



Templewood Times

Spring Term 2 Newsletter

29th March 2018

No photography in school:

Please can I remind all parents/ carers that no photography/ videos can be taken on school premises unless permission has been given for the particular event. We ask that phones are not used whilst on the school premises and this includes not taking photos when you visit the school- such as stay and play sessions, open evening and during sharing assemblies. Staff will inform you of when photography is allowed.

Earth Day – April 27th

You may recall in 2015, Templewood participated in Earth day by planting tree saplings donated by CDGNOW.



CDGNOW: Earth Restoration service will be returning to Templewood on the 27th April to restore our nature meadow (where the saplings were planted in 2015), remove winter brambles and prepare our outdoor learning area for summer by planting wild flowers with the children.

We ask that on this day all children bring wellies, if possible, so that they can participate fully in the planting of flower plugs.

Pencil cases: After Easter

From Easter we kindly ask that KS2 pupils do not bring in pencil cases. As a school we have decided that we will provide pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, glue etc; to avoid pencil cases causing a distraction during lessons and in order to provide recommended equipment to all pupils. We are keen to provide each pupil with a recommended hand writing pen and will be encouraging higher expectations of handwriting over the next term. If your child currently uses a specific pen to aid their writing please contact your child's teacher to discuss this further. Please note there will no longer be a school shop as they children/ parents are no longer required to purchase the resources.

Parent surgeries and sharing assemblies

We have had a change to when some of our assemblies will happen after Easter. **Parent surgeries will now take place on Tuesday mornings at 9am.** There will still be 2 slots available; one at 9am and one at 9.10am. We will trial this new time slot for the summer term.

Sharing assemblies will no longer be whole school assemblies. Each class will still have their own assembly that parents will be invited to at the end of each term. They will start at 2.45pm and will be on the following dates:

Year group	Date
Year R	Monday 18 th June
Year 1	Tuesday 3 rd July
Year 2	Wednesday 4 th July
Year 3	Friday 13 th July
Year 4	Wednesday 11 th July
Year 5	Thursday 5 th July
Year 6	Friday 6 th July

Office Procedures

Mrs Brennan and Ms Halsey would like to thank you for supporting the new procedures for sending correspondence and late items into the office and using the School Gateway for payments and consent etc. Their next target is to further reduce the amount of cash and eliminate cheques so trips to the bank can be less frequent. Using the School Gateway for payments and consent will greatly reduce the workload of the school office. The system produces electronic consent lists for the teachers, finance statements for the accountant, any many other useful reports. At present, 51% of parents are using the system (31% of these parents are using the app which allows us to send text messages free of charge). It would be most beneficial and time saving to the office if as many parents as possible use the system. Please take a look using the link on our website page and download the app! Thank you.

Outdoor Learning Environment:

Year R have enjoyed collecting frogspawn from the pond and taking it to their classroom to include in their Investigation Area.

Year 1 have been creating ideas for improving the sensory garden. They will be continuing this into the summer term.

Year 4 have been looking at the frogs from the pond which had them all very intrigued.

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Nursery

This term Hawthorn class have been very busy learning about different types of Transport. We have designed our own vehicles out of Junk, Painted our favourite type of Transport and used our problem solving skills to sort different types of transport.

Reception

This term our topics were Transport and Growing. The children enjoyed spending time in the role play travel agents booking holidays and looking at brochures. They all took an active part in making vehicles from junk modelling which were displayed for all to see in the classroom.

The second half term saw the children learning about growing which was demonstrated so well in our class assembly. The children took an active part in telling the story, singing songs and displaying their lovely art work. We also looked closely at life cycles which included growing beans in transparent containers and observing the metamorphosis of frogs.

Year 1

This term, we have had a fantastic time learning all about plants. We started off with a very memorable performance of Jack and the Beanstalk and have finished the term by writing our own non-fiction books about plants.

“Leaves make food from sunlight.” – Anutra

“The flower attracts flies and insects to spread its pollen and grow new plants.” – Ethan

We have also written acrostic poems about Spring and grown our own beanstalks!

*Singing birds in the sky,
Perfect flowers in the bushes,
Rabbits hopping wild and free,
In the grass its time babies are born,
Nice sweet smell of flowers,
Green grass and lambs grazing.*

- Molly

In Maths, we have made huge progress with our understanding of Maths stories and word problems, this was greatly helped by some fantastic homework where Year 1 wrote their own Maths stories.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great half term learning all about China, making some fantastic Chinese crafts and learning to write Chinese inspired traditional tales.

We really enjoyed all the events of book week, and were proud to have won the vote for the best door decoration. We celebrated our win by having a film afternoon with popcorn on Tuesday.



Year 3

This half term year three have been studying volcanoes in topic and linking this to our learning across the curriculum. We have been learning to write persuasively and have written letters to the Governors trying to persuade them to allow a trip to a volcano. We have also enjoyed writing poems about chocolate.

After half term we found out that we had a place in this year's dance festival and worked really hard in our PE lessons to learn the dance. On Monday 19th March we went to Campus West and performed to our parents. I would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour whilst we were at the Campus and also for their fantastic performance; you were all brilliant and should be really proud of what you achieved in such a short time.

Year 4 - The Vicious Vikings

This term, Year 4 have enjoyed their learning on the Vicious Vikings. In English, we linked our topic learning to the book 'How to Train Your Dragon' which we used as inspiration to write instructions some of which included: 'How to Brush Your Dragon's Teeth' and 'How to Put Your Dragon to Sleep'. We also wrote diary entries from the perspective of Vikings or Monks after the raid at Lindisfarne. In Art, we made 3D longships using recycled materials as well as dragon eyes out of clay (which the children thoroughly enjoyed). Overall, it has been an exciting topic and the children have immersed themselves in their learning from the beginning to the end.

Year 5 - School trip to the British Museum- 20th March

This term, Year 5 have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. To consolidate our learning we went on a school trip to the British Museum to look at some Ancient Greek artefacts. The children were particularly interested in going to see the Parthenon exhibition as we have been debating whether or not the Elgin Marbles should be there or if they should be returned to Greece. As well as looking at the Parthenon we looked at lots of different Greek pots and compared them to the ones that we made in our art lessons. We were trying to spot Greek gods and goddesses on the pots that we had read about in myths and legends in our English lessons. As well as looking at the Ancient Greeks, we had an opportunity to look at some of the Mayan galleries in order to prepare us for our topic next term.

Year - 6 Monks Walk Science

Oak class have been to Monks Walk to experience some Science Lab work – they have been separating materials by using Bunsen burners. In addition to this, they have burnt different chemicals that gave off colourful sparks that are similar to fireworks.

The children are currently in the process of making death masks which coincides with our Egyptian topic. They have also been learning about burial chambers as well as designing and making their own ones.

Esafty update from Mrs Spragg: What are PEGI ratings?

Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, but also films, TV shows or mobile apps, is clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have. These age ratings provide guidance to consumers, parents in particular, to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product for a child.

While most games are suitable for players of all ages, others are only suitable for older children and young teenagers. A specific portion of games on the market contain content that is only appropriate for an adult audience.

The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. A PEGI 3 game will not contain any inappropriate content, but can sometimes be too difficult to master for younger children. Reversely, there are PEGI 18 games that are very easy to play, yet they contain elements that make them inappropriate for a younger audience.

PEGI is used and recognised throughout Europe and has the enthusiastic support of the European Commission. It is considered as a model of European harmonisation in the field of the protection of children.



For more information about PEGI ratings and what each of the labels mean please visit www.pegi.info/page/what-do-labels-mean.

Please be mindful of the PEGI ratings of games, TV shows, films and apps that your child is exposed to at home.

Eggstravaganza

Yesterday Templewood enjoyed our annual Eggstravaganza; we were thrilled to see so many parents/ carers. Thank you to those of you who donated and helped on the day. The children have developed their entrepreneurial skills and will soon be told how much profit they have made as a class; we have yet to decide what the profits will be spend on but we will update you in the next newsletter.

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TSA Lottery

The draws for February and March have taken place. The winning numbers are 56 and 8.
Congratulations to Mrs Daley and Mrs Lucas.

Gold Book

Hawthorn

Aalyah , Noah, Arthur,
Oliwia, Howard, Xander,
Max,

Willow

Theresa, Hollie, Ava, Henry,
Aishwarya, Alma, Rachel,
Eva Marie,

Elder

Frederick , Nila, Anutra,
Adam, Francis, Alma, Molly ,
Ethan,

Birch

Maisie, Dilun, Tatum, Sophie,
Meer, Daisy, Soraia, Santino,

Elm

Rio, Lani, Alfie L, Isobel, Freya,
Nima, Richa, Barney,

Maple

Amy, George C, George D,
Samika, Melanie, Saffron,

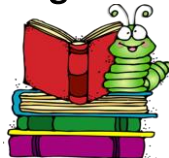
Larch

Alex, Anna Sta, Zahra,
Millie, Feyi, Harry, Izzy, Sam,

Oak

Sam, Laura, Tom, Ellen, Chiara,
Emma, Aidan R, Scarlett

Reading Challenge



Bronze Award

Bobby D
Lenny W
Charlotte P
George D-S
Samika M
Emma W
Alex A
Isabella M-G
Zahra J
Eddie V
Nima D
Lola H
Alexia W
Melanie O
Libby B
Katie L
Lani K-F
Isobel D
Jaiden W
Freddie O
Ruby C
Ollie N
Alfie S
Ruby S
Hannah U
Freya G
Louie G
Eleanor M
James U
Amelia G
Dominique H

Silver Award

Charlotte P
George D-S
Alex A

Super Brain Award



Presented to

Ellie S
Julio P
Jack F
Edward A
Meer P
Jasmine F
Ethan S
Lani K-F

Smile Award



Presented to

Anna Sta
Elliot D
Tom J
Jack W
Sebastian L
Chloe G
Ryan W
Noah B
Isabelle F
Freddie F

The next half-term at Templewood

Week beginning 16th April 2018

Monday	INSET Day
Tuesday	Term starts
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	TSA Quiz

Week beginning 23rd April 2018 – Outdoor Learning Week

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Governor Day
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 30th April 2018

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 7th May 2018

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 14th May 2018 - SATs Week

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Week beginning 21st May 2018

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher