



TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 11TH MAY 2020

A message from Mr Hodgson

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I want to start by saying my biggest 'thank you' yet for sharing all the wonderful things, big and small, you are doing at home with your children during this interesting time - we have some real stars in our midst and we salute you!

I do hope that you all managed to have a relaxing sunny Bank Holiday weekend. I know that lots of Templemoor families celebrated the 75th anniversary of VE Day, which marked the end of World War 2 in Europe. It has been so lovely to see what you have been up to at home to mark this momentous day in history.

I am sure that you are aware that the Prime Minister made an announcement yesterday evening about the roadmap for a gradual transition out of lockdown. Like you, I have only just heard the announcement. We are waiting to receive more information from government about what this announcement will mean for our school and we will provide further information in the coming days and weeks once we are able to do so.



I want to remind you that in the short term nothing has changed. We will continue to provide home learning tasks for each year group, emails, weekly newsletters and the weekly video challenges to help the children to keep in touch and to remind everyone that we are thinking of you and are missing you all.

The weeks and months ahead are likely to look very different for us all, no matter what, but I can assure you that we will continue to do our best for our children, staff and families.

With very best wishes, Mr Hodgson.





A message from Mrs Campbell



A big hello to you all...

I was delighted when Mr Hodgson asked me to write a short message to share my good wishes with you and let you know what I have been up to over the past few weeks.

Life both at school and at home has changed so much recently and we've all had to make big changes to the way we go about our daily lives.

Over the past few weeks, my time has been split between school and home. In school, I've been supporting children, whose parents are key workers, to do their work and at home I've been helping my two children: Charlie (13) and Ruby (9) to do their home learning (which has been a real challenge for us all - plenty of ups and downs!).

Just like many of you, we've been trying hard to keep busy and find ways to fill up our days: We've had lots of fun playing games in the garden; tickling our cat Bernie and enjoying the sunshine; we've even managed to master online exercise classes using Zoom - which has been lots of fun!

I've really enjoyed looking at all of your photographs and home learning challenges - I can see that you've been working very hard and tackling each challenge with enthusiasm and great resilience (Tough Tortoise and Resourceful Squirrel are very proud of you all).



Remember to stay positive and take each day as it comes. We are all missing you greatly and look forward to returning to some sort of normality.

My sincerest best wishes to you all. Take care, keep safe and look after one another.

Mrs Campbell



A message from Mrs Handford



Well hello there from the Handford household! You know me, but there is also Mr Handford and our two boys Wilf and Eddy at home. It is lovely to spend more time with them, but I

do so miss all the smiley faces from Templemoor. I miss the creative workshop, the smell of freshly mixed powder paint and all the amazing paintings the nursery children produce. I miss our lunchtime art workshops and the bright, colourful creations that line the corridor whilst drying, waiting to go home, or be displayed for all to see. If I am honest, I don't miss wiping paint off the floor! Oh, that reminds me of a poem the poet Andy Tooze shared with us - 'paint on walls, paint on the door, paint on the taps, paint on the floor' do you remember? He was great wasn't he!

So, I have been trying out ideas at home and making crafty plans for when we are all back together (see the picture below!). There is so much inspiration out there. We have been watching 'Grayson Perry's Art club' on Channel Four, have you seen it? 'Alan Measles' is his teddy bear from when he was young and has inspired some of his artwork, which got me thinking about you all making some sort of artwork to do with your favourite toy...

Talking about clubs I also really miss our Rights meetings. I wonder if anyone can remember any of the amazing work we have done for children's rights, what springs to mind? Can you remember

what UNICEF or the Convention mean? I'd be extremely impressed if so, but don't worry, you could always google it, just don't forget to add 'for kids' or you might end up with too much information. Maybe have a think about what we could do next to help make our world a better place, be it at school, in our local community or as wider global citizens.

Wilf and Eddy have got lots of work from big school to do, and whilst they are normally exceptionally good boys, getting them to do schoolwork at home is tricky with so many other things they would rather be doing. I keep saying "when I ask the boys and girls at Templemoor to do something, they do it straight away, with a smile on their face and a spring in their step!" I think secretly they would both much rather be doing the weekly Templemoor challenges!

Whilst Mr Handford is using our kitchen as an office, I've been quietly baking, trying not to clang pots on Mr Handford's important conference calls, although it's much easier said than done. I love reading too. My favourite place to read, you might think a little funny, but is in a hot bath tub with lots of bubbles and a cup of my favourite fennel tea!

I hope you are all busy with things to do, who knows maybe you'll discover a new hobby or a magic trick to impress your friends with, an author you'll grow to love, a joke to share or something else. I just can't wait to hear all about the things you're getting up to.

TTFN (keep washing well)

Mrs Handford & co.



A message from Miss MacIntyre



First I would just like to say a massive thank you to all of you emailing in photographs of your work and creations. They put a massive smile on my face every day and you never fail

to amaze me with your endless talents! I would also like to say a big thank you to all your wonderful grownups keeping you safe and smiling through this tricky time. I am missing you all so much but I know I will see you soon!

This week I have been very busy doing lots of bits and bobs! I have been cooking, baking, reading and doing lots of gardening. On Tuesday however, my gardening was interrupted by some visitors which came waddling across the patio! We quickly had to lock Bob the cat inside to stop him from pestering them! The 4 of them had a good look round and then went on their way, passing through my neighbours' gardens as they went (see the photograph below).

It has been so lovely to see all of the wildlife in my garden. I've had bees nesting in my bughouse, butterflies dancing through the flowers and lots of birds filling the garden with song. It's safe to say we have all be enjoying this sunshine!

Today, I decided to do something a little different. I got out my sewing machine and have begun making face masks for some friends and family

members. They took a little while to make but I thought like tough tortoise and kept going!

Next week it is my birthday so I hope the sun keeps shining and I can spend more time outside - I might even have a picnic! A big happy birthday if it has been your special day over the last couple of months!

Keep smiling and safe everyone!

Love from, Miss MacIntyre

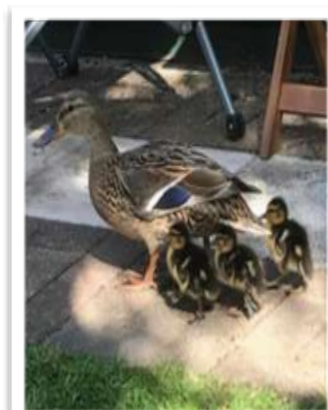
Rights Respecting Article of the Week

This week it's Article 7, that *'Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and as far as possible to know and be cared for by their families.'*

Have you ever been to a naming and welcoming ceremony, like a christening or aqiqah? Could you draw a picture or write a short description of what happened or share what you remember by telling someone about it.

Perhaps you could create a sign with your name on - this could be with paper and pen, paint or a collage with indoor or outdoor materials. Or maybe you could write an acrostic poem with your name and words that describe you?

Ask your family why you have the name you have. Did they have another name for you? What does your name mean? Does it suit your personality? Why don't you talk to your family about their names. Do they like their name?



A coat of arms of a family, town or organisation is a special design in the form of a shield that they use as a symbol of their identity. Maybe you could design your very own coat of arms with things that represent your identity - perhaps the things you like to do such as favourite hobbies or sports. You could draw your favourite foods or use your favourite colours.

Perhaps you could create something to represent your identity, such as the things you like, you as a person, what you enjoy and where you are from. It could be a song, a logo, a piece of art or dance... express yourself!

Send any of your work or pictures into us, we would love to see it!

A message from Mrs Drinkwater



Hello to all our lovely Templemoor families!

I do hope you are all safe and keeping well. I am sat writing this in the glorious sunshine on VE Day. This momentous

day is a time for us to remember the end of World War 2 in Europe. I hope you all got to celebrate and enjoy this special day together. So far, the Drinkwater family have enjoyed making bunting to decorate the outside of our house. Later we are looking forward to joining our neighbours for a street party. (Adhering to the social distancing rules of course!)

I look forward to my days when I am in school as it lovely to see some of our families but I am missing you all very much. Like you, I too love Mr Hodgson's weekly videos and challenges. When I was in school last week we all had fun painting our own dotty pictures! When I'm not in school I am kept busy trying to teach my 8 year old daughter. The daily exercise is always a highlight of our day when we go cycling along the canal. We always look out for the ducks and their new ducklings.

Year 1, thank you so much for sharing your achievements so far via email. I am amazed by all the wonderful learning taking place in your homes. It really is fantastic to see! Please continue to send in any of the fabulous things you are doing. If you haven't been in touch yet, please do as I would love to hear from you. Even if it's just to say hello.

Hopefully the sun will continue to shine and we will all get to be together soon.

Take care and keep smiling! Mrs Drinkwater



Welcome back Mrs Leigh



I would like to say a big hello and welcome back to Mrs Leigh, who will return to school this week following her maternity leave. We all look forward to working with Mrs Leigh again.

Nursery and Reception Induction

As a school, we've had to adapt rapidly over the past few weeks. It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into Nursery and Reception this September. We want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we are having to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the remote activities that we've got planned will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year. We will be contacting you by the end of this week with further details on these arrangements.

We look forward to connecting with you over the next few weeks, as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us.

Year 2 Moorlands Transition

We are also currently working very closely with Moorlands Junior School as to how we can support the transition for children and parents from Year 2 to Year 3. Further details will be announced very shortly.

And finally...

Please remember that everything you are doing at home is great! There is no right or wrong way at this present time. Do not worry if your child is not

completing all work that is set. Children also benefit from exploring the great outdoors, especially in this beautiful weather.

Every Friday we would normally celebrate the brilliant work that the children have produced in our special Golden Book assembly. As we cannot have Golden Book at the moment I thought it might be useful to include the certificate at the back of this newsletter, so that you can give this out to your children for all of the wonderful work that they have been doing.

I will be in touch with further updates once we have them. Until then, stay safe, stay positive and continue to take care of yourselves and your families.

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team.

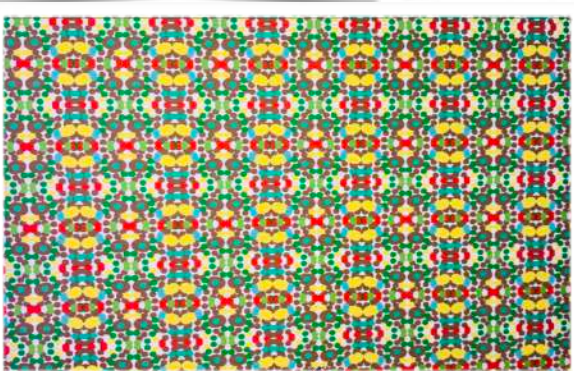


Safe Spike's Challenge

Last Monday, Mr Hodgson and Safe Spike set the children a challenge. The challenge was to start with a mark and to see where it takes you! Well done children. The art work that you have produced this week has been beautiful. Look out for this week's challenge on our school website!









Golden Book Certificate

Below you will find a copy of our Golden Book certificate. Please feel free to use this certificate to reward great home learning.

Star Pupil Award

Presented to _____

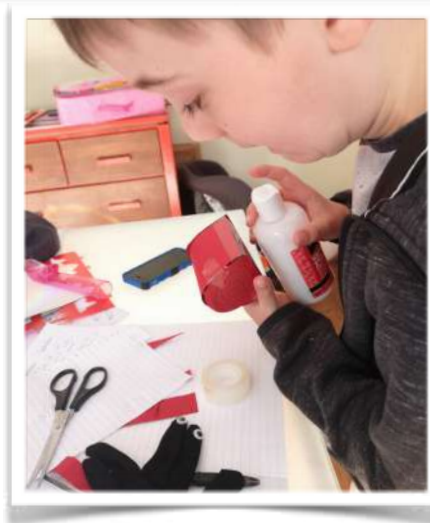
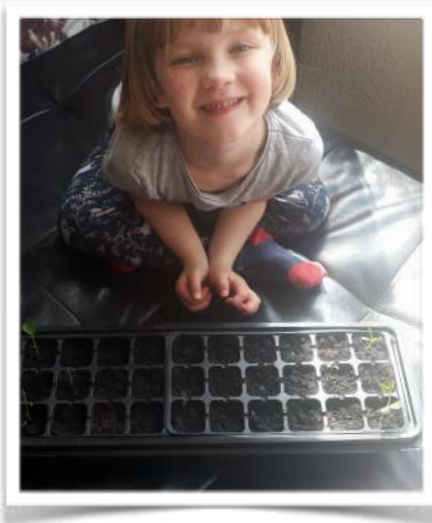
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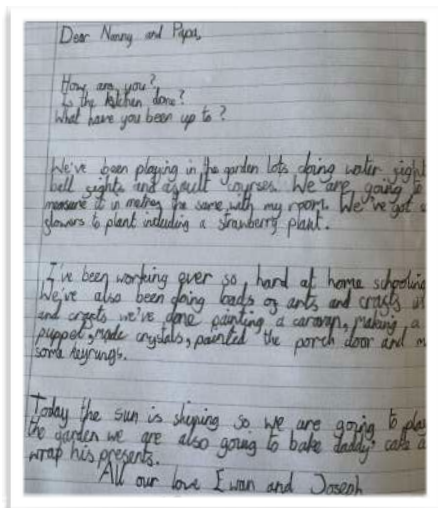
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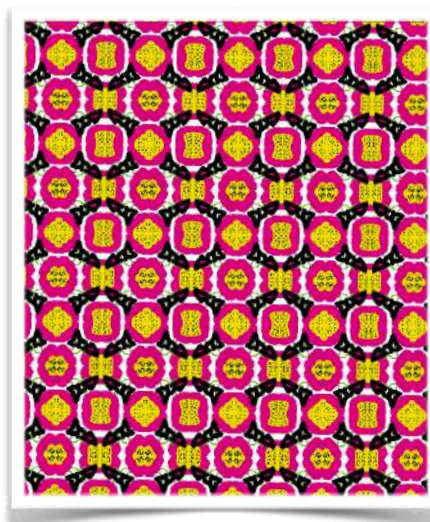
We hope you've enjoyed your home learning this week and had the opportunity to do lots of other things too. Judging by the email's we've received; it looks as though you have all been very busy indeed!



Making face shaped scones, planting sweet peas and designing and making a puppet.



Writing a thoughtful letter to grandparents, making a lighthouse and counting cars in tens.



Making a rain cloud in a jar, researching Tanzania and using a paint program to design wallpaper.



Making a dragonfly finger puppet and celebrating VE Day.



Baking banana bread, painting a poster for VE Day and learning science with your older sister.



Learning about Team HAP, painting a Union Jack for VE Day and spotting newts at Sale Water Park.

Well done everyone, and keep your photographs coming in!