

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

## Welcome back to school!

Welcome back after the half-term holiday - we all hope you had a lovely week and managed to re-charge your batteries. The holiday certainly flew by! This half-term is guaranteed to be a busy one with lots of learning taking place as well as lots of fun and excitement as we begin our run up to all things Christmassy!

## We Are Adventurers

Despite the rainy weather, our Year 2 children have really enjoyed their outdoor learning sessions with 'We are Adventurers'. The children have extended their learning by focusing on developing respectful friendships. The children have taken part in a wide range of outdoor activities such as setting up and completing a blindfolded obstacle course, making metal and stone friendship necklaces, crushing natural materials to make a dyed friendship t-shirt and toasting marshmallows! The sessions certainly add another exciting dimension to our children's learning at Templemoor and aim to make learning even more delicious!



## A visit from a Poet

Everyone was very excited to welcome Andy Tooze - 'The Poet from the Peaks' - to school on Tuesday 1st October. Andy, a published poet and specialist poetry teacher, led an assembly to share some of his poems and then worked with each class to write and perform their own poetry. We ended the day with a sharing assembly where each class shared some of their work. The poems ranged from funny body part poems and poems about the class, to animal poems and everyone had great fun performing them. A number of the children were so inspired by Andy, that they went home and wrote their own book of poems! They brought in their books of poems and shared them with the rest of the class... and Mr Hodgson too! Wow!





### Sale Food Bank Collection

Just before the half-term holiday we had a very special assembly where Joan Tanner from the Sale Food Bank talked to the children about the vital work that the Food Bank does. The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children, who listened carefully and asked Joan some very thoughtful questions. All of the children were really proud of the amount of items that we have collected and are thrilled at the idea of how many people in our local community who will actually benefit from their donations. Thank you for your kindness in supporting such a valuable cause.

### Lost Property

We have a continuous problem with lost property ranging from school shirts and jumpers to gloves and even coats. Items are difficult to reunite with their owners, as unfortunately most of them are not named. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. This will help us return the items to their rightful owners. If your child has lost a coat or any other items of clothing then please contact the school office to reclaim.

### Year 2 Ukulele Concert

There will be a special concert in the school hall for all parents and carers of Year 2 children on **Monday 25th November 2019 at 2:30pm** when the children will showcase their musical talents. Keep practising hard Year 2!



### Year 1 Superhero Visit

As part of their learning about 'Superheroes', the children in Year 1 were lucky enough to receive a visit from Colin the Firefighter. The fire fighter gave us a talk on fire prevention and what to do in case of an emergency. We explored the fire engine and had a go at trying on their helmets and using the hose, which was great fun! Here is what some of the Year 1 children thought about the visit.

"It was great, especially when I tried to use the water hose!" *Bill*

"I loved going into the front of the fire engine and pretended to drive it!" *Kasper*

"I really liked holding the fire hose! Some children even tried the helmet on". *Emma*

A huge thank you to Colin for giving up his precious time to come and talk to the children. He is a real-life superhero!





### Reception Cake Sale

Our second cake sale of this academic year will take place on **Friday 1st November 2019** when it will be the turn of our Reception children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

### September 2020 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at [www.trafford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.trafford.gov.uk/admissions). The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2020. Further information can be found on our school website under the tab 'Our School' and 'Admissions'.

### Exciting 'Christmassy' News Just In...

We are so excited to announce that our children in Nursery and Reception will be performing 'Away in a Manger', and our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin' (think Strictly meets Nativity!). We are once again filming both productions. The dates and times of the performances can be found at the end of this newsletter. Has the countdown to Christmas really begun already!?!

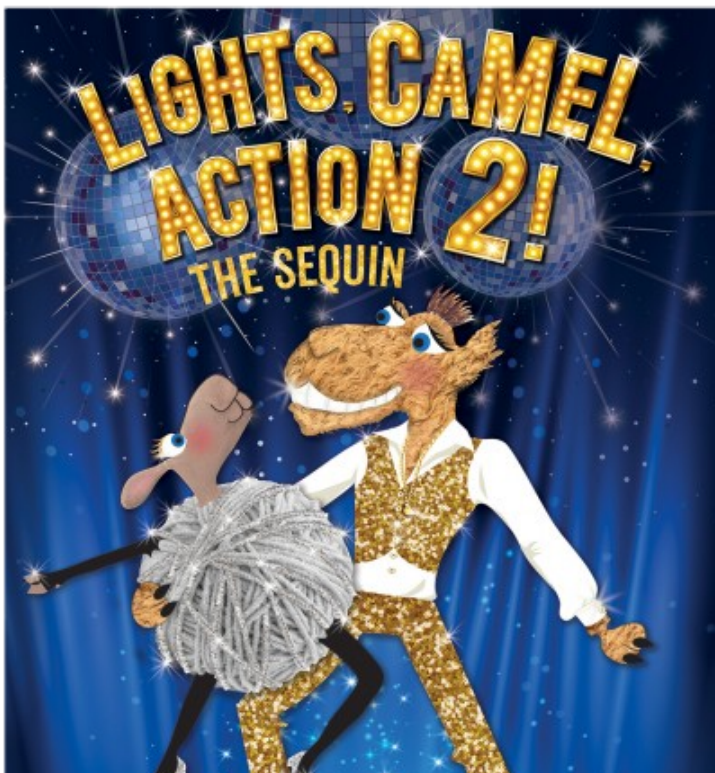


### Odd Socks Day

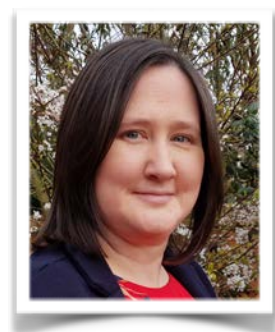
As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we are going to take part in Odd Socks Day. The day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage everyone in school to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! All we ask is for the children to wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on Tuesday 12th November 2019 to help raise awareness of bullying. During the week the children will also be taking part in anti-bullying drama workshops led by drama teachers from The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy.

### Congratulations Mrs Leigh!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Leigh has had her much-awaited baby at last! Little Samuel Leigh arrived on Monday 21st October weighing 6lb 13oz. We look forward to meeting baby Leigh very soon! Congratulations to the Leigh family!



## A Message from our Local Authority Governor



As Local Authority School governor I am keen to promote road safety around schools. This ties into the clean air plan being developed across Greater Manchester. Dirty air from our vehicles can have an impact on everyone's health, vehicle exhausts can

produce harmful gases - and tiny particles of soot and other matter - that pollute the air.

School children are particularly vulnerable to air pollution because their lungs are still developing. The good news is, we can all make small changes to help clean up our air and help protect our families.

The school run.. Mornings for all families can be a busy time, for working families there can be a real pressure to get to school and work. The school run not only causes congestion but can also cause harmful pollution at the school gates. According to new research by Queen Mary University of London, 60% of the pollution that children take in each day, is taken in during the school run.

Can you: Leave the car behind? Cycle, walk or scoot? Choose quiet side streets to avoid traffic - even for one or two days a week. Park further away from school and walk? Children who walk to school are healthier and perform better in class. Warrener Street car park is a few minutes' walk away from the school, it's free and has spaces at most times of the day.

Another way of making a positive difference is to not leave your car engine idling.

What is engine idling? Idling is where drivers leave their engine running while their vehicle isn't moving. Often this is difficult to avoid because your car may be sat in traffic, or at traffic lights. However, you should turn your engine off when you're waiting for more than a few seconds, for example when waiting outside school. Leaving your engine running when your vehicle is stationary is against the law. If you do have to drive

to school be sure to SWITCH OFF your engine so children are not breathing in harmful fumes.

Improved Walking and Cycling Routes in Sale Moor

Over the summer, Trafford Council won a bid for £10 million to develop a segregated cycle route from Sale Town Centre through Sale Moor Village to the Sale Water Park. This funding comes from a Greater Manchester wide pot for improving walking and cycling. Works will include improving safety and crossing points along the route. Consultation and detailed design work are set to start in the new year and I will be pushing for schools to get involved and looking at how we improve key crossing points and links to Templemoor.

The poster below was designed by a pupil at Moorlands School following a Trafford wide competition to raise awareness of the problems cause by engine idling.

*Councillor Liz Patel - Local Authority Governor*



## Learning themes for the half-term

Our exciting learning themes for this half-term are:

<b>Nursery</b>	Is it shiny?
<b>Reception</b>	Why do squirrels hide their nuts?
<b>Year 1</b>	How has life changed since my parents and grandparents were 5 and 6?
<b>Year 2</b>	Remember, Remember! What is important to remember in the UK?



## Reception Literacy Workshop

We enjoyed sharing how we teach phonics, reading and writing with our Reception parents and carers in our recent Literacy workshop. The workshop was well-supported and we received very positive feedback:

"It was so good to hear more about phonics and how you bring it to life in such a fun way. I now have new ideas of how to support learning at home."

"It was really helpful to understand the connection of phonics to reading and writing, plus the tips to help."

"Lots of useful insights into the techniques you use and we can repeat at home. I'm very impressed with the staff as ever, my child is loving Reception! Thank you!"

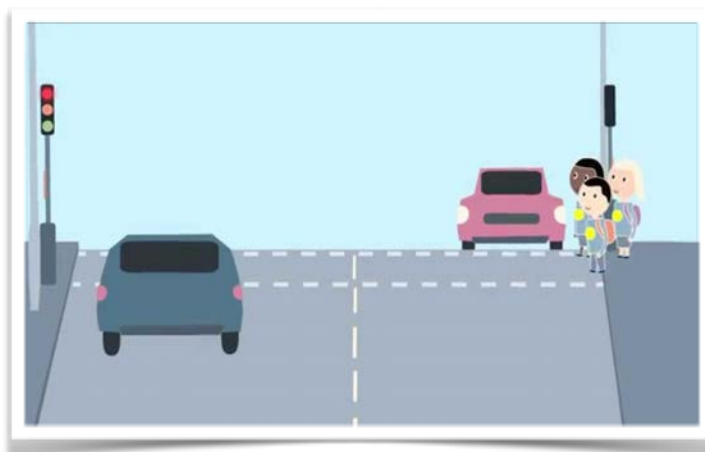
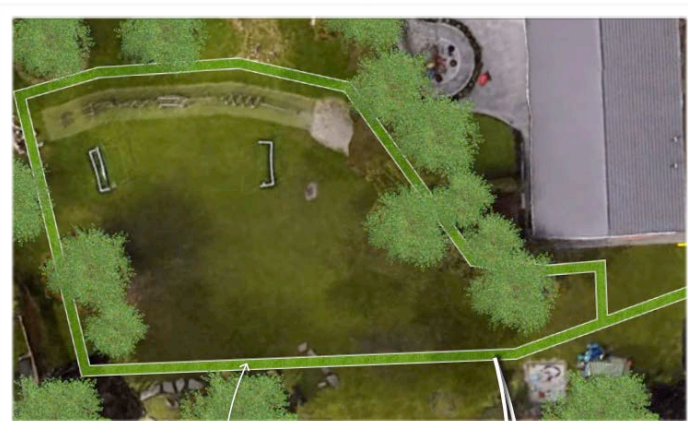


## Pupil Conferencing

This half-term every child in Year 1 and Year 2 is having a one-to-one session with their class teacher to discuss what they are most proud of, the progress that they are making, their attitudes to learning, and to look through their work and to set targets for the next half-term. We really do value what your children have to say and are really looking forward to talking to them about their own individual achievements.

## The Templemoor Mile Track

A massive well done to all of our parents and carers who ran and marshalled in the Manchester Half Marathon on Sunday 13th October. We have had some wonderful and generous donations of sponsorship. We have got some really exciting news to share soon about the running track, so do watch out for further details which will be sent home in the next week!



## Be Safe, Be Seen

A huge thank you to the Co-operative Funeralcare for donating high-visibility reflective badges designed to keep our children safe now that the darker nights have arrived. The badges form a part of the 'Be Safe, Be Seen' campaign which aims to raise awareness about road safety.

## Eco-Bricks

Thank you to those who have been busy collecting used plastics to fill the Eco-Bricks. We are still collecting Eco-Bricks, and are particularly desperate for the 2 litre milk bottles!

## Choir Club Concert

All parents and carers of children who attend our Choir Club are invited to join us in the school hall on **Tuesday 26th November 2019** at **3:40pm** for a special singing concert.



## School Outcomes for 2018/19

At the start of our new academic year it is always good to celebrate our children's academic achievements from last year. We now have outcomes from the end of Early Years, the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check and from the end of Year 2. Our performance data is on our website, under the tab 'Our School', 'School Performance'.

Our children at Templemoor continue to have excellent outcomes. Please find attached at the end of this newsletter the full 2019 performance data for Templemoor Infant and Nursery School for the end of Year 2. Well done to our families for their support, thanks to the amazing and dedicated staff team....but most importantly well done to our brilliant children for their positive attitude, hard work and 'I can do it attitude'.

## School Outcomes for EYFS and Year 1

88% of pupils in Reception attained a Good Level of Development against the Early Years framework. The national average is 72%, and the Trafford average is 75%. A Good Level of Development is defined as children working at the expected standard or exceeding the expected standard in the key areas of literacy, maths, physical development, communication and language and personal, social and emotional development. 98% of children in Year 1 attained the expected standard in the Phonic Screening test. This is above the national average of 82%, and the Trafford average of 85%.

## And finally...

Our Year 2 children have been very creative in art and design, producing the most amazing work inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Take a look at some of their marvellous creations inspired by nature.



## Key Stage One Outcomes for 2019

Expected Standard - Working at the expected standard for a child at the end of Year 2.

Greater Depth - Working at greater depth within the expected standard, with a strong understanding of the curriculum.

<b>End of KS1 Teacher Assessment Results 2019</b>	<b>School Performance 2019</b>	<b>Trafford Local Authority Performance 2019</b>	<b>National Performance 2019</b>
Reading - expected standard +	89%	79%	75%
Reading - Greater Depth	39%	30%	25%
Writing - expected standard +	87%	72%	69%
Writing - Greater Depth	25%	16%	15%
Mathematics - expected standard +	93%	80%	76%
Mathematics - Greater Depth	36%	26%	22%
Science - expected standard	93%	87%	82%
Reading, Writing, mathematics combined - expected standard +	87%	68%	65%
Reading, Writing, mathematics combined - Greater Depth	21%	13%	11%

## Dates for the Autumn Term 2019

Friday 1st November 2019	Reception Cake Sale
Saturday 2nd November 2019	Family Fun Night at 5pm to 7pm
Week beginning Monday 4th November 2019	Book Fair
Thursday 7th November 2019	Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Friday 8th November 2019	Year 1 Parents' Open Morning at Moorlands at 9:30am to 11am
Week beginning Monday 11th November 2019	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November 2019	Odd Socks Day Parents' Evening from 2:30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 20th November 2019	UNICEF World Children's Day Friends of Templemoor Top Shop Event 7pm to 9pm
Monday 25th November 2019	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm
Tuesday 26th November 2019	Choir Club Concert at 3:40pm
Wednesday 4th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (for children in Ladybirds and Nursery)
Thursday 5th December 2019	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (for children in Bees and Nursery)
Friday 6th December 2019	Nursery Cakes for the Christmas Fair/ Non Uniform Day
Saturday 7th December 2019	The Christmas Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Thursday 12th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (for parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Friday 13th December 2019	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (for parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December 2019	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Monday 6th January 2020	Back to school for the Spring Term



## Autumn Term 2019

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 29th October 2019
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 20th December 2019

## Spring Term 2020

<b>Opens</b>	Monday 6th January 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 6th February 2020
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 17th February 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 27th March 2020

## Summer Term 2020

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 14th April 2020
<b>Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)</b>	Friday 8th May 2020*
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 22nd May 2020
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 8th June 2020
<b>Closes</b>	Friday 24th July 2020

\* The early May Bank holiday date in 2020 has been changed. The date has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May**. This change has been made to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

## Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Friday 7th February 2020
Monday 27th July 2020
Tuesday 28th July 2020