



Templewood Times



Summer Term 1 Newsletter

25th May 2018

Absences

The amended the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 no longer allows Headteachers to grant discretionary leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday during term. The legislation makes it clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. These may include: music/dance exams, medical appointments, weddings, bereavements, special performance licences. Please note that you may be requested to provide additional supporting information for your request. Each request is considered on its own merit.

Earth Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed planting plugs in the Outdoor Learning Environment with The Boeing Company on Friday 27th April. As a school we will look after these plugs until the Boeing Company are ready to collect them and plant elsewhere. They have made a lovely addition to our Outdoor Environment.

Eggstravaganza

Huge congratulations to the children who with combined efforts succeeded in raising £757.00. The money raised will be divided equally amongst the classes to spend on wet play resources or class books.



SATs

These last two week have seen the children in Year 2 and 6 sit their SAT tests. Their determination to show how hard they have worked towards them is admirable. We are so very proud of you! Boys and Girls...We also know though that these will only show a small part of who you are and what you are good at – it is really important to remember this – you are what makes Templewood a very special place to be.

Library

A special mention to all the librarians who work tirelessly to organise and sort our school libraries: their implementation of the Reading Challenge and other exciting themes has shown over 50% increase in borrowing of books compared to last year. We have decided to extend the Reading Challenge to 28th June to allow pupils to achieve their next certificates. Please note the Library is open on Thursdays so please encourage your child to bring their borrowed book in for changing.

New Kits!

A Big thank you to the TSA for their fundraising which has enabled the school to purchase new kits for Football, netball and athletics kits for the children. I'm sure you will agree that they look very smart!



Sex, Education & Relationships (SRE) Workshops

Thank you to all those who attended the SRE workshops this week – I hope it was reassuring for everyone to see the new resources and objectives that will be covered in each year group.

For those unable to attend, a copy of the PowerPoint, Curriculum Overview and Draft SRE Policy will be uploaded onto the school's website. If you would like to view the resources please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time. Please could we kindly ask that if you have any comments to add to the SRE policy to email them to admin@templewood.herts.sch.uk. Thank you.

Fortnite

There has been a lot of information in the news about the online game 'Fortnite'. This game has a 12+ PEGI rating due to the frequent scenes of violence. In this game up to 100 players play against each other and during this time where they may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers, either through audio or on-screen text chat. Fortnite is a global game where you will play against players of all ages from all over the world.

[saferinternet.org](https://www.saferinternet.org) have produced a list of tips for parents when talking at about a child's online life to include the importance of having an open conversation about what games they are playing and who they are chatting to. Follow this link for more information <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale>

Should you have concerns or queries about E-Safety please do not hesitate to contact the school. Our designated lead for E-Safety is Mrs Spragg.

Outdoor Learning Environment:

Forest School - Nursery have been learning through the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We used the outdoor areas to hunt for beans and count them.

Year 2 have been looking for different habitats including the minibeast hotel.



Ice lollies

Bring your pennies on Friday 20th July to help an ex-pupil, India Thomas, to raise money for her World Challenge Trip. Mrs Marshall will sell lollies to nursery pupils at 12pm.

Ice pop = 50p Lolly = £1

News from the classrooms...

Nursery

This term Hawthorn class have been very busy learning about Traditional Tales. We started with Goldilocks and the Three Bears where we explored ordering objects from biggest to smallest. The children also enjoyed pretending to make porridge in the Mud Kitchen and Malleable Area. We then moved on to The Little Red Hen where we enjoyed retelling the story using actions like Pie Corbett. The children also enjoyed making their own delicious bread rolls.



Reception

Willow Class have been learning about Traditional Tales this half-term. To consolidate their learning they have used their growing phonic awareness to segment and blend words and sentences when writing their own stories. They have also used the mediums of role play, dance, music and art and design to recreate the stories. The children enjoyed preparing for and participating in their very own ball. They wrote invitations to the ball and enjoyed learning how to do three steps - forwards, to the side and together - in time to the composer, Tchaikovsky's 'The Sleeping Beauty'. Willow Class have been learning how ICT can be used to record and film and how ICT technology is used all around us in everyday things. Finally, the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in their very own 'street party' to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.



Year 1

Elder class have been thoroughly enjoying their topic *Who would live in a place like this?* We had a very successful trip to the Old Palace at Hatfield House this week, where we met Queen Elizabeth I and her advisors. We sang her a song and had the chance to ask her some questions. We also visited the park ahead of designing our own parks in Design and Technology and looked round the farm to find animals that live in our local area. We would like to say a huge "thank you!" to all the adults that kindly volunteered to come on the trip.

Year 2

This half term we have had great fun finding out about habitats in Science. We have been on learning walks to explore all the different habitats Templewood's outdoor learning environment has to offer, and have used the information we discovered to write some fantastic descriptive leaflets. We were also lucky enough to have a local bee keeper come and talk to us about bees and how important they are to our environment.



We are keeping our fingers crossed that the good weather holds until the Friday when we will be making the most of our outdoor learning environment again to create natural sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.

Year 3

This half term Elm have been busy learning about life under the sea in Topic and are looking forward to creating underwater scenes in Art next half term. We have also been looking at light and shadow in science, where we went on a learning walk to observe shadows in the environment. In English we have enjoyed learning about and writing our own adventure stories, and have been using the outdoor environment as a stimulus to help us to write Haikus; an ancient Japanese style of poetry based around nature.

Year 4

In our Science lessons, Maple Class has been learning about states of matter. To explore how solids, liquids and gases change state, Year 4 have completed several investigations which we have thoroughly enjoyed. We also wrote our first scientific report about the affect temperature has on drying wet clothes.

This week we have been using our knowledge of evaporation and condensation to learn about the water cycle; the children love singing the 'water cycle song' and are in the process of building a diorama of the water cycle using recycled materials. Watch this space for some exciting photos of our finished work!

Year 5

This half term we have been very busy in our P.E. lessons, learning the game of Handball. On Friday the 11th of May we attended an Under 11 Handball competition at Monks Walk School. We entered three teams and there were a total of twelve teams. It was an exciting day with lots of fantastic matches! One of our teams made it all the way to the final, beating many schools along the way. Unfortunately we just lost out on the Gold here but it was a superb game nonetheless.

Next half term we will be heading to the Gosling to compete in the 'Gold Coast Games' so I'm sure we will have a chance to challenge for victory once again!

Year 6

Congratulations to Oak class who have completed their SATS. They have worked incredibly hard this year and I am very proud of them all. The children have a lot of excitement coming in the next half term, where they are off to High Adventure on the 18th June. In addition to this, they will be working hard on their school play (Olivia); they will be performing this at the end of term. In P.E. the children have been enjoying rounders and athletics and they are looking forward to sports week where I am sure they will be very competitive competing for the house cup.

Royal Wedding

As most of you will be aware the royal wedding took place this weekend. Art club created a beautiful card to congratulate Prince Harry and Meghan on their marriage. All pupils of the school signed the card (first names only and not in class order). It was then sent to them last week. If we receive a reply I will share that with you.

Julie Stedham



Summer Term 1 Awards

Gold Book

Hawthorn

Zachary, Ewan, Tomas, Chloe, Abigail,
Freya, Kaito, Savannah,
Howard and Noah.

Willow

Connor, Max, Evie, Sianna,
Ava, Fletcher, Lisa, Zara,
Amelia, Jack, Karthik and Rachel.

Elder

Sammie, Emily, Nila, Adam,
Lily, Daniel, Ethan, Elliot,
Molly, Callum, Adam
and Stella.

Birch

Amy, Anugraha, George,
Holly Cl, Rhys, Santino,
Daisy, Ava, Eleanor, Holly Co,
Isla and Dilun.

Elm

Libby B, Louie, Isaac, Esmé,
Richa, Nima, Hannah,
Lani, Louie, Alicia, Callum,
Barney and Freya.

Maple

Dominique, Ilayna, Charlotte,
Ryan, Ollie, Oliver P,
Anabel, Saffron, Alessandro, Eddie,
Yuen and Ilayna.

Larch

Harry S, Anna Ste, Matthew,
Erin, Jack W, Anna Sta,
Oliver, Isabelle, Hannah,
Eleanor, Temi,
Jake and Jack F.

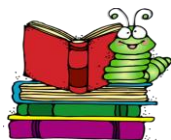
Oak

Tom J, Harvey D, Aidan R, Chiara,
Emma, Harvey, Charlie, Scarlett,
Aidan D, Aidan R,
Scarlett and Rithvik.

Lunchtime

Matthew L, Year 3, Ethan S, Isaac B,
Ethan S, Isaac B, Luka N
Sophie JS, Lani KF
and Chiara A

Reading Challenge



Reading Challenge Prize

Winners

George DS

Vertigo Experience

Isaac C

Family Fun Swim
Hertfordshire University

Dilun B and Amy P

360 Family Pass

Super Star

Charlotte P

Gold Award

Charlotte P

Alex A

George DS

Freddie O

Samika M

Lenny W

Silver Award

Samika M

Freddie O

Eddie V

Libby B

Hannah U

Lenny D

Lola H

Bobby D

Eleanor M

Melanie O

Bronze Award

Isaac C

Lorna P

Alessandro C

Barney S

Noah D

Joel G

Ilayna S

Henry S

Jo A

Avin W

Esmé KJ

Super Brain Award



Ethan S

Tom J

Sianna S

Soraia DMC

Year 6

Joel L

Smile Award



Freddie O

Senuli W

Feyi O

Lucas JT

Anthony T

Zara H

Ellie T

Dates for Summer Term 2 at Templewood

Week beginning 4th June 2018

Monday	Year 2 Pirate Day Year 6 Swimming Nursery Intake meeting 1.30pm – Parents and children Year 6 Parents High Adventure meeting 3.15pm
Tuesday	Reception Intake meeting 1.30pm – Parents and children
Wednesday	Photographer – class photos
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 11th June 2018

Monday	Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Year 5 Maya Workshop
Thursday	Year 6 visit Crucial Crew at University of Hertfordshire
Friday	

Week beginning 18th June 2018

Monday	Year 4 Swimming Reception Class Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm High Adventure – Year 6 out all week
Tuesday	Reception class visit Van Hage Garden Centre Ware
Wednesday	Reception, Year 1 + Year 2 Tennis Coaching
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	TSA Summer Party

Week beginning 25th June 2018 – Healthy Schools Week

Monday	Year 6 Swimming NSPCC assemblies
Tuesday	KS1 + KS2 Sports Day 9.30am – 11.am
Wednesday	EYFS Sports Day 9.30am – 10.30am
Thursday	KS1 + KS2 sports day reserve date
Friday	EYFS sports day reserve date

Week beginning 2nd July 2018 – Creative Week

Monday	Year 6 Swimming NSPCC workshops Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	Year 1 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm
Wednesday	Year 2 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm
Thursday	Year 5 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm Reception Intake group 1 visit and lunch
Friday	Year 6 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm Pupil Annual Reports to parents

Week beginning 9th July 2018

Monday	Year 6 Swimming
Tuesday	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm
Wednesday	Year 4 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm Parent Consultation Reports
Thursday	Y6 - Secondary Transfer Day Meet the Teacher Reception Intake group 2 visit and lunch
Friday	Y5 Gold Coast Games Year 3 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – 3.05pm

Week beginning 16th July 2018

Monday	Year 6 Swimming Nursery Intake visit – time tbc
Tuesday	KS2 production – evening performance times tbc
Wednesday	KS2 production – evening performance times tbc
Thursday	Y6 leavers trip to Legoland
Friday	Leavers Assembly time tbc Term ends 2pm Lollipop Sale

Mrs C Hollingsworth
Interim Headteacher

