

TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Happy Half Term!

Our first half term of the year has gone by so quickly! And once again a very busy time has been enjoyed by all. Exciting things have been happening in all of the classrooms throughout this half term and the children have again achieved so much throughout the school. Well done to all of our children, and the staff for working so hard! I wish you all a very relaxing and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again on **Tuesday 30th October 2018.**

Sale Food Bank

To end this half term 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.



We Are Adventurers

Our Year 2 children are really enjoying their outdoor learning sessions every Wednesday with 'We are Adventurers'. The children have been extending their learning around their topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' by collecting materials from the natural environment to make paints and potions as well as taking part in lots of other exciting learning activities. The sessions develop a wide range of skills, such as team building, taking risks and problem solving as well as building confidence and promoting well-being. The sessions certainly add another exciting dimension to our children's learning at Templemoor and aim to make learning even more delicious!



Year 2 Ukulele Concert

There will be a special concert in the school hall for all parents and carers of Year 2 children on **Tuesday 27th November 2018** at **2:30pm** when the children will showcase their musical talents. Keep practising hard Year 2!

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. We hope that some of the lost property will find its way back home to its rightful owners!

The Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again!

School Menus

Templemoor offers a delicious school dinner menu, which can be found on our school website. Our talented cook Mrs Rourke operates on a four

Staff Training

Please note that school will be closed on **Monday 29th October 2018** for staff training. You must make suitable arrangements for your child on this day. A full list of term dates is published on our website.

week basis and therefore there are four different menus. These menus have been developed by Trafford Catering Service. Our school dinners are that popular, even many teachers have them daily!

Year 2 Cake Sale

Thank you to all of our Year 2 children and grown ups for bringing in cakes for our recent cake sale. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing some delicious cakes. The sale was a huge success, raising an amazing **£130** for the school. Well done to everyone, including our Friends of Templemoor for organising the sale.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Evenings this term. As always almost every parent and carer came along to meet with the class teachers and to have a look at the children's work. We hope you found the sessions informative. I am sure that you were impressed by the work the children have done and by the progress that every child has made - the school was certainly full of very proud children (and staff) the next day!

Family Fun Night

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our frightfully fun Family Night. The event was a huge success and was enjoyed by parents and children alike. A huge thank you must go to our fabulous team at the Friends of Templemoor who organised the evening and of course to the one and only Mr Tinsel who entertained and amazed the children with his wonderfully spooky tricks and ghoulish games. We managed to raise an unbelievable £935.15, which is the most we have ever raised at a Family Fun Night. Well done everyone!





Year 1 Superhero Visits

As part of their topic about 'Superheroes', the children in Year 1 were lucky enough to receive three visits - one from Colin the Firefighter, one from P.C. Chris and another from Nurse Tomlinson. The children enjoyed finding out about the different ways police officers can help us. They loved learning about some of the equipment they use and dressing up in their uniform! 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! Nurse Tomlinson told us all about the important work that she does as a nurse too. A huge thank you to our special visitors for giving up their precious time to come and talk to the children. You are all real-life superheroes! The Year 1 children have thoroughly enjoyed this exciting topic, but are already looking forward to their next one... Bright Lights, Big City where a very special visitor will be joining us!

Year 1 Assembly

All parents and carers of our Year 1 children are invited to join us in the school hall on **Friday 16th November 2018** at **9am** for our Year 1 Assembly.

SEND Link Newsletter

Trafford's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Link Newsletter for the Autumn Term can now be downloaded from our school website, under 'Our School' and 'Special Educational Needs'. Parents can sign up to receive the newsletter directly at www.trafford.gov.uk/thelink.

Our School Website

Look out for some exciting changes coming to our school website over the half term holiday! You may indeed see some of your lovely children in the new photographs that will be used throughout the site.

Topics for next half term

Our exciting themes for next half term are:

Nursery	Is it shiny?
Reception	Why do squirrels hide their nuts?
Year 1	Bright Lights, Big City (London)
Year 2	Moon Zoom (Outer Space)



Reception Literacy Workshop

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

"I had no previous knowledge of phonics so it's great to have some guidance that I can put into place."

"It reminded me about the importance of reading and writing and spending quality time with my child."

"It was a really valuable evening and I feel I understand the challenges my child faces a lot more. I'm encouraged about how I can make a positive contribution to my child's learning and support the teachers efforts."

For those of you who could not attend we will upload the workshop materials onto our school website under the tab 'Learning' and 'Reception'.



A Message from our Co-opted Governor



The summer holidays seem a distant memory now as we settle into the Autumn Term. Governor meetings are well underway with all committees having already met and the first full

Governing Body meeting of this academic year due in November.

For parents new to our school, just a little background information about myself. I have been a Governor at Templemoor for over 13 years and have been involved in many exciting changes during that time. Within school I am employed as an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant). My main role is as Phonics Manager and it was great to meet so many of our Reception parents at our recent Literacy Evening. My role as a co-opted governor enables me to support our school in a wider and often more challenging way than my

day to day role in school. I am a member of the Teaching, Learning and Achievement Committee where, with my teaching background, I feel I can best contribute.

Every member of the Governing Body works really hard 'behind the scenes' to ensure that our school is supported and monitored in every aspect. I think that we are very lucky at Templemoor to have such a supportive Governing Body who are genuinely interested in the development and wellbeing of our school community.

Sue Buckley - Co-opted Governor

Parent Governor Vacancy

A gentle reminder that we do have a Parent Governor vacancy available starting in November. Details about what being a Governor entails as well as how to apply have been sent home with your child. The application deadline is **Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 12pm.**

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 27th November 2018 at 3:30pm** for a special singing concert.

Year 2 Cake Sale

Our second cake sale of this academic year will take place on **Friday 2nd November 2018** when it will be the turn of our Year 1 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.



Rights Respecting School

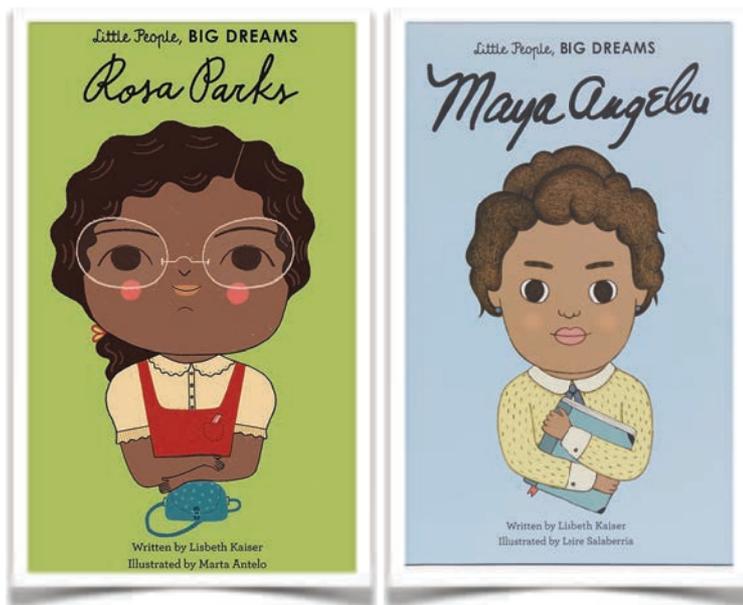
After the half term holiday, we will be continuing our important work as a Rights Respecting School. The children will be learning about Article 31, that ‘all children have the right to relax and play, and to join a wide range of activities’. To help support the work that we are doing in school we are going to be supporting two local charities. The Wood Street Mission is a charity located in the centre of Manchester and its aim is to support struggling families in Manchester and Salford. We will be collecting good quality children’s toys, books and toiletries for children such as baby shampoo and junior toothpaste. Our children are also very concerned about homeless people in Manchester. With this in mind we are also collecting for a charity called The Forget Me Not Trust. The Trust are desperate for donations of warm clean clothes and blankets to help those who are homeless survive this winter. Further information about the charities can be found by visiting:

www.woodstreetmission.org.uk
theforgetmenottrust.org.uk

A letter will be sent home after half term explaining how you can donate. We would also be very interested to hear from any of our families who have a link with any other charities. Please email the office at admin@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Rights of a Child

In assembly, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 are currently learning all about inspirational people who fought for the rights of others and who managed to make a huge impact on the world. These great figures developed a true Growth Mindset of never giving up, being resilient and overcoming huge obstacles that stood in their way. So far the children have heard about Rosa Parks and Maya Angelou, with other amazing people still to come. The children have really thought carefully about the rights that these people have struggled for. What thoughtful children we have here at Templemoor.



Exciting ‘Christmassy’ news is on its way...

Do you have that Christmassy feeling yet?! Well at School we are in the process of finalising the Christmas Shows for 2018! These will be announced very shortly. We are hoping once again to film both productions. The dates and times of the performances can be found at the back of this newsletter. Has the countdown to Christmas really begun already!?!



School Outcomes for 2017/18

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 2018 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

81.7% of pupils in Reception attained a Good Level of Development against the Early Years framework. The national average is 71.5%, and the Trafford average is 75.3%. 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.

98.3% of children in Year One attained the expected standard in the Phonic Screening test. This is above the national average of 82.6%, and the Trafford average of 86.3%.



Key Stage One Outcomes for 2018

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.

End of KS1 Teacher assessment Results 2018	School Performance	Trafford Local Authority Performance	National Performance
Reading - expected standard +	86.7%	78.3%	75.5%
Reading - Greater Depth	45%	29.6%	25.7%
Writing - expected standard +	86.7%	72.5%	70%
Writing - Greater Depth	28.3%	16.6%	15.9%
Mathematics - expected standard +	88.3%	80.1%	76.1%
Mathematics - Greater Depth	36.7%	24.7%	21.8%

Dates for the Autumn Term 2018

Friday 19th October 2018	School breaks up at 3:15pm for the half term holiday
Tuesday 30th October 2018	Back to school!
Wednesday 31st October 2018	Closing date to apply to be a Parent Governor
Friday 2nd November 2018	Year 1 Cake Sale
Friday 16th November 2018	Year 1 Assembly at 9am
Tuesday 27th November 2018	Year 2 Ukulele Concert at 2:30pm Choir Club Concert at 3:30pm
Friday 30th November 2018	Non Uniform Day/ Nursery Cake Bake
Saturday 1st December 2018	The Christmas Fair from 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday 5th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Ladybirds and Nursery)
Thursday 6th December 2018	EYFS Christmas Show at 9am (For children in Bees and Nursery)
Thursday 13th December 2018	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 1 and Class 3)
Friday 14th December 2018	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show at 9am (For parents of children in Class 2 and Class 4)
Wednesday 19th December 2018	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 20th December 2018	Christmas Party Day/ School breaks up at 3:15pm for the Christmas holiday
Monday 7th January 2019	Back to school!

Autumn Term 2018

Opens	Tuesday 4th September 2018
Closes	Friday 19th October 2018
Opens	Tuesday 30th October 2018
Closes	Thursday 20th December 2018

Spring Term 2019

Opens	Monday 7th January 2019
Closes	Friday 8th February 2019
Opens	Monday 18th February 2019
Closes	Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Opens	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Bank Holiday Monday (School is closed)	Monday 6th May 2019
Closes	Friday 24th May 2019
Opens	Monday 10th June 2019
Closes	Friday 26th July 2019