

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

Time is flying by!

I hope that you all had a super half term break. I hope too that the recent stormy weather didn't get in the way of any planned holiday activities. Here in school we were lucky in the main although did experience a slight 'Wizard of Oz' moment with one of our reception sheds and nursery bushes! Luckily though everything else remained standing.

Time is certainly zooming by. As usual this half term is extremely busy with lots of exciting events planned in the run up to Easter and beyond, including World Book Day, a Singing Club Concert, Year 2 Trafford Music Sessions, and the welcome return of our year group assemblies - details of which can all be found in this newsletter.

Down on the Farm

The children in Reception had a very exciting start to their new learning project, 'Do Cows Drink Milk?', with a visit from Little Barn Farm. Natalie from the farm brought lots of amazing animals with her to see the children, including two sheep, a calf, a goat, a hen and a guinea pig - aptly named 'Squeaky'! The children all had a wonderful time meeting the animals up close. They were able to



feed Rosie the calf and even hold Squeaky the guinea pig and Penny the hen. They were all very brave! Here is what a couple of our children thought about the visit...

"It was the best day ever! I loved feeding the baby calf - Rosie was her name. I also loved it when I held Squeaky and he ran up my coat! Squeaky squeaked all day!" *Ralph.*

"I liked Peter and Benjamin the sheep - they were very woolly! The calf had very rough fur! I wasn't scared when I held Penny the hen, even though she had sharp claws!" *Leo.*

What a truly memorable experience!





Egg-citing News!

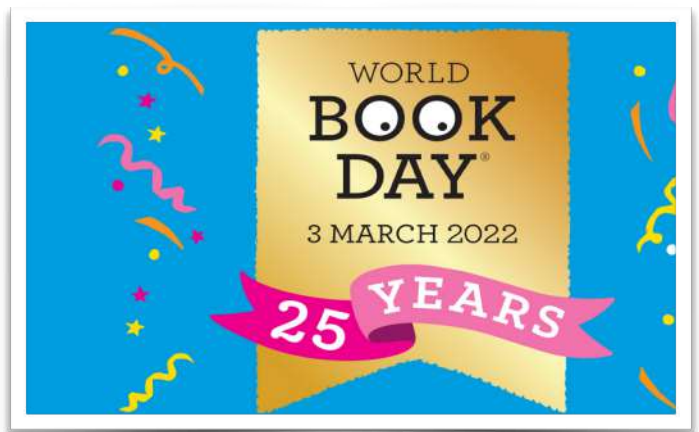
Nursery are certainly in for an 'egg-citing' time next week, when they will be getting a delivery of eggs in an incubator. Debs from 'Eggucation' will leave the eggs in school for a couple of weeks, so that the children can observe the eggs, noticing any changes, listening for little cheeps inside the eggs and watching chicks hatch before their very eyes! Debs has a small holdings and once our chicks have hatched and grown a little, Debs will come and collect them and take them to the holding where they will have a happy and free range life.

Safer Internet Day

At Templemoor we strongly believe in educating our children from an early age on 'how to stay safe online' and we have established half termly online safety lessons within school. This year we celebrated Safer Internet Day on 8th February. Every class in school had a special online safety lesson about using the computer safely to access the internet. We have an online 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 online safety information and resources.

Singing Club Concert

There will be a special singing concert in the school hall for parents and carers of those children who attend our Singing Club on Tuesday 5th April at 3:45pm.



World Book Day

Don't forget that this coming Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. Our theme for World Book Day is bedtime stories. We would like all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and to bring a favourite bedtime book. There will be lots of exciting book themed activities taking place in school, including a visit from the author Sam Shephard, who will be selling copies of his book 'Dogchester PD: The Great Bone Robbery' at a cost of £7.99. A letter has been sent to parents with details of how to order a copy. Keep sending in your photographs for our Masked Reader challenge! The photographs so far have been amazing!

Templemoor Book Fair

We are holding a book fair in the school hall from Monday 14th March to Wednesday 16th March from 3.15pm - 3.45pm. This is a great opportunity to purchase Easter gifts! School will receive a commission on the books sold which enables us to buy new books. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.





The Templemoor Election 2022

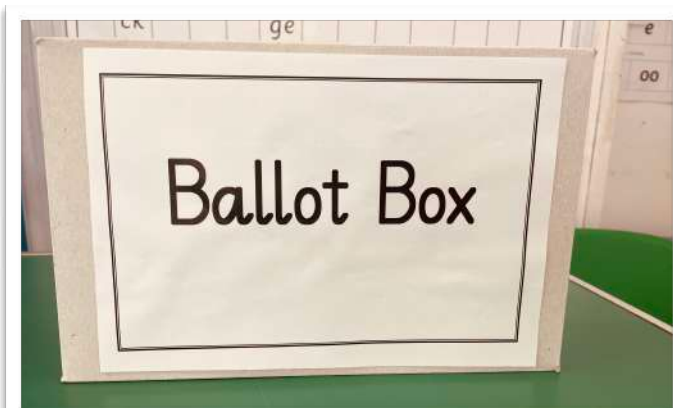
Before the half term break, we organised our very own ' Templemoor Election'. Our aim was to teach our children to understand about voting and the democratic process that takes place.

All of our children from Nursery to Year 2 could vote for one of four parties, each one represented by members of our Rights Respecting Team. Each party had to try to persuade us to vote for an area of school life that would benefit from £100 per class.

The four parties delivered impassioned speeches to all of the classes in an attempt to drum up support. On Wednesday 9th February, all of our children had the opportunity to vote in a secret ballot. The results were as follows...

Party	Number of Votes
The Playground Party	66 votes
The Happy Minds Party	64 votes
The Arty Party	38 votes
The Read More Party	32 votes

Well done to all the parties, who led fantastic campaigns, particularly to 'The Playground Party' who will soon spend £700 on playground resources that will benefit all of the children in school. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Brown, Mrs Handford and Mrs Campbell who organised the election and made it into a huge success.



Music in School

We are delighted to announce that next term, our children in Year 2 will be taught the ukulele by a music specialist, Mrs Peacock, from Trafford Music Service. Music lessons will take place each Monday throughout the Summer term. A special music concert for parents and carers of Year 2 children will take place at the end of the Summer term, with further details to be announced shortly. We are so looking forward to be working with Trafford Music Service again.



Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on Friday 1st April at 9:10am for our Year 1 assembly. We are so excited to be bringing these assemblies back after so long!

A message from the Governors



Hello everyone. I hope you all had a good half term break, in spite of the awful weather. As one of the more recently appointed Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Siobhain, and have been a Co-opted Governor since July 2020. I work as a Project Manager in Higher Education, prior to which I worked as a teacher. Having left teaching, I was drawn to becoming a governor as an opportunity to stay involved in education and continue to make a contribution. During my time as a teacher, I taught from Year 1 to Year 6, with some of that time being spent teaching in an Infant school, so I know what special places they are.

I sit on the Teaching and Learning committee, and have a particular interest in the curriculum. I love hearing about all the wonderful and varied learning opportunities that are on offer at Templemoor, and I know how hard the teaching staff have worked to develop and deliver a broad and rich curriculum. I'm really looking forward to spending time in school, meeting the wonderful children I hear so much about and being able to engage with the wider Templemoor community.

It has certainly been an interesting time to become a Governor, with schools facing the added challenge of keeping everyone safe throughout a global pandemic! I have been incredibly impressed with how the staff, children, parents and carers have responded to such difficult times.

Siobhain Easter - Co-opted Governor.



Templemoor Learning Powers

You may have heard your children talking about Tough Tortoise or Respectful Raccoon and wondered what they were talking about! Well, our school super learners help children when thinking about the qualities of a good person and being a good learner and they link very closely with the school Rights Respecting and Growth Mindset ethos. The learning powers are:

Tough Tortoise - who helps us to persevere and to keep going.

Resourceful Squirrel - who helps us to try to find things out for ourselves and makes good use of the resources around us to support our learning.

Safe Spike - who helps us to know how to keep ourselves safe.

Healthy Henry - who helps us make the right choices with our food and exercise and NOT forgetting our mental state of mind.

Wise Owl - who helps us to think carefully about how to overcome obstacles in our learning.

Respectful Raccoon - who helps us with being respectful towards others at all times.

You may also have noticed your children wearing badges. These badges are very special, and are earned by the children when they show these learning powers in their very own actions. So far we have been focussing on being wise. We will shortly be moving on to keeping healthy to link with our 'Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies week', which we have planned to take place in early May.

Reception Assembly

Reception parents and carers are invited join us in the school hall on Wednesday 18th May at 9:10am for our Reception assembly.



British Science Week

We are really looking forward to British Science Week, during the week beginning 14th March. The aim of the week is to focus on our children's knowledge and use of the scientific skills of enquiry and also to have fun experimenting. We are also excited to be welcoming parents into school who work in Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM). Our Science Lead, Mrs Leigh, along with Mrs Ree have recorded some great teaching videos of some simple experiments that the children can attempt at home, and these will form part of a science competition that we will be running during the week. Further details will be sent out shortly. Happy investigating Templemoor!

Acceptable Use Agreement

Thank you to those parents who have returned the computing 'Acceptable Use Agreement'. If you haven't yet done so, then please return the form no later than Friday 4th March. A copy of the form can be downloaded from [here](#).

Covid Updates

It has been refreshing to have been able to relax some of the restrictions in school that we have had

in place for so long, including face coverings in the playground and the one way outdoor system. We have been able to do this because of your vigilance and adherence in following Public Health advice and in doing so keeping everyone safe and in school. This will continue to be our main priority. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without Covid restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this elicits different responses in those around us.

Guidance issued by the Department for Education is for children and adults who have Covid to **remain at home for at least 5 full days** and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows. Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we do require parents to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that our staff and children remain Covid-free and therefore able to continue to be in school and to provide high quality education. Thank you for your continued support.

Proposed Templemoor Expansion

I mentioned in the November Newsletter that Templemoor had been approached by the Local Authority as a preferred site for expansion from a two form to a three form entry infant school. Following preliminary discussions with the school and the Council, the school joined with Council Officers to consider submissions from 3 contractors before appointing Conlon Construction Limited, and their associated architects, Bowker Sadler Architects. A series of meetings will now be held to allow the school to participate in developing the proposal alongside Council Officers and the appointed Design and Build Contractor. The proposal will involve a long and rigorous process of consultation, including parent and resident consultation. Further details will be sent out shortly with the whole school community being kept informed at every stage of the consultation process.

And finally...

Below you will find a growing list of diary dates, which will continue to be updated. As ever, if there is anything that you are not sure about, don't hesitate to ask one of us and we will be happy to help. We are all looking forward to another exciting, successful and (fingers crossed), a more 'normal' half term leading up to the Easter break.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team

Dates for the Spring Term 2022 and beyond!

Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day/ Author visit/ Princess and the Pea
Sunday 6th March 2022	Friends of Templemoor Encanto Movie Afternoon
Wednesday 9th March 2022	Bags2School second hand clothes collection
Week beginning 14th March 2022	British Science Week/ Book Fair in school
Tuesday 22nd March 2022	World Water Day
Friday 25th March 2022	Mothers Day Gift Stall
Friday 1st April 2022	Year 1 Assembly at 9:10am
Tuesday 5th April 2022	Singing Club Concert at 3:45pm
Thursday 7th April 2022	World Health Day
Friday 8th April 2022	Break the Rules Day/ School finishes for the Easter break
Monday 25th April 2022	Back to school for the Summer Term/ Year 2 Ukulele
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday Monday - school closed
Week beginning Tuesday 3rd May 2022	Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Week
Sunday 8th May 2022	Teddy Bears Picnic
Week beginning 16th May 2022	Year 2 SAT's start (further details to follow)
Wednesday 18th May 2022	Reception Assembly at 9:10am
Wednesday 25th May	Nursery trip to St. Annes-on-Sea, Lytham Fylde
Week beginning Monday 13th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (further details to follow)
Monday 13th June to Friday 15th July 2022	The Penny Drive
Friday 17th June 2022	Fathers Day Gift Stall
Saturday 25th June 2022	The Summer Fair
Thursday 14th July 2022	Year 2 Leavers Disco 5pm to 7pm
Thursday 21st July 2022	End of the Summer Term

Spring Term 2022

Opens	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Closes	Friday 11th February 2022
Opens	Monday 21st February 2022
Closes	Friday 8th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Opens	Monday 25th April 2022
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022
Closes	Friday 27th May 2022
Opens	Monday 13th June 2022
Closes	Thursday 21st July 2022

Staff Training Days (School will be closed to children)

Friday 10th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022