

NEWSLETTER

31st March 2023

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 89.85%.

Congratulations to Year 6 Shakespeare who are the attendance winners this week with 96.3%. As this is below 98%, no class will have an own clothes day (first week back).



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

Reminders

Mon 17.04.23

School re-opens for Summer 1 term

Please send any remaining sponsorship money due for the Jessica Roper visit, to the office as soon as possible at the start of the new term – many thanks.

Fri 21.04.23:

09.05 – Celebration Assembly

For selected parents / carers notified by text.

FOREST SCHOOL

If your child is due to take part in Forest School during the first week of term, you will be notified by Class Dojo or email, as soon as possible at the start of that week.

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

We have enjoyed a number of whole-school events this week, including a Student 'Bake Off' and a visit from a Team GB Athlete.

Student Bake Off winners are announced below and thanks go to all involved for the effort which went into the entries.

We announced Stars of the Week and other certificate winners in class today, as the whole school was treated to a morning of Easter-themed activities to round off the term, starting with an Easter assembly during the normal Celebration Assembly slot. Congratulations to everyone who earned a certificate this week.

All that remains is to wish you a happy and restful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 17th April.

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 - Leena

Year 1 – Leyton

Year 2 – Anwar

Year 3 – Leela

Year 4 – Grace

Year 5 – Danielle

Year 6 – Keely

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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.

Reception: Jeffers

Jeffers have had a fun-filled week.

In phonics they have been practising reading and spelling words with adjacent consonants and final consonant blends and have learnt the digraph (two letters that make one sound) **th** (as in then and thick). They have also been practising reading tricky words. In addition to continuing to explore the pairs of numbers that make 10, our main focus in maths this week has been 3D shapes. The children went on a 3D shape hunt and had great fun rolling 3D shapes down a ramp – exploring which shapes roll and which don't and discussing reasons why, focussing on each shape's properties.



Year 1: Dahl

Despite cold and rainy weather, Dahl class had a wonderful time at the park. The children were looking to see if they could spot their friend, the Lonely Beast from their class story. Leyton was convinced he saw him! Year 1 were able to identify many geographical features that have been studied during Geography and the children ascribed outstanding adjectives to their descriptions.

A tasty picnic was enjoyed on imaginary grass (our classroom carpet) and then the children sketched what had been identified during the visit. We think this picture captures the wonder of the day beautifully.



Year 2 Browne:

During the last day of term, Year 2 participated in a range of exciting and creative activities on Easter Activity Morning. They had the most amazing time whilst learning about the Easter story.



Year 3: Walliams



Year 3 really enjoyed their Fitness Day activities. They showed great resilience and determination! We are also very proud of Year 3's wonderful positivity and behaviour on the school trip to Saltdean last Friday. A wonderful day of discovery, creativity and teamwork was had by all.



Year 4 Snicket:

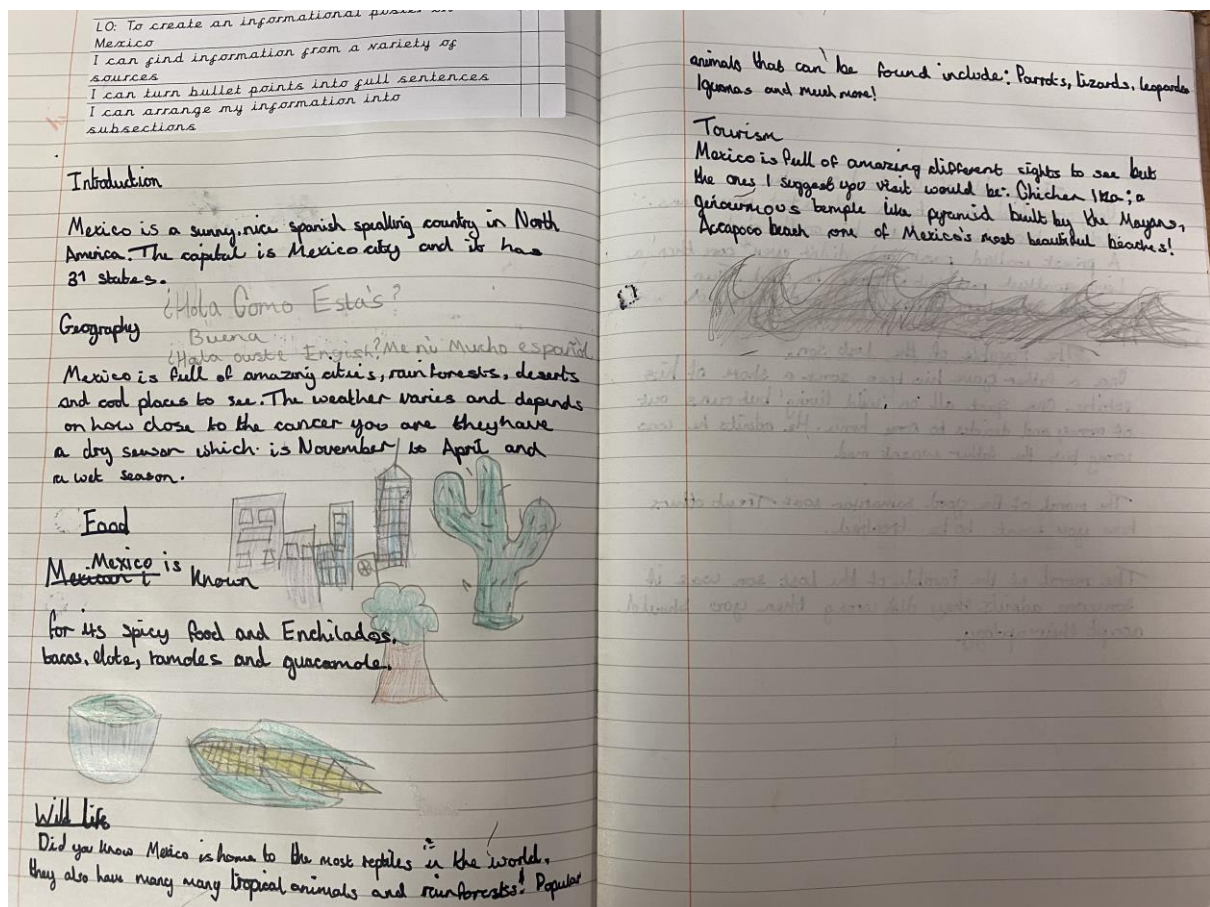
In DT this week, Year 4 have enjoyed planning, building and testing boats made of tin foil. Most of the boats were able to hold 50 marbles!



Year 5 & 6: Blake and Shakespeare

Year 5&6 have had an incredibly busy, but fun last week of term. They concluded their Mexico topic by creating some lovely, detailed posters on everything they've learnt. Below is a fantastic example from Year 5.

They also thoroughly enjoyed the Easter activity morning which included making cards and biscuits!



Whole school events

Jessica Roper visit



On Thursday afternoon, all year groups received a visit from Olympian Jess Roper. The children enthusiastically took part in circuit training – practising squats, star jumps, mountain climbers, star jumps and step ups.



Whole school events

Student 'Bake-Off'

A number of magnificent entries were received to the Student Bake-Off. We are incredibly proud to have so many budding Paul Hollywood's amongst us. Thanks go to everyone who contributed an entry as well as Ms Mayatt for organising.

The winners are:



Year 2 **Zosia** (Dark chocolate speckly cupcakes)

Year 3 **Grace** (Smartie cookies)

Year 4 **Akshaya** (Yellow cupcakes)

Year 5 **Emily** (Chocolate button cupcakes)

Year 6 **Alia** (TGA Malteser cake)

Family Prize: **Chris** and **Arya** Thompson and **John Lind** (Fudge and Chocolate cake)



Whole School Events

Easter Activity morning

The whole school enjoyed learning about the Christian festival of Easter, discovering why and how it is celebrated. They listened to The Easter Story, made Easter cards and decorated biscuits in an Easter theme (which were speedily devoured). We were treated to all of the activities courtesy of two local organisations who support Religious, Social and Moral studies in schools throughout Tunbridge Wells, so a massive thanks goes to the volunteers who delivered the day for us, particularly Bertie, who received a custard pie in the face during our second assembly (just for fun, of course!).





Over and above

Over and Above Club this Theyek:

Jeffers: Maddison
Dahl: Johnny-Lee
Browne: Jamie
Walliams: Glory
Snicket: Maisey W
Blake: John
Shakespeare: Hana



kindness

Kindness certificate winners this theyek:

Jeffers: Esme
Dahl: Harleigh W
Browne: Magnus
Walliams: Zara
Snicket: James B
Blake: Kaycee
Shakespeare: Kristina

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



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

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

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

Year 3 Walliams: Scarlett has proven to be a great team-player.

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

Year 5 Blake: Hanna for always being polite and considerate to others.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Molly 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.



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.