths skills. Fantastic work!





Over and above

Over and Above Club this Week:

Jeffers: Skye
Dahl: Alfie
Browne: Emily
Walliams: Glory & Orla
Snicket: Scarlett
Blake: Nathan
Shakespeare: Kiara



kindness

Kindness certificate winners this week:

Jeffers: Damon
Dahl: Paisley
Browne: Anabelle
Walliams: Henry
Snicket: Max
Blake: Mia
Shakespeare: Libby

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



Reception Jeffers: Savannah for being a considerate and helpful member of the class.

Year 1 Dahl: Maisie O'S for consistently showing good manners and being respectful.

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

Year 3 Walliams: Darcey has worked hard to keep our classroom tidy.

Year 4 Snicket: Albie is welcoming and cooperative to all visitors.

Year 5 Blake: Henry for being considerate and respectful at all times.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Arthur for always speaking politely to adults and peers and articulating any concerns with great maturity.



From 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.

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.



Become a volunteer Crossing Patrol!

Temple Grove Academy is currently exploring options to implement a school crossing patrol and safer crossing options outside of the school.

Whilst various options are explored, if you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a volunteer Crossing Patrol, use the link below to find out more and express an interest.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/school-crossing-patrols#tab-5>

Many thanks go to the parents and members of the wider school community who have been involved in getting this campaign up and running.



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.