



Templewood Times



Autumn Term Newsletter 6

6th December 2017

KS2: Christmas at the Movies!

Please ensure all KS2 children are back at school for 5.30pm on Wednesday in time for Christmas at the Movies to start at 6.00pm.

If you are not attending the concert please collect your child at 6.45pm from the main entrance.

Forest School: Christmas Stay and Play!

Last Wednesday morning Nursery hosted a very special Forest School session where the parents were able to come along, join us and help their child make some Christmas decorations. The temperature was extremely cold and a number of children were suffering from coughs and colds; however we braved on!

Throughout the morning, we all made Forest Crowns decorated in twigs and leaves, a stick and ribbon miniature Christmas tree and filled bags of special food for Santa's reindeers! The parents and children were also able to spend some time in the woods exploring using binoculars and magnifying glasses. We were also able to experiment with a collection of festive ribbons and attach them to our giant weaving loom; this creative activity is great for developing gross motor skills. All the parents and children then warmed up with a very active game of "1,2,3 Come Back To Me!" which is a Forest School version of Hide and Seek. The children showed the parents some of the best hiding places in the woods and also how well they respond to the call to return back to our very special meeting place once asked to do so. We ended our special time together in our fire circle and sang a few funny songs and even managed to teach our adults a game called "Ring on a Rope". The children have mastered this game which encourages them to work together to win; they have to learn to wait their turn and also to be as quiet as possible whilst having fun!

There are lots of learning opportunities in our Forest School activities and I think our Nursery parents thoroughly enjoyed their session; be it a cold one! We all loved them joining us and appreciate them giving up their time to spend the morning playing, exploring and learning.

The rest of the school are looking forward to joining Mrs Marshall for their very own Forest School sessions, once we are a fully accredited forest school.
Rachel Marshall EYP

A Thank you to Mr Perry

The staff and pupils would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Perry. On the 10th November, Reception class were lucky to have a visit from Mr Perry, in which he told them all about his experience as an editor and spent time in their very own newspaper office looking at articles of interest. We would also like to thank Mr Perry for delivering an informative and enjoyable assembly for the older year groups. We always like to it when parents/ carers/ grandparents come in to share about their careers, as this gives the children a chance to see the vast range of opportunities that are available for future career paths.

SMART School Council

From January, I will be running a SMART School Council. More information about what a smart school council is can be found on our website. But firstly....What is a SMART School Council?

The Smart School Council model involves all students in the school, and helps them to develop key skills around oracy, confidence and leadership. It supports students to become active, democratic citizens. The Smart School Council model helps us to:

- Involve ALL of your students in developing skills
- Teach and use our British Values/SMSC & Prevent learning
- Track involvement and impact
- Become more democratic than a traditional school council.

It has three clear elements:

- Class meetings: Short, regular, structured and student-led meetings in every class across the school.
- Action teams: Any student can set up an action team based on an idea or issue that they have.
- Communication team: Brings the whole model together, facilitates wide involvement and tracks it.

The children will be informed about the new School Council in an assembly and will be informed of how they can apply for a position on one of the teams.

Art Club - Christmas Tree Festival

The annual Christmas Tree Festival takes place at St Francis Church in WGC this coming weekend, Saturday 12pm – 6pm and Sunday 12pm – 5pm.

Art Club are once again entering a tree so if you do go along please vote for our tree! It's a lovely event with 50 trees on display from a variety of groups.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated on Children in Need. We raised £224.50. Well done us!

Week beginning 24th November 2017

Gold Book

Hawthorn: Savannah and Kaito
 Willow: Sianna and Hollie
 Elder: Nathan Barnaby
 Birch: Rhys and Isaac
 Elm: Louie and Isabella
 Maple: Joel and Eddie
 Larch: Hannah and Anna
 Oak: Ronnie and Yusuf

Smile Award



Presented to
Rachel D-S
 for
 a fantastic newspaper
 report on her recent visit to
 Brighton

Super Brain Award



Presented to
Edgar K
 for
 a super knowledge of
 Space, especially his
 knowledge of

Week beginning 30th November 2017

Gold Book

Willow: Amelia and Joel
 Elder: Anthony and Jasmine
 Birch: Harry and Jet
 Elm: Charlie and Katie
 Maple: Louis M and Sara
 Larch: Jack F and Joe
 Oak: Ellie and Tom

Smile Award



Presented to
Libby B
 for
 taking such care
 over her
 Roman shield painting

Super Brain Award



Presented to
Isabelle F
 for
 fantastic work with adding
 and subtractions and
 finding fractions of
 amounts

The next three weeks at Templewood

Week beginning 4th December 2017

Monday	
Tuesday	2pm KS2 Production – Christmas at the Cinema
Wednesday	6pm KS2 Production – Christmas at the Cinema (children to be at school at 5.30pm)
Thursday	1.30pm Reception +KS1 Production – Lights, Camel, Action!
Friday	TSA Wreath Event

Week beginning 11th December 2017

Monday	Y5 Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	9.30am Nursery Production – The Christmas Alphabet
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 18th December 2017

Monday	
Tuesday	End of term 2pm

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

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Yours sincerely

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