

# NEWSLETTER

## 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Attendance:

Overall school attendance this week is 90.6%.

Congratulations to Year 3 Walliams who are the attendance winners this week with 94.3%. As this is below 98%, sadly there will be no 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 23.05.23**

Year 4 – Forest School

*Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing for the weather and brings a change of clothes should the weather be particularly adverse.*

**Wed 24.05.23**

Year 3 – Forest School

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**Fri 26.05.23**

09.05 – Celebration Assembly

*For selected parents invited by text.*

3.15 – End of term

### Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents / Carers

Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to see David Walliams in person at the Assembly Halls, as part of the Tunbridge Wells Literary Festival. David was performing extracts from his new Children's book, Robodog. Ella produced a fantastic Robodog sculpture and you can see a photo of the star himself on the Year 3 page.

Also in this week's newsletter is a link to an Online Safety session for parents. It's free to take part in and if you complete the course, there are prizes to be won for your child and their class. This is part of our ongoing initiative to raise awareness of how to keep children safe online.

Please note that this week is the last week of this half term – the last day is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and school will close at the usual time of 3.15pm. School will reopen for the final Summer half term on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday.

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 – Olivia

Year 2 – Magnus

Year 3 – Timi

Year 4 – Zoe

Year 5 – Nathan

Year 6 – Selina

### Early Years Foundation Stage

This week in Jeffers class the children were excited to receive a very special delivery – our very own caterpillars. We recapped our learning on lifecycles, the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly – the children are very excited to watch the transformation of our class caterpillars. They have started to create their own record of the butterfly lifecycle.

We have continued to observe the changes to sunflowers – they have now all sprouted. The children have used the story maps they produced last week of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to support writing their own versions. We are really impressed with the children's application of their phonic knowledge to their writing.

In maths the children have enjoyed recreating tangram puzzles by rotating shapes and arranging them on to make animal pictures. They have also revisited the composition of 10 – pairs of numbers that make 10 and have practised counting on and addition.

In phonics the children have learnt two new digraphs this week, the split digraph e-e (as in Steve) and the digraph ea/(as in read); and three new tricky words – can't, does, love.





Year 1: Dahl

Dahl class has had a sparkly week of Scientific learning. They created bees and added glitter to flowers to show how pollination takes place. The children buzzed from flower to flower spreading pollen around.



**Year 2: Anthony & Browne**

During Literacy this week, we have had lots of fun identifying physical and personal character traits of Captain Purplebeard from our class text, 'The Pirate Cruncher'. Next week, we will use this information to help write a detailed character description.

Well done Browne Class!





### Year 3: Walliams

Year 3 had the pleasure of listening to author David Walliams discuss his love of reading and writing this week when he made a special appearance in Tunbridge Wells.



Here Year 3 prepares to play on the mini-golf courses they designed in PE. Their planning and cooperation skills are matched only by their sense of fun.



Year 4: Snicket

Year 4 enjoyed developing the characters in their Dinosaur short stories this week during drama. They used our atmospheric forest as the setting to help bring their ideas to life.





Year 5: Blake

Year 5 had a fantastic time in forest school this week. They enjoyed a range of activities including mud fighting, tree climbing and pond dipping. They were lucky to find all sorts of pond life, including fish and newts. The weather was beautiful too!



### Year 6: Shakespeare

What a week! As well as forest school, Mr Dixon - our PE coach - surprised us all with bubble football. He felt post-SATs fun was needed and it was absolutely joyous (and hilarious) to watch the children having so much fun attempting to play football wearing these huge inflatables. We've also been completing beautiful posters in science lessons on the theory of evolution; inheritance; adaptation; and variation. In maths, we've been looking at measurement and have enjoyed some practical lessons. In English, we have been writing newspaper reports. In PSHCE, we have been looking at our goals and dreams and considering the path we'll take to achieve them. A very busy week indeed!







# Over and above

## Over and Above Club this week:

Jeffers: Mackenzie

Dahl: Dolcie-Blu

Browne: Henry

Walliams: Cheryl

Snicket: Isla

Blake: Chester

Shakespeare: Hana



*kindness*

## **Kindness certificate winners this week:**

Jeffers: Leena

Dahl: Alfie

Browne: Alex

Walliams: Orla

Snicket: Grace

Blake: Hanna

Shakespeare: Alia

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



**Reception Jeffers: Veronica 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: Jasmine for continuing to showcase good behaviour to her peers and teachers.**

**Year 3 Walliams: Beau keeps her work area organised and ensures her table partners do, as well.**

**Year 4 Snicket: James is polite and respectful to all staff.**

**Year 5 Blake: Mia 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.



## Dunorlan Park trip!

Congratulations to Yellow House – Amber, for collecting enough Dojo points to win a trip to Dunorlan Park this week. The sun shone brightly for the children to enjoy the serene surroundings and some games in the park! Well done to all members of Amber House.





## **FREE - Online Safety Session – Last few days!**

Go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/259103644301907040>

We are delighted to provide all parents/ carers a recorded online safety session. This is available until **Monday 22nd May 2023.**

Length of session: 1 hour



If you complete the session, your child/children will receive the following:

- ✓ 5 house points
- ✓ The class with the most parental sign-on's (attendance) will win an own clothes day
- ✓ If the winning class achieves a parental attendance of over 70% they will win a movie and popcorn afternoon!

## **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.







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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](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.**