

# NEWSLETTER

## 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 87.94%.

Congratulations to Year 6 Shakespeare who are the attendance winners this week with 94.5%. 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 28.03.23**

Reception Class  
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 29.03.23**

Year 2 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.*

**Thurs 30.03.23**

Team GB Athlete  
Visit

*Please send your child to school with PE kit, even if it is not their usual PE day.*

**End of Term Discos**

*Please see poster below / contact the Parent Fundraising Group for details.*

**Fri 31.03.23:**

09.05 – Celebration  
Assembly

*For selected parents / carers notified by text.*

1PM – School  
closes for Easter  
Holidays

### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

We'd like to take this opportunity to state the policy for pupils who have vomited either at school or home: so long as the sickness has stopped, the child may return to school after 24hrs (previously 48 hrs). Thank you for your continued support with attendance and please do not hesitate to contact the school office for clarification if needed.

Additionally, regarding after-school clubs, if a member of staff is absent / unavailable, we will endeavour to cover staffing for a club so that it can run. We will only cancel a club in exceptional circumstances as we appreciate clubs are an enjoyable part of the school curriculum for pupils as well as helpful for working parents.

This week, on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we will receive a visit from a Team GB Athlete called Jessica Roper and on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, pupils will take part in an Easter Activity Morning. **Term finishes on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm.** Please ensure prompt collection of your child.

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](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

### Stars of the Week:



R - Skye

Year 1 – Johnny-Lee

Year 2 – Annabelle & Bill

Year 3 – Tilly-Mae

Year 4 – Scarlett

Year 5 – Henry

Year 6 – Ollie



 **Temple Grove  
Academy**

# 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](mailto: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.**

### Reception: Jeffers

This week Reception revisited the traditional tale, *The Little Red Hen*. The children orally retold the story using the class story map and Makaton actions to help. They are continuing to produce their very own story maps. The children enjoyed making their very own bread rolls – they discussed the process of grain growing to wheat and wheat being milled to make flour. The children considered the texture of grain and flour and discussed the changing state of materials whilst adding the different ingredients required to make the dough and then finally baking the rolls.

In PE the children enjoyed played team games in their houses.

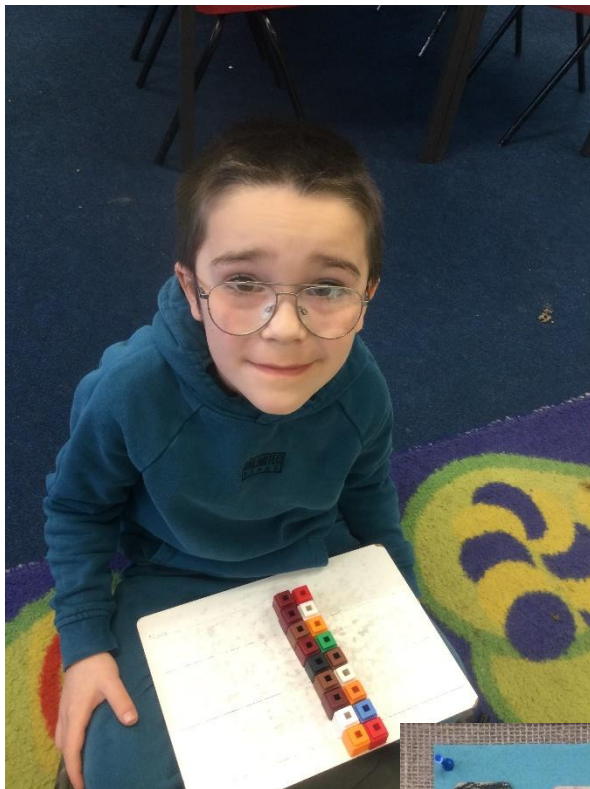
In phonics they have been practising reading and spelling words with adjacent consonants and final consonant blends and have learnt the digraphs (two letters that make one sound) **ch** (as in chop) and **sh** (as in ship). They have also been practising reading tricky words.

In maths they have been exploring the pairs of numbers that make 10.



### Year 1: Dahl

In Geography, Year 1 have been exploring the surrounding area in which the children live. The children drew their homes with great excitement to create a wall mural. Singing is also a huge part of the children's day. They sing to learn how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and are encouraged to count in these ways to solve problems.



**Year 2 Browne:**

During PE this, Year 2 have been learning a range of different skills including how to bowl accurately and how to strike a ball with a cricket bat. It was so lovely to see all children having so much fun. Well done everyone for showing so much determination.



### Year 3: Walliams

Walliams perfected a new tune this week. Their ukulele skills are developing well. Year 3's learning in ICT challenged their logic and created an understanding of flow diagrams.



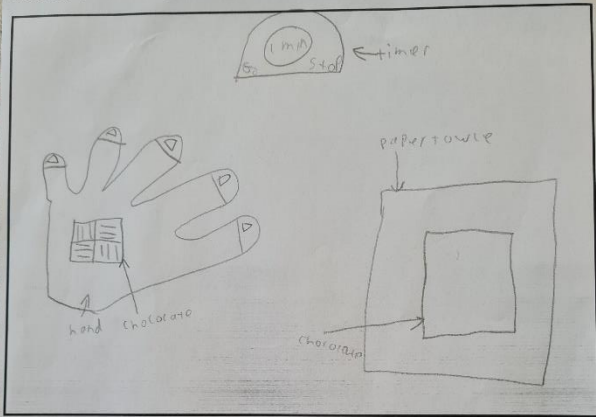
### Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 did a Science investigation this theyek, exploring how quickly chocolate melts. They had two pieces of chocolate, kept one in the palm of their hand and the other at room temperature. Then at 1 minute intervals they observed any changes and recorded their findings. It will be no surprise that the chocolate wasn't wasted!



Oliver My Science Investigation

Drawing of the Investigation



Results

After one minute I noticed that the chocolate in my hand is solid but starting to melt. The chocolate left at room temperature has not melted at all. After 5 minutes the chocolate in my hand had completely melted. The chocolate at room temperature had not yet melted.

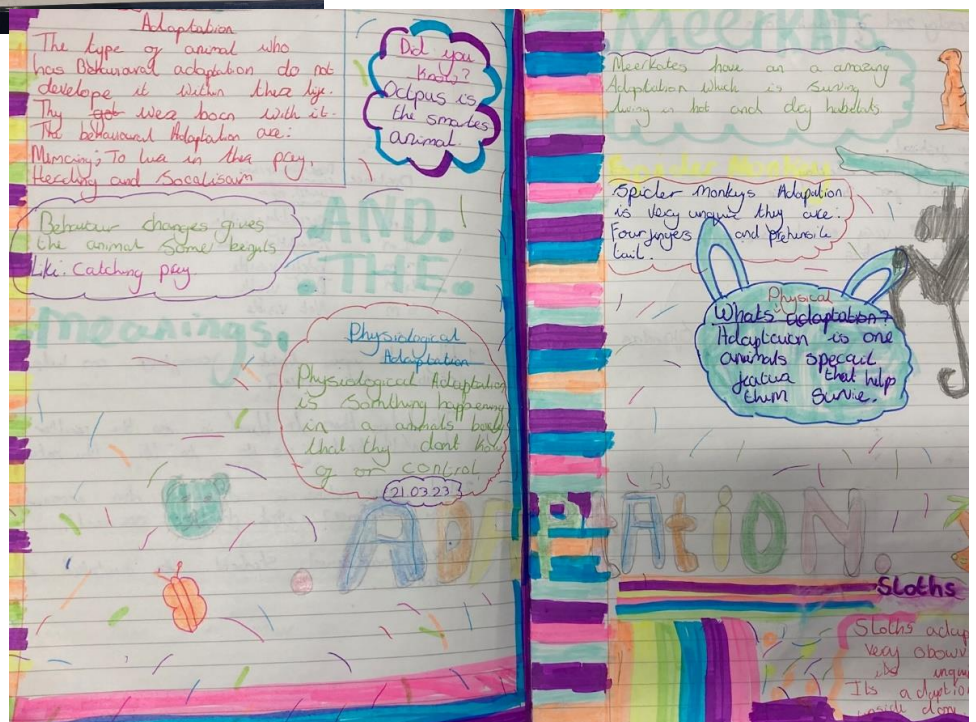
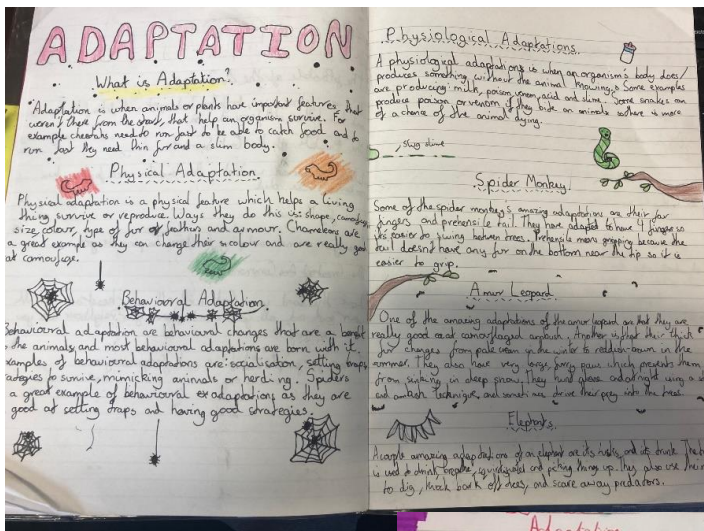
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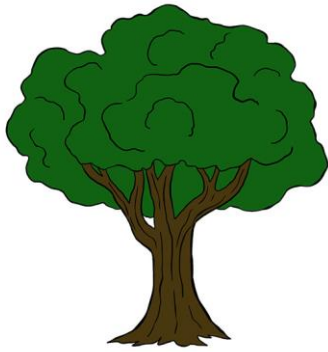
We changed the number of minutes the chocolate was in our hand because we had a fire drill. The chocolate melted more quickly for some people because body temperature is different for everyone.

## Year 5 & 6 Blake and Shakespeare:

Year 6 have made stunning double page spreads all about adaptation in the animal kingdom. They have also completed excellent Mexican folktales and have started to research the Mexican 'Day of the Dead' festival in topic, ready to create some information booklets next week. In Maths, they've got stuck into ratios and have been solving some pretty complex problems. Well done Year 6!

Year 5 deserve hearty praise and recognition for being so adaptable and resilient whilst Miss Barker has been away. We wish Miss Barker a speedy recovery and hope to showcase Year 5's continued excellence in the newsletter next week.





## Forest School

This week, Forest School focussed on working in pairs and the importance of communication to work well together. Mrs McLean was really impressed by everyone's communication skills, determination to finish their work and resilience shown in the inclement weather!



### **Year 3&4 Trip to the Seaside!**



Year 3&4 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Saltdean in Sussex, to experience the sights and sounds of the seaside. The trip closely linked to pupils' topic this term – all things water, ships, seafaring and coastlines of the UK. The weather was on their side and some fantastic memories were created. Thanks go to all staff and volunteers who helped the trip go ahead so superbly.







# Over and above

## Over and Above Club this Theyek:

Jeffers: Leena  
Dahl: Imogen-Rose  
Browne: Mckenzie  
Walliams: Alex  
Snicket: Oliver  
Shakespeare: Bella



*kindness*

## **Kindness certificate winners this theyek:**

Jeffers: Veronica  
Dahl: Bella  
Browne: Magnus  
Walliams: Grace  
Snicket: Keira  
Shakespeare: Fallon

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



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

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

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

**Year 3 Walliams: Logan has worked hard to keep his team's table tidy.**

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

**Year 6 Shakespeare: Keeley for always speaking politely to adults and peers.**

## 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.





End of Term  
**DISCO!**

**Thursday 30 March 2023**

YEAR 1 TO 3 FROM 3.30PM - 5PM

YEAR 4 TO 6 FROM 5.30PM - 7PM

**TICKETS FROM PFRG/ARBOR**

**£5 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES: PIZZA, CAKE  
DRINKS & EASTER EGG**

**AND PARTY GAMES!**

## **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.

<b>DOB</b>	<b>May start school full or part time from</b>	<b>Must start school full time no later than</b>
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 [advice](#) from the Department of Education to help you make a decision.