

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school! We hope that you all had a very enjoyable and restful February holiday! As usual this half term is extremely busy with lots of exciting events planned in the run up to Easter.

Year 1 Brazilian Carnival Day



The Year 1 children launched their topic, 'Rio de Vida' with an exciting day of celebration. The children took part in three amazing workshops including music, dance and art which was led by Rome, Danny and Gordon from the 'Bangdrum Company'. The day culminated in a magnificent Brazilian carnival where the children were able to showcase their work to family and friends. It was a brilliant day and everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed it!

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be on Friday 2nd March 2018, when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes. Future cake sale dates can be found on this newsletter and on our school website.

The Beast from the East

Let's hope that the 'The Beast from the East' does not result in any school closure this year. If the school is forced to close due to severe weather conditions we will notify all parents as soon as possible in the morning using the school's text messaging service. A notice will also be posted on the front page of the school website. Obviously the closure of the school will only occur in exceptional circumstances.

Friends of Templemoor Swishing Event

The Friends of Templemoor Swishing event is on Thursday 1st March at 7:30pm.

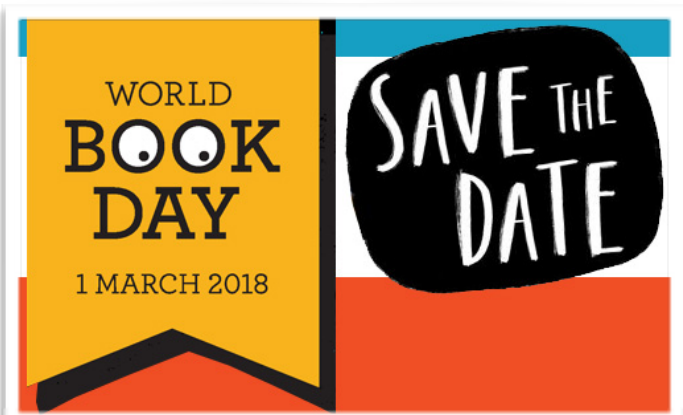
Key Strings Orchestra Visit

On Monday 26th February, we organised a live music experience in school. All of the children were treated to a visit from Key Strings Orchestra. We were taught about a variety of instruments from the 'String' family of the orchestra, heard them being played and a few of us even had a go ourselves. The visiting musicians were highly entertaining and very informative!



Safer Internet Day 2018

Recent research has revealed that one in three children aged 5 and upwards now own their own tablet computer, with four in ten children aged 5+ going online. At Templemoor we strongly believe in educating our children from an early age on 'how to stay safe online' and we have established e-safety lessons within school. This year Safer Internet Day was on 6th February and every class had a special e- safety lesson about using the computer safely to access the internet. We also have an e-safety section on our website where you can find the latest advice on how you can educate your child to keep safe online as well as other useful e-safety information and resources. Please click [HERE](#) to visit our website.



World Book Day 2018

Don't forget that this coming Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a traditional storybook character of their choice for the day and will enjoy story-based activities. We look forward to seeing lots of different characters in the playground on Thursday morning! Further information about World Book Day can be found at:

www.worldbookday.com

A message from the Governors



Maths is such a fundamental subject for all our children and it's great as a governor to see how passionate the school is about instilling a love for number. Recently I've had the pleasure and privilege of

spending time fulfilling my duties as designated Maths Governor and seeing maths in action at Templemoor (all governors have extra curricular duties!).

With maths a priority on the school development plan this year, it was really interesting to learn how maths leader Mrs Wynne and staff are starting to embed a new and exciting teaching program for maths. And after listening to the theory I got to observe teaching practice across the school. The children clearly love problem solving, as seen "hunting for numbers" in the playground with Reception to the Year 2's discovering lines of symmetry in various shapes.

Later in the week I had the opportunity to observe the teachers in the role of student, when external maths specialists led a two hour after school maths teaching masterclass for all teaching staff. Seeing a classroom of teachers, all on little chairs, doing primary school maths problems was certainly a sight to behold but it was great to see so many varied teaching techniques on offer.

It's great to know that this excellent maths teaching is happening all over the school. And the staff are so committed to feeding the children's hunger for number that I'm led to believe that sometimes, even at lunchtime, the children get exposure to pi(e)...!

James Leeming - Parent Governor

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 16th March at 9am for our Year 1 assembly.



Story Telling Week

We planned a series of exciting and creative activities to celebrate National Storytelling Week in school during the week beginning the 29th January. The week began with a visit from Aidan Kietty, who is a Drama Coach at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy. Our children had a brilliant time, leaping into a world of amazing stories and being whisked away on their own storybook adventure. Aidan really captured the children's imaginations!



We had a visit from the children in Year 5 and 6 from Moorlands Junior School who came to read stories to the children. Our children really enjoyed

working with the Key Stage Two children. We were also very lucky to have a number of parents and carers who came in to school to read their own favourite stories to the children. Thank you for giving up your time. It is these experiences which really help to build up our children's love of literacy and reading.



Keeping Safe in the Car Park

Can we please remind you all to make sure that your children DO NOT scoot or cycle across the school car park.

May we also kindly ask you not to allow children to walk behind the pedestrian railing to pet/stroke dogs. There has been an increase in the number of children who do this.

Dogs are very welcome if they are tied up outside of the school playground and it is great to see that dog owners abide by this rule... thank you! However, there is increased vehicular activity at the start and end of the school day, making the car park unsafe for pedestrians.

Spring Term Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Tuesday 20th March and Tuesday 27th March from 2:30pm to 6pm. Our online booking system will open to parents from Monday 5th March 2018. If you need any help with logging on to the booking system then please contact the office. Thank you.



Growth Mindsets

Templemoor have embarked on an exciting journey to explore growth mindset and its impact on our learning and well-being.

This half term we are teaching the children about **'Resilience'**. This learning power is being introduced through the character Tough Tortoise. Tough Tortoise Never Gives Up!! Each of our classes have a Tough Tortoise learning hero to represent the skill (resilience) and we are developing a language for learning which is used in all classrooms and areas across the school. This will ensure everyone understands and talks about 'learning to learn'. We will be sending out our first 'Growth Mindset' newsletter by the end of this week explaining all about this amazing initiative.

Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week

The week beginning 5th March is Templemoor's very first 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' week when we will be devoting the whole week to an exciting range of activities that promote health and well-being.

We will be promoting exercise, healthy eating, mindfulness, being kind to others and being resilient. An action-packed programme of events will be happening including a visit from Sale Football Club, children's yoga sessions, outdoor

learning, making a healthy snack as well as lots of other exciting activities. We hope that the children will feel energised and ready for the day ahead as well as being armed with strategies for dealing with strong emotions. A letter home explaining the week will be sent out shortly.

Moorlands Junior School Links

Although separately governed and managed, the relationship between the Infant and Junior school is very strong. Staff from both schools regularly meet up to discuss teaching and learning provision. Both Headteachers work closely together, and as part of a local cluster of schools. Both Infant and Junior children move between the schools to take part in extra curricular events, or to watch each other e.g. in Christmas shows. We are currently working hard on developing strong links between the subject leaders of both schools and look forward to developing this further over the weeks ahead.

Wood Street Mission

Thank you to all of our families for your generous donations of toys, games, clothing and bedding for the Manchester and Salford based charity Wood Street Mission. Wood Street's **mission** is to help alleviate the effects of poverty on local children and their families through practical help and these donations will be given directly to disadvantaged families. Further information about the charity can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Year 2 Recorder Concert

All parents and carers of our Year 2 children who are learning to play the recorder with Miss Smith are invited to join us in the school hall on Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 2:15pm for a special recorder concert.

Choir Club Singing Concert

There will be a special singing concert for parents and carers of those children who attend Choir Club on Monday 26th March 2018 at 4pm.

Dates for the Spring Term 2018

Thursday 1st March 2018	World Book Day Swishing Event at 7:30pm
Friday 2nd March 2018	Year 2 Cake Sale
Week beginning 5th March 2018	Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week
Friday 9th March 2018	Secret Gift Shop
Wednesday 14th March 2018	Year 2 Recorder Concert at 2:15pm
Friday 16th March 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Sunday 18th March 2018	Friends of Templemoor Spring Trail at 10am
Monday 19th March 2018	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm
Tuesday 20th March 2018	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd March 2018	Year 2 Assembly at 9am Reception 'Little Shakers' Concert at 2:30pm
Monday 26th March 2018	Choir Club Concert at 4pm
Tuesday 27th March 2018	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Easter Egg Hunt School breaks up for the Easter holiday at 3:15pm
Monday 16th April 2018	Back to school for the Summer Term

Spring Term 2018

Opens	Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Closes	Friday 9th February 2018
Opens	Tuesday 20th February 2018
Closes	Wednesday 28th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Opens	Monday 16th April 2018
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 7th May 2018
Closes	Friday 25th May 2018
Opens	Monday 11th June 2018
Closes	Thursday 26th July 2018