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TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Caring, Achieving and Making a Difference Together



Welcome

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the start of the new year. The Spring term has already got off to a flying start. It has been a pleasure to see the children come back to school focussed, ready to get back into a routine and enjoy learning. I've been really proud of the children for working so hard! As always, thank you for your continued support throughout the past half term.

Internet Safety Day

On Tuesday 6th February children were learning all about how to stay safe online. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote frequently in school. Celebrating Safer Internet Day was a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. We had lots of interesting discussions and the children learnt about what to do if something happens that we are unsure of when on the internet. The children talked about how to keep safe when playing games online. Please continue to keep your child safe online at home. If you have any questions or need any support please don't hesitate to ask one of us.

Nursery Places

We have 1 full time place and 2 afternoon places available in our Nursery for this term. Please let your family and friends know and contact the school office for more information.

Snow Day

We had a fabulous snow day at Templemoor earlier this term. Children absolutely loved building snowmen, throwing snow balls and having lots of fun exploring the snow and ice with their friends. A great day was had by all, hopefully that's it for this year though!



Music in School

Our Year 2 are thoroughly enjoying learning to play the ukulele this term. Lessons take place every Tuesday throughout the Spring term. We are all looking forward to the concert on Tuesday 19th March at 2:30pm. All Year 2 parents and carers welcome. Thanks again to our wonderful Friends of Templemoor who fund this amazing opportunity.

Reception Assembly

All parents and carers of our Reception children are invited to join us in the school hall on Thursday 14th March 2024 at 9:00am for our Reception Class Assembly.

International Day of Education

On 24th January Templemoor celebrated International Day of Education. We learned about the role education plays in our lives. The children have been very busy discussing the question 'how do you learn?' The main point which kept arising was that 'education is everywhere and we are always learning' however, not all children have access to education.

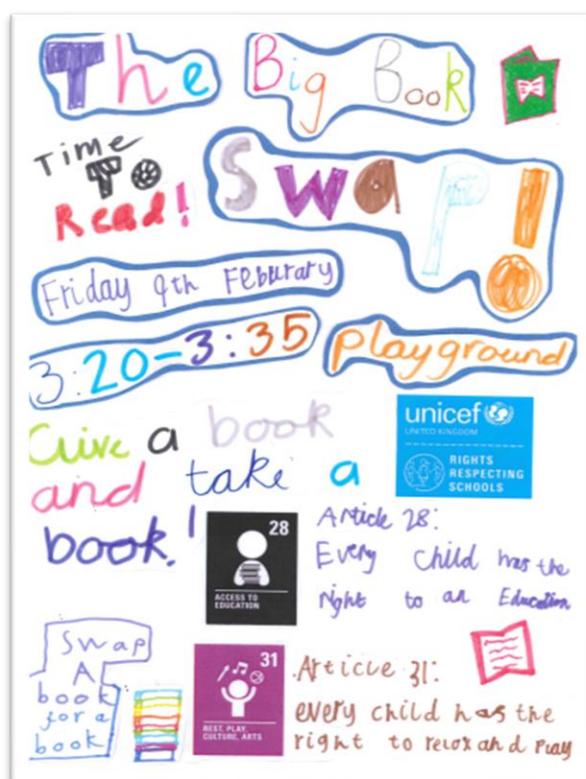
We shared the story 'Waiting for the Biblioburro' by Monica Brown which highlighted the vital part that books play in, not only learning, but also their ability to inspire and help us relax. We took these points into our Rights Respecting meetings and thought about how we could make a difference and celebrate our love of books. To tie in with 'Take Your Child to the Library Day' and 'Children's Mental Health Week', the Rights Respecting Leaders came up with the proposal of

holding a 'Big Book Swap' and spent the last week campaigning.

On Friday 9th February Templemoor held our first 'Big Book Swap'. The children were invited to 'give a book and take a book'. It was a great success and lovely to see the children so excited to share their books. We will let you know the date for the next one!

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax and play.



Children's Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, we have been learning how to keep our brain healthy by exploring and labelling our emotions. Children have been taking part in mindfulness activities such as meditation, listening to calming music and yoga sessions.

Emotion Coaching

Please look out for a letter coming soon with more details about an emotion coaching session for parents on 19th March at 6pm.

we can keep our children and the entire community safe during drop off and pick up times. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is officially World Book Day. We will be dedicating this day to books and stories, completing a wide range of exciting activities to help your children foster a love of books and reading. We ask that children (and staff!) swap their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event. We are also looking for parent and carer volunteers to read a story to children during the week beginning 4th March. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to take part. We are already looking forward to a really exciting week ahead.



Book Fair

We are holding a book fair in the school hall from Monday 18th March to Wednesday 20th March from 3.15pm - 3.45pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase some lovely books and supports school! School will receive a commission on the books sold which enables us to buy new books. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 22nd March 2024 at 9:00 am for our Year 1 Class Assembly.

Parking

I would also like to take this opportunity to address concerns regarding parking. We kindly request that parents and carers do not park on Nursery Close to ensure the safety of our children. We ask you to park carefully without blocking visibility on corners, driveways or pavements. By doing so





Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on two evenings – Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February. These parent consultations will take place in the school hall. Please make an appointment using our online booking system.

A Message from the Governors

This half term holiday has quickly crept up on me, if like me you're still recovering from Christmas the speed at which the past 5 weeks have flown by has come as something of a surprise.

It's been a very busy school year so far as a parent governor, and this month also marks the end of my second 4 year term as a parent governor at Templemoor Infants and Nursery School. I've represented the parent

community in school governors meeting for 8 years now and in that time, I've witnessed a fair few changes. On a personal note, my eldest has moved from year 1 to year 8 at high school, my middle son has made it through from nursery to year 5 at Moorlands, and my youngest, Isa will be leaving Templemoor this Summer.

It's been a real privilege to have been a parent governor at the school and has definitely been a fulfilling and varied role. I've done multiple school visits to assure different aspects of school provision, have reviewed countless school policies (some multiple times over!), have attended many meetings both in person, and also virtually during COVID, I haven't totalled them up but expect they go into the high teens if not more! You'll know that during the past 2 years the governing body have been busy with supporting the school building works, responded to the amalgamation proposals, been cross examined as part of the Ofsted inspection and most recently at the start of this year led the recruitment of a new headteacher.

The past 8 years have been a great experience for me and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who would like to consider taking up the role of parent governor. You don't need to have any experience of education, just a willingness to give up some of your time, the ability to listen and question information you are presented with. Of course, as a parent of a child at Templemoor you'll already be passionate about helping the school and its staff ensure it gives its pupils the very best opportunities and education. The governors are a friendly and dedicated bunch of people from

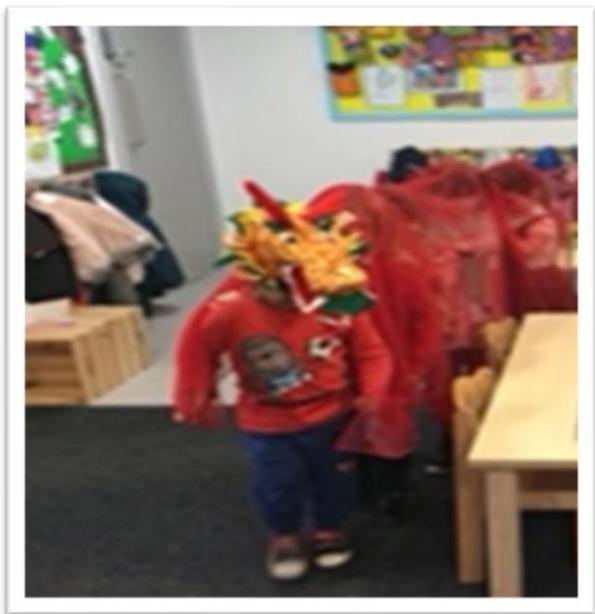
a variety of backgrounds and are incredibly welcoming, so much so that when I first started in the role my youngest was a newborn and he came with me to many of the meetings.

If you do want to know more about the role and what it involves, I'm always happy to chat about it and you can be safe in the knowledge that the Ofsted inspection is already done!

Alison Tariq - Parent Governor

Lunar New Year

We would like to wish all those who celebrate a very happy Lunar New Year! This year we are welcoming the Year of the Dragon. Children across the school have been learning about the significance of the Lunar New Year and its traditions. On Sunday February 11th a packed programme of events will take place in Manchester to celebrate the Year of the Dragon. We would love for you to share any celebrations with us after half term.



Earrings

Please may I remind you that children are not permitted to wear earrings in

school as per our uniform policy. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Art

Lots of fabulous Art work has been happening in school this half term. Children in Nursery have been making amazing models based on the work of James Rizzi. Reception children have been using charcoal to do observational drawings of trees. Year 1 children have been looking at the artists Emma Burleigh and Paul Klee and experimenting with water colours to create pictures. In Year 2 children have been looking at the work of Charlie French, Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cezanne. They have created colour pallets inspired by the artists and then produced expressive, abstract paintings. Such talented children at Templemoor!



And finally . . .

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 19th February.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown and the Templemoor Team

Some dates for your Diary

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| Monday 19 th February 2024 | Back to school |
| Tuesday 27 th February 2024 3:30pm | Parents Evening |
| Thursday 29 th February 2024 3:30pm | Parents Evening |
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