



Templewood Times



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

26th October 2018

Accessing School Office

Please can we ensure that access to the school office is only through the infant gate and not through the car park. It can be very busy just before and after school and we want to ensure the safety of our pupils and parents / carers.

Cash to Office

Just a reminder, cash to the school office can be given to your child's teacher at registration and put in the class box. Thank you.

A warm welcome back to Templewood

Dear Parents and Carers

It's hard to believe we've reached half term already. I've so enjoyed getting to know the children and staff over the last couple of months, and it's been lovely to meet some of you as well – please feel free to pop in and say hello when I'm here (Tuesday and Thursday regularly, and other times as I can). Your children are a delight, and the standard of behaviour and love of learning is impressive. I've worked in many schools over the years and I know these things don't come without hard work from parents, children and staff alike.

And I've been particularly impressed with the commitment of the staff at Templewood – you can rest assured that your children are in very safe hands.

Once we're back from half term it's countdown to Christmas and I trust the children will continue to find school stimulating, challenging and fun.

With best wishes

Amanda Abley

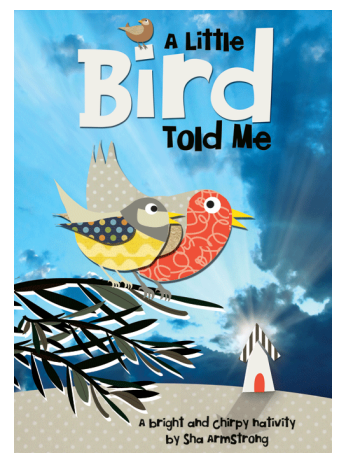
Productions

Following on from our successful end of term performances and seeing the joy and dedication the pupils put into drama, we have decided to provide all year groups with an opportunity over the year to be involved in a show.

Nursery and Reception will perform a Christmas themed assembly to their parents on Thursday 13th December.

Years 1 and 2 will do a nativity production called A Little Bird Told Me. This will be performed on Tuesday 11th December at 2pm and Wednesday 12th December at 6pm.

At the end of the Easter term, Years 3 and 4 will perform a show of their choosing. Years 5 and 6 will have an end of year performance in July.



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Class Teacher Vacancy

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Georgina Berry will be joining our teaching team in January. Mrs Berry will be working 3 days a week and sharing the Year 4 class with Mrs Pettigrew. We are very grateful for all the hard work Mrs Pettigrew has put in to supporting the class and I am sure you will be pleased to know she will be continuing to ensure consistency.

Library Book Sponsorship

Thank you to our librarians who manned the Book Sponsorship Stall during Parent Consultations. In total, 84 books were sponsored raising an amazing £382. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored a book so far. If you would like to sponsor a book we will be setting up an online option to allow year round sponsorships.

Please keep an eye out for more information about the Reading Challenge which will be starting after half term. It was a huge success last year and we are excited about continuing it this term.



SMART School Council

We are very excited to be launching SMART School Council this year. Pupils that are part of the School Council club have become our Communication Team. They have the important role of informing pupils, staff, governors, parents and visitors about our school focuses and action groups.

Action groups can be set up by anyone in the school. They may be linked to the Class Meeting questions which will happen every Wednesday in class assemblies or they could be a group pupils wish to start separately. Pupils must complete the action group form, ask a member of staff to support their group and then the Communication Team will track their progress.

Our School Council display board will keep you updated and we hope to have a link on the school website soon.



Gaming

It has been highlighted previously that pupils should not be playing games such as Fortnite and Roblox due to age restrictions and their content. However, many pupils are still accessing these games and it is having an impact on their learning. Please can we ask that you ensure your children are safe online.

Forest School

Rachel Marshall completed her Forest School training last year and can now lead on Forest School sessions across the school. She worked very hard last year to achieve this and we would like to congratulate her on this qualification. Over the year, each class will have the opportunity to access Forest School; timetables will follow.

In the last half term Reception Class have had the opportunity to experience Forest School. On a Thursday afternoon we have, amongst many other things, made mud faces on trees adding detail with natural objects. This tied in with our class topic "All About Me." Zachary has mixed mud, leaves and water to make a mud pie, he added hair made of leaves and a smile made of twigs. He put his mud face on our very own Friendship Tree as he said, "It's our special tree."



All the activities during Forest School are designed to be open ended and it has worked best with Hawthorn Class that they have lots of opportunity to learn through play whilst having outdoor fun, in a natural environment. In these photographs, Sophie and Noah are learning to tie an anchor knot, which will then keep a shelter erected. This is a physical process which involves following a sequence with an element of trial and error involved too. To help remember the knot we tell a short story about Sammy the Snake and his adventures. Sammy the Snake is the rope and his journey around the tree and giving his friend a hug has really helped me to remember the knots correctly too.



Over the coming weeks the falling leaves will keep us entertained and the children will begin observing the seasonal changes that take place in our very own Forest School.

Class News

Nursery

The Nursery team have been very impressed with how well Oak class have all settled and started to adjust to the new routines and expectations of Nursery life. This half term we have been finding out about 'Ourselves'. The children have been involved in many learning opportunities; they especially enjoyed designing and making a variety of healthy fruit smoothies which they all enjoyed tasting.

Reception

This half term we have been settling in to the new Reception environment. The children have been following a theme of "Ourselves" and have been learning about feelings and labelling body parts. We have also been making some amazing *All about me* books; drawing and labelling things that are significant to us.

Year 1

We had a great time at the dinosaur workshop and it was very informative. The children learnt about different types of dinosaurs and also had the opportunity to uncover a fossil in the sand.

Year 2

We really enjoyed our Geography and R.E. trip into Welwyn Garden City where we had the chance to visit St. Francis Church. When we got back we made a fantastic class map of the places we visited and wrote up a recount of our trip.

Year 3

Year 3 have been working extremely hard writing their own newspaper articles in English. They have been studying the different visual, writing and grammar features for the past few weeks and have produced some amazing creative writing on the arrest of the Big Bad Wolf, after he attempted to blow down the third little pigs house.

They have also really enjoyed their Topic lessons this half-term where they have been studying the Celts. They have designed and painted Celtic shields, modelled Celtic Torcs out of clay, re-enacted the story of Boudicca's rebellion through drama, and have created group posters presenting interesting facts on the different jobs and life skills of Celts to the class.

Year 4

We have all worked very hard and done so much amazing learning. The Tag Rugby festival was an excellent opportunity to work with children from other schools and try a sport some of us had not played before. We had fun making musical instruments and carrying out investigations in Science. Our topic learning about the Anglo Saxons was very informative and we are looking forward to the workshop next month to find out more.

Year 5

After researching and learning about planets in Science, we have been creating individual planet booklets for English. The children have certainly worked hard to ensure that they have written, edited and re-written their fantastic pieces for English.

Year 6

This half term, we have been studying The Victorians as our topic. In particular we have been focusing on what life was like in Victorian times for children; comparing those who had an affluent background and those who were poor. Next half term we are having a workshop to simulate what life would be like at school for Victorian children.

Alongside our P.E. lessons where we have been doing rugby, we have also been learning the Haka. This is a traditional Maori dance which is performed at the beginning of most New Zealand international rugby matches.

Outdoor Learning Environment:

The Outdoor Learning Environment is looking much brighter, tidier and loved thanks to the gardening club with the help of Mrs Bishop and Mrs Wood. During this half term they have planted some bulbs, which are growing nicely in the greenhouse and spread some seeds in the Wildflower garden. They have also created a new home for some wiggly friends in the wormery, which is located near the bug hotel. Most recently, they have planted an array of shrubs and herbs in tyres for each class to look after and tend to. We look forward to seeing more growth in the greenhouse and to see how the other plants develop next year.

We would like to say a big thank you to G&D Autos in Welwyn for their generous donation of tyres for our class flowerbeds and also to Wickes for providing us with free compost to fill the beds.

Gold Book

Oak

Bobbie, Alex, Molly, Lucia, Thomas, Briar,
Joshua, Jack Bu, Caitlin, Jack Bi,
Lydia and Theo.

Hawthorn

Walter, Ewan, Sebastian, Emily, Arthur,
Roman, Tomas, Freya, Savannah, Oliwia,
Darcy, Harry,
Max J and Edward.

Willow

Zara, Joel, Sienna, Max, Rachel, Blake,
Sianna, Kenzie, Hollie, Nico, Fletcher, Ava,
Lillie and Connor.

Elder

Emily, Stella, Frederick, Sammie, Elliot,
Callum, Enzo, Jasmine, Catherine, Ethan, Lily
H,
Lily F and Molly.

Birch

Sophie, Tatum, Miah, Isaac, Ava, Anugraha,
Santino, Amy P, Serena, Sebastian, Dilun,
Rhys,
Mark and Grace.

Elm

Libby, Hannah, Isaac, Esme, Jo, Avin, Louie,
Charlie, Oliver, Rio, Katie, Henry,
Callum and Alfie S.

Maple

Emma, Eddie, Ollie, Charlotte, George C,
Lola, Joel, Annabel, Saffron, Daisy, Ilayna,
Lenny,

Larch

Eleanor, Rose, Harry, Jack, Millie, Temi,
Oliver, Riley, Anna Sta, Flo, Erin, Glenn,
Lola and Izzy.

Super Brain Award



Presented to
Lola G, Lorna, Joe, Tuvi,
Esme and Sonny.

Smile Award



Presented to
Dilun, Krishay, Harry L,
Stella, Sebastian K,
Chloe G and Emily.

TSA contacts

Melissa Hudson – Vice Chair

Tracy Wright - Secretary

Jennifer Doel – Treasurer

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TSA News

Summer Coin Challenge

Thankyou to everyone who joined in the summer coin challenge. Well done to the Blue Jays who were the clear winners. We are yet to confirm the final amount raised, we will update you soon!

TSA Coffee Morning

Thankyou to everyone who attended the coffee morning at the start of term. It was great to catch up, and meet new parents. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their help for future events, and to those who contributed lots of great ideas. We will arrange another coffee morning soon.

Next TSA Meeting

The next TSA meeting will be on 13th November at 7.15pm in the school dining hall. Everyone is welcome. We will be providing a short update following on from our AGM meeting in the summer. We also plan to discuss priorities for the spending of funds this academic year.

TSA Jolly Xmas Fete

The TSA Xmas fete will be held on Sat 1st Dec 2pm-5pm. There will be a grotto, bar, stalls, mince pies, cakes and hot drinks, games, tombola, a real Christmas tree raffle, and Xmas hamper raffles for each year group. Thank you to everyone who is currently helping to organise this event. Please come along and join us for a fun filled family afternoon. You can buy tickets online or by completing the forms which will be sent round in book bags. This year adults go FREE!

We are still looking for parents or grandparents who would like to run their own gift stall. We have one talented grandparent who is making and selling his own wooden toys! A % of the profits will be donated to the TSA.

We do still need more volunteers to help on the day, please email us if you are able to spare half an hour.

The May Ball

The May ball is being held on Saturday 11th May at The View, Panshanger. We are pleased to say we have had a great amount of interest already! Please do note that until tickets or tables are paid for, we are unable to hold places or the free wine. Please book and pay for your table by 21st December to get your 3 free bottle of wine per table. If you require any further details please contact Louise Casey or Melissa Hudson. If you think you may be able to help with raffle or auction prizes, please get in touch.

The TSA Lottery

The TSA Lottery is an easy way of raising funds for the school with a chance for you to win 40% of the takings each month. You can purchase one or more numbers in the monthly draw at a cost of £1 per number. Application forms can be found on our website in the TSA area.

The Pumpkin Carving Competition

Well done to everyone who carved a pumpkin.

They all looked amazing! Our winners were:

1st – Jaiden (Year 5)

2nd – Glenn (Year 6)

3rd – Jack P (Nursery)



Finally, we would like to say a huge Thankyou to Dee for being a wonderful Treasurer. Jennifer Doel has volunteered to take over this position.

Thank you to everyone for all your continued support of the. Have a lovely half term!

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| The next half-term at Templewood | | |
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| Week beginning 5th November 2018 | | |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | Year 2 Shepreth Trip Burwell Meeting 3.30pm | |
| Friday | | |
| Week beginning 12th November 2018 | | |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | 9.30am Parent Tour | |
| Wednesday | TSA Meeting 7.15pm | |
| Thursday | Year 6 Victorian Day | |
| Friday | | |
| Week beginning 19th November 2018 | | |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | Year R Sharing Assembly 2.45pm – please note date change | |
| Wednesday | Year 1 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm- please note date change | Year 5 Burwell Trip |
| Thursday | Y4 Anglo Saxon Day | Year 5 Burwell Trip |
| Friday | Year 2 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm | Year 5 Burwell Trip |
| Week beginning 26th November 2018 | | |
| Monday | Year 3 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm | |
| Tuesday | Year 4 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm | |
| Wednesday | Year 5 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm | |
| Thursday | Year 6 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm | |
| Friday | Year 3 Roman Day | YR-Y5 Flu Vaccines |
| Saturday | TSA Christmas Fete | |
| Week beginning 3rd December 2018 | | |
| Monday | Decorations day | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | Primary Admissions 19/20 Tour 9.30am | |
| Friday | | |
| Week beginning 10th December 2018 | | |
| Monday | Dress rehearsal Years 1 and 2 Nativity – pupils only | |
| Tuesday | 2pm Production – Years 1 & 2 | |
| Wednesday | 6pm Production – Years 1 & 2 | |
| Thursday | EYFS Assembly 9.30am – Nursery and Reception | |
| Friday | | |
| Week beginning 17th December 2018 | | |
| Monday | Snow Queen pantomime in school – afternoon performance | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day | |
| Thursday | | |
| Friday | School finishes at 2pm | |

For a full list of dates, please see the interactive calendar on our website which is updated on a regular basis.

Templewood School Term Dates 2018/2019

Autumn Term

Wednesday 5th September 2018 – Friday 21st December 2018

Autumn Half Term

Monday 29th October 2018 – Friday 2nd November 2018

Spring Term

Tuesday 8th January 2019 – Friday 5th April 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February 2019 - Friday 22nd February 2019

Summer Term

Thursday 25th April 2019 – Wednesday 24th July 2019

Bank holiday – Monday 6th May 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May 2019 – Friday 31st May 2019

Occasional Day

Monday 24th June 2019

INSET Days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Monday 7th January 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Wednesday 24th April 2019