

NEWSLETTER

14th May 2023

Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 92.5%.
Congratulations to Year 6 Shakespeare 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.



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

Reminders

Tues 16.05.23
David Walliams trip to the Assembly Hall (Selected Year Groups)
Please refer to letter for details and ensure permission slips are returned to class teacher.

Thurs 18.05.23
Yellow House trip to Dunorlan Park For pupils in Yellow House only. *Please refer to letter for details and ensure permission slips are returned to class teacher.*

Fri 19.05.23:
09.05 – Celebration Assembly
For selected parents / carers notified by text.

FOREST SCHOOL
Parents / carers of participating classes will be notified via Class Dojo. Please ensure your child attends in suitable clothing for the weather and has a change of clothes / shoes should the weather be very adverse.

29.05.23
Bank Holiday / Start of Half Term

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

We'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge well-done to Year 6, who sat the Key Stage 2 Tests this week. As you may have seen in the national press, the reading paper was widely thought to have been particularly challenging. Our pupils didn't let anything phase them and we will be proud of all pupils regardless of their results. Thanks also to Mrs Dickens and the teaching team involved, and to parents / carers for supporting children through the week. Year 6 have lots to look forward to as we progress to the end of the year.

On 'house-keeping matters', there have been some confirmed cases of head-lice throughout the school. Head-lice are common in young children and many schools experience cases throughout the year. A separate email will be issued with full guidance about what to do if your child has head-lice. In the meantime, please be vigilant and treat head-lice as soon as you become aware of the problem.

Lastly, there have been some breakages of glass water bottles in school. Please ensure your child attends school with a plastic / non-breakable water bottle wherever possible.

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 - Bailey
Year 1 – Devan
Year 2 – Charlotte
Year 3 – Alex
Year 4 – Scarlett
Year 5 – Isabella
Year 6 – Keeley

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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.

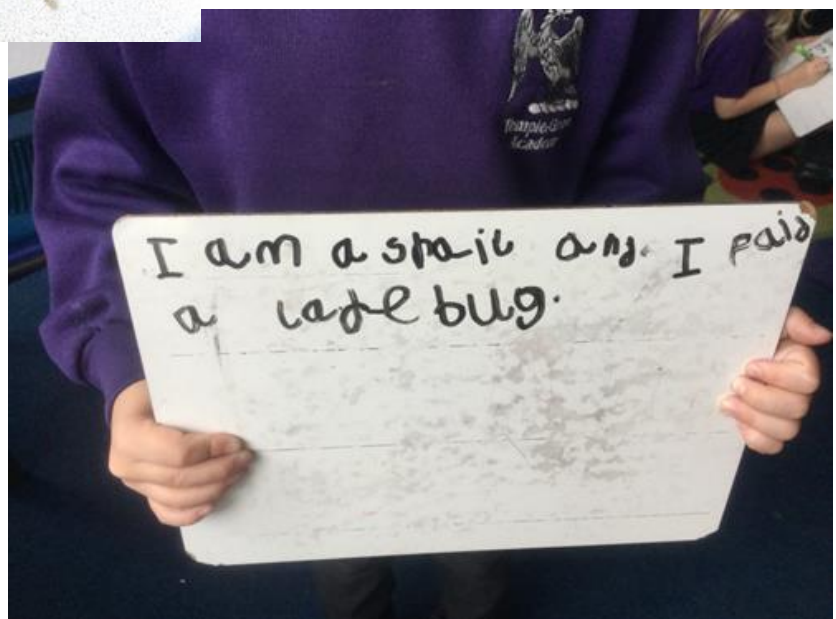
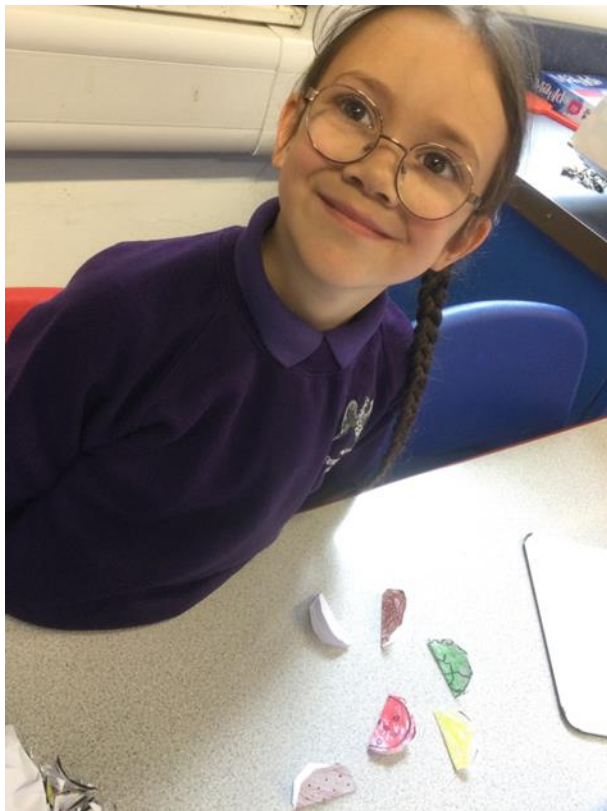
Reception: Jeffers

The children have especially enjoyed learning outdoors this week with the arrival of warmer, drier weather. On Tuesday they had lots of fun making wands, getting muddy, climbing trees and swinging on the tyre swing and hammock during Forest School. The children have been excited to observe their growing sunflowers and have updated their sunflower diaries to note their observations – shoots are now visible! We have discussed the difference between living and non-living things, the children learnt that living things breathe, move (on their own), grow, eat/drink and reproduce. We also thought about the importance of looking after our environment and talked about having respect and taking care of living things and the consequences of not looking after them. We shared the beautifully illustrated story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and have started to produce our very own story maps which we will use to support writing our own versions next week. In maths we are continuing to practice counting to at least 20 and numeral recognition to 20 and have also explored spatial reasoning. In phonics we learnt two new digraphs this week ai (as in pain) and ay (as in day) and have revisited tricky words that have been taught to date.



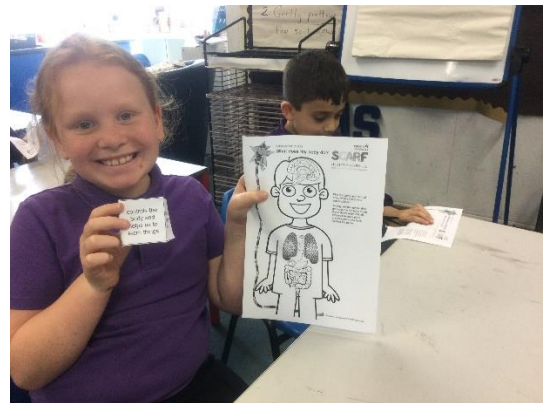
Year 1: Dahl

Dahl class is learning to write sentences using a joining word. They sound out lots of words and link them to our special class book, *The Bee who Spoke*. During Maths the children built the layers of a hamburger and then halved each item to establish the concept of halving. Such fun. Well done, wonderful Dahl class.



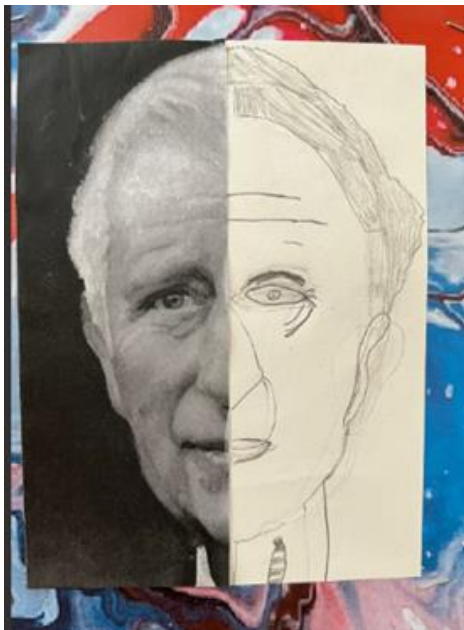
Year 2 Browne:

This week, Browne made cross circular links between PCSHE and Science when we completed a task called... What does my body do? Children had lots of fun creating their own game and then were able to learn about the function of different body parts. Well done Browne Class!



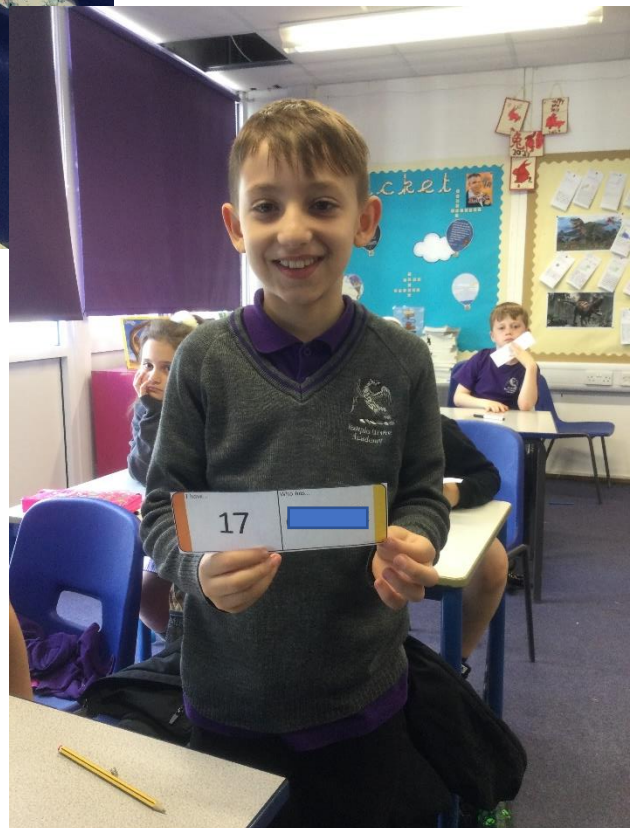
Year 3: Walliams

Year 3 practiced their putting and slicing skills in PE. The slices proved challenging, but their putting accuracy has improved with their form. They also created some wonderful art to celebrate the King's coronation. They drew some portraits of Charles III, and painted pieces inspired by his environmentalism.



Year 4 Snicket:

Year 4 have been practising saying numbers 1-20 in French. They are getting speedier and have wonderful French accents! Tres bien!



Year 5 Blake:

In IT this term, Year 5 are designing 3D games. The children have already considered what makes a game successful and have brainstormed ideas for the theme of their game. This week, they focussed on creating the game environment. This involved uploading images or using drawing tools to design the floor, walls and roof to fit in with their chosen theme. We look forward to trying out the games when they are finished!



Year 6 Shakespeare:

During the Key Stage 2 Tests, Year 6 did get some opportunity to rest, recharge and let off steam in various ways. Here is a snap which captures some of the downtime – the class enjoyed indoor badminton, puzzles and board games whilst they were in-between tests.



Year 2 Reading Event

Temple Grove has been lucky enough to receive funding to purchase three books for each pupil in Years 2, 3 and 4 this year. Funding comes from The National Literacy Trust. Pupils choose their books during themed book events and Year 2 enjoyed their second book event on Friday. The theme was 'Coronation Cream Tea' and pupils enjoyed making doilies and eating tea cakes before learning how to choose a book and reading their book of choice.



Over and above

Over and Above Club this Theyek:

Jeffers: Skye
Dahl: Paisley
Browne: Henry
Walliams: Jackson P
Snicket: Sasha
Blake: Millie



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Kindness certificate winners this theyek:

Jeffers: Maddison
Dahl: Carter S
Browne: Chris
Walliams: Grace
Snicket: Maizey S
Blake: John
Shakespeare: Paige

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



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

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

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

Year 3 Walliams: Leela has been ready to learn at all times.

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

Year 5 Blake: Samuel is respectful to all.

Year 6 Shakespeare: Riya 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.

