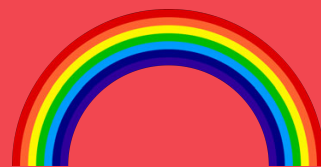




# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



MARCH NEWSLETTER 2020

## A message from Mr Hodgson

I hope that you and your lovely families are safe and well. So much of course has happened since the last school newsletter in February that I wanted to send a message on behalf of our whole team to thank you all for your support, kind words and compassion in these unsettling times. Our staff have been overwhelmed by the lovely comments that they have received. Templemoor really is, and always will be, an amazing community - so very supportive and positive! We all miss you and your children terribly whilst our school is closed.

I think it is crucial to reiterate that we have all undergone huge changes during the past three weeks and this will take some adjustment for everyone. At this stage, nothing is more important than your child's emotional wellbeing. Spending time together playing games, daily exercise as a family, reading favourite stories, making things, building dens and playing in the garden - for those fortunate enough to have one - all really are valuable activities and should be a key part of any timetable. If you have a daily timetable, this should be flexible to meet the needs of your child at that point. I have provided further guidance on home



learning in this newsletter and will send out further information next week in a separate letter.

I also want to reassure you that we are all here for you every step of the way. We are only ever an email or phone call away should you have any problem or need anything. Equally, if your child is struggling or would appreciate a call from a friendly voice, we are absolutely here for that too. Just email our admin address and we will be more than happy to help.

I would like to thank everyone of those who are continuing to keep our country running, bravely putting others safety before their own. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your family. With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.



## Catch Up!

Before school closed, the children celebrated a number of exciting events including World Book Day and Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week. Here is what we got up to during the first couple of weeks in March.



## World Book Day

World Book Day was a huge success again this year with children (and staff!) swapping their uniform for pyjamas to help celebrate this annual event! Children took part in a range of activities dedicated to books as well as a special story time where the staff at school all chose their favourite books and the children could choose which book to listen to. World Book Day really is a wonderful way to further promote and celebrate the love of reading.

## Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies Week

The week beginning 9th March was Templemoor's third annual 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies' week when we devoted the whole week to an exciting range of activities that promoted health and well-being. We contacted a wide range of people (including parents and those in the local community) to come into school and deliver a huge variety of workshops.

The workshops included: Yoga with Catherine Harrison, Zumba with Rebecca King, Games sessions with Mr Bates our PE coach. The Bleep



Test (which was extremely popular with the children!) with Mr Bowers.



Nikki Geddes, from Kiddy Cook, also came into school to make a healthy pot noodle with the children. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of a balanced diet and healthy eating.

The children also took part in an exciting Freddy Fit workshop. Freddy taught us about keeping fit and living a healthy lifestyle. The children also took part in lots of exercises that help to keep us fit. The whole school had a great time. Freddy really tested the fitness of the children!

Lots of parents, who are health care professionals, came in to school to talk to our children about their roles in the workplace. A huge thank you to those parents who gave up their time to take part in the week.

The children also took part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Paralympic Fencer and Cyclist Craig McCann. The money raised will eventually be split between buying new sports equipment for our school, and aiding the charity 'Sports for Schools'. Craig really inspired the children to discover and pursue their passion and dreams and was a joy to work with.

In class, the children completed lots of mindfulness activities, they learned about the importance of sleep and how to stay positive and solve problems in our everyday lives.

Well done to all of the staff, parents and children for making our Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds week so successful, and a huge thank you must also go to Miss Salisbury, Mrs Brown and Mrs Campbell who organised the whole week.



## Templemoor Reading Competition

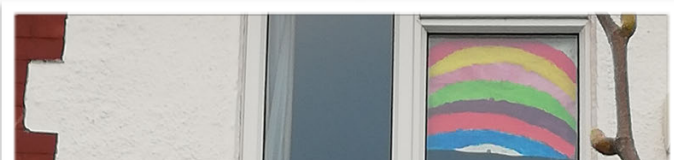
In late February we ran a reading competition, where the children were able to get creative and share their favourite book with us in a variety of different ways. We had so many entries, including amazing book reviews, wonderful models, and marvellous illustrations that it was so very difficult to choose winners. Mrs Haddock, our English Governor, made the difficult decision of choosing a winning entry, as well as a 2nd and 3rd prize winner from each class! Thank you so much for all of your fabulous reading competition entries. They were an absolute joy to read and look at.

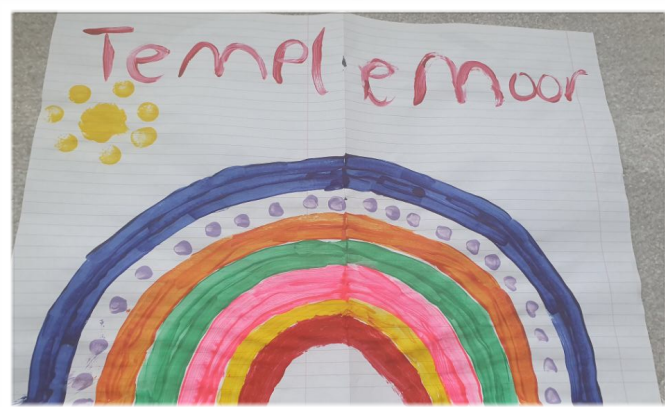
## Parent Governor Nominations and Results

We recently had two parent vacancies to serve on the Governing Body at Templemoor Infant and Nursery School. Two nominations were received and those parents were therefore duly elected without the requirement to hold a secret ballot. I would like to congratulate Mrs Alison Tariq on her reappointment and Mrs Jennifer Moore on her appointment to the Governing Body. I would also like to thank Mrs Stephanie McIntee for her dedication, support and hard work as a member of the Governing Body at Templemoor for the previous four years.

## Reception Assembly

Well done to our fabulous Reception children who performed brilliantly in their first class assembly. The children made us all feel very proud.





### A message from the Chair of Governors



As Chair of the Governing Board at Templemoor, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families well during this period of unprecedented change to our normal lives. For all of us this

is an anxious time due to the nature of the situation and uncertainty about the future.

Schools as organisations run on routines and timetables with clear boundaries and expectations, but they are also caring organisations where every individual matters on a day to day basis. Their closure then has a significant impact on everybody's life. We recognise that Templemoor plays a huge part in our families' lives both educationally and socially, so our staff will be working hard to limit the effect of the school's temporary closure by delivering home learning and communication via our website.



Templemoor does remain open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers allowing them to continue to carry out their vital roles in society and we are truly thankful for their efforts. I am very thankful to the staff at Templemoor who are ensuring that this provision continues and that the school remains a happy, safe and positive place to be. In terms of home learning provision, I am thankful for a staff who are so dedicated and adaptable that within an incredibly short space of time they have been able to provide a tailored and engaging programme of home learning for each year group. I particularly like Mr Hodgson's Monday videos - I think he might in fact have missed an alternative vocation as a children's television presenter!



At Templemoor we place a real emphasis on our children's personal, social and health education as part of our aim to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. Our Rights Respecting agenda underpins this as it aims to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. Alongside this, the school's extensive work on growth mindset and health and mental wellbeing should be providing our children with some positive strategies to fall back on; whether that is mindfulness techniques, the resilience and perseverance of "Tough Tortoise", the adaptability and creativity of "Resourceful Squirrel" or the kindness and compassion of "Bertie Brain". These characters may help children reflect on the skills they have been learning in school and provide a vehicle for them to express their feelings. These vital skills are not ones that



can ever be assessed explicitly by formal testing or examination but at Templemoor we believe that they are absolutely vital to our children's education as they learn to thrive in a complex world.

As ever, we value your feedback, so please do not hesitate to get in contact with school to discuss any issues or to let us know about your positive news.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I thank you for your ongoing support and hope you and your families stay safe over the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming you back to Templemoor as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

Mrs Judith Davenport - *Chair of Governors*



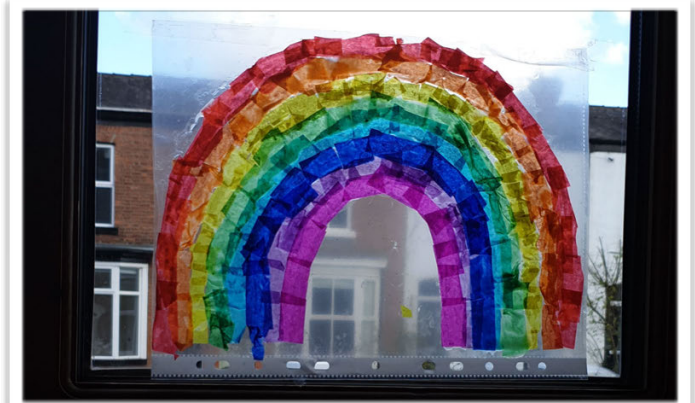
### Our Amazing Templemoor Team

I know that you will join me in saying a huge thank you to all of the amazing Templemoor Team who have continued to come into school during this difficult time to support families of vulnerable children and critical workers. Their dedication is greatly appreciated in making the children's time in school as enjoyable, safe and busy as possible. Thank you so much!

### Staying Safe Online

As we all make greater use of online materials to support learning, play games and stay in touch with family and friends it is even more important to ensure that children stay safe online.

We would recommend that adults supervise children's access to the internet, that you have made use of the safe settings on your devices, that you talk to your child about what they see and hear online and that you make sure that your child knows what to do if they see or hear something online that they find upsetting.



There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

**Thinkyouknow** (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online).

**Internet matters** (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online).

**Parent info** (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online).

**LGfL** (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online).

**Net-aware** (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC).





### Stay Active, Fit and Healthy

At Templemoor we often practice mindfulness techniques throughout the day. Online Cosmic Kids yoga helps provide quiet and calm sessions for the children. There are yoga sessions as well as guided relaxation and mindfulness. It might be good if you are looking for a short brain break from home learning or a regular quiet space in the day. If you are interested why not click [here](#) to be directed to the Cosmic Kids YouTube channel.

### Home Learning

We will be in touch every week to set new tasks for home learning, with as much guidance as we can give, but please rest assured – if you can't get through what is set, or you feel it is unmanageable, there is no pressure to complete it, at all. These are unprecedented times and as a wise parent said last week, 'the world just needs to go a little bit slower'. We will continue to provide enough work for those of you who get a good routine going and for others of you trying to balance parenting and your own work commitments, we hope you can dip in and out of what is sent to help your children stay focused on key aspects of their learning. Most importantly though, we want you all to stay safe and take care in these times. Use the home learning resources as you see fit. Don't feel you need to be restricted by them or have to complete everything within them. If you find other ways of keeping your children engaged, use your own

ideas as well. Just don't forget to keep sharing your amazing photos and videos with us at [homelearning@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk). We love seeing what you have been getting up to and we do reply to every email!

### Trafford Council Community Support

Trafford Council has developed a webpage for families, local residents and business detailing the latest support and advice. Please click [here](#) to be directed to the website.

### Safeguarding

I would like to take this opportunity in these challenging and uncertain times that as a school we are still here and available to support you. Rest assured that all of the Templemoor team are, (and will be), continuing their commitment to safeguard children. If you need to contact school for a safeguarding concern, please continue to do so in the normal way, by contacting Mr Hodgson. We will continue to action any safeguarding concerns as if we were in school. For any urgent concerns you can contact the school on the following school mobile number: 07443 468842 (Weekdays 9am to 4pm).







### And finally...

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this months newsletter with their stunning rainbow pictures. We had so many photographs that we couldn't possibly have fitted them all in to this newsletter! We will publish a **weekly** newsletter during our school closure as it will help us to stay in touch as a school. Please send in all articles by 9am each Friday. It is wonderful to see some of the things that you have been up to in the week. Please email any ideas or photographs that you'd like to share with others at [homelearning@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk) and mark your email as 'School Newsletter'.

There are some great resources available to explain what is going on at the moment. Your children may find it helpful if they are feeling anxious. Go to <https://www.mindheart.co/descargables> (I found this very reassuring this week!) My Happy Minds has also provided a really useful resource, which can be downloaded via this [link](#) (scroll to useful resources, My Happy Minds).

And finally... we are all really missing seeing you at school but staying at home and being with your families is the most important job that you can do at the moment. This is how you can help everyone in the world to stay safe. We always talk in our assemblies and in class about helping each other, and at this moment you are doing your bit to help. Well done and keep it up! Do try to have a relaxing



Easter weekend, and we will be back in touch very shortly. Until then stay safe, stay positive and Happy Easter to you all.

