

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

As promised, here is a picture of our very proud Temple Meadow Parliamentarians who were announced in last week's Star Assembly. When I called out their names, their faces were just 'a picture' as many of them gasped with delight and absolutely could not stop smiling.

Our MPs are as follows:

Amelia (1 Donaldson), Kyler (1 Tomlinson), Billy (2 Geraghty), Rose (2 Dahl), Esme (3 Fine), An Noor (3 Strong), Mohammed and Sam (4 Ahlberg), Fatima (5 Pullman), Ruby (5 Rosen)

Our Head Boys and Head Girls also part of our Parliament are:

Mohammed, Kyle and Summer & Kyle, Karsen and Chloe.



Well Being Charter Mark

On Wednesday, we hosted a visitor linked to renewing our 'Well Being Charter Mark'. As part of this process, many of our pupils were involved and Miss Hodgetts who has been leading on the accreditation, was full of praise for Quinn (6M) and Karsen (6R), two of our Head Girls/Boys, who gave a tour of the school. A big thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Focus Group and shared their views about Temple Meadow.

Kingswood Compliment

It was lovely to have a heart felt compliment from one of our parents linked to the commitment staff give to the Year 6 residential experience.

"My child had a fabulous week and is absolutely buzzing. I'm so happy my child has had a fantastic experience and they could burst with pride."

Mr Smith, Mrs Lamb and Miss Pearson go above and beyond in the attention to detail and the commitment they give to the residential experience. Do please see the photos on our school website.

Message from Chair of Governors – Ben Riley



"Hello to everyone at Temple Meadow. My name is Ben Riley, I have recently been elected as your new Chair of Governors. I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and share some of the ways the Governing Body are here to help and support everyone at Temple Meadow.

I only recently joined your governing body, but I have been a Primary Governor for 2 years based at Rounds Green in Oldbury. I'm really excited to represent you and support our fantastic school team here to help our students shine.

My aim is to build on the work of our previous Chairs and work with Governors to improve our impact and profile at Temple Meadow. I am currently working on ensuring our web page governor profile gives you a sense of who we all are. I am then planning to work with Ms Walsh on expanding our engagement in school life; planning for Governor presence at key events. I will be sharing more of these ideas in future newsletters.

I would really like to encourage you to consider filling the current Parent and/or co-opted Governor vacancies as schools need active and engaged Governing Boards that represent the whole community.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Do look out for the communication around applying to be a Parent Governor.

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Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy on our school Governing Body. This is a really interesting opportunity for a Parent/Carer to get involved in school life from a governor perspective.

The Governing Body is an essential part of the school and works closely with the Headteacher on ensuring we provide a quality and engaging educational environment for all our pupils. Being a member of the Governing Board you have the opportunity to get involved in essential areas of school life through governor committees, which include:

- Curriculum
- Staffing and Finance
- Health and Safety

Governors are key to supporting the strategic direction of the school and have a crucial part to play in supporting school development.

At Temple Meadow we have a shared sense of the values and vision we have for the school. As a Parent Governor you are able to make a difference to pupils' lives and aspirations. Don't be daunted by applying, as the Governing Body ideally should be fully representative of our school community. If you are thinking about it but are a little bit hesitant then talk to the office who will make an appointment with me and I will tell you more about the role. Our Chair of Governors, our Parent Governors and Staff Governors are also available for discussions about what it means to be a governor. If you are a parent and you think another parent would make a good Governor then do persuade them to apply.

Getting involved in governance allows you to access training and supports your own personal career as it brings many transferable skills.



Temple Meadow Kids Club—Ofsted

Temple Meadow Kids Club had a visit from Ofsted this week. As you probably know, they're a completely separate organisation with a separate Ofsted registration. As expected, the visit went really well and once the report is released, we will ensure that this is shared with you and hosted on our website. Well done to Kelly and her team who provide such a valuable service to Temple Meadow parents.

Inset Days

Please note Monday 24th July and Tuesday 25th July are inset days so therefore children are not in school.

That means that pupils last day in school is Friday 21st July. Details of all Inset Days are on our school website and below:

- Monday 31st October 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January 2023
- Monday 24th July 2023
- Tuesday 25th July 2023

Harvest Festival

A big thank you to Mrs Alam who leads on RE and the Harvest Celebration. Thank you for your very generous donations and contributions for the mufti day. Please see our Other News section for more information



Celebrating Forest School

I'm just sharing a staff view of how Forest School feels. Mrs Whyte, one of our HLTA's but also up until recently, a committed Staff Governor, shared the following compliment about Mrs Bayley's leadership of Forest School but also what a valuable asset it is to school life.

I was privileged this afternoon to go to Forest School for the first time while I was covering Reception. I just wanted to say what a fantastic resource and opportunity this is. I watched children skilfully using mallets and palm drills, enabling their friends to achieve, showing such an interest in the outdoors. I loved watching them exploring, safe in their environment, learning skills that will last them a lifetime. The very last activity, the sit spot, where we were just able to stop and think, just added to theirs and my own mindfulness and wellbeing. Can I go again?

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher

Other News

Reception Phonic Workshop

A big thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to our Reception Phonic workshop. Any materials that were given out and the PowerPoint shown will be added to the class website. Please do use the link below to support your child with Phonics at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

[Reading to Children - Tips & Techniques - "Itchy Bear" Neil Griffiths - ELC - YouTube](#)

Forest School Update



Forest School has gotten off to a great start this term. We have been playing team-building games, hunting for insects, listening to nature as well as learning how to use tools for different purposes. The various elements of Forest School have allowed the children to learn new skills outside the classroom and we can already see the benefits that it is having on the children. Den building has been a huge success where the children have worked together, listening to each other's ideas and then even testing some dens to see if they are waterproof.

Within Forest School sessions, we have been investigating which animals have visited Forest School and the signs to show us where they have been. We have been lucky to be able to capture images of a badger and a fox in the Forest School area. Each session follows a structure with time to reflect on our own achievements, worries and thoughts and to inform future sessions. In the coming weeks, children are looking forward to using more of the tools to get creative as well as learning about fire safety and lighting fires.

Book Fair



On Wednesday 19th October 2022 we have our Book Fair coming to school which will be located in our Dance Studio. This will be open for Parents/Carers and children to browse after school between 3.30pm and 4.00pm. We have lots of new and exciting books for you to purchase. The more books we sell, the more free books we get for our school library and book corners in Key Stage One and Early Years.

The book fair will be open every night between the 19th October to the 21st October 2022 before half term and then again on the 31st October and 1st November 2022.

Harvest Festival - money raised and competition winners!

A great big thank you to all the Parents/Carers that contributed to the green-themed mufti day for Harvest. We have combined the money for both the mufti day and produce stalls. The grand total made was, £112.80. We have then halved this to be split between the Cradley Heath Foodbank and Eco committee. In addition to this, the response to the food collection was brilliant. We received many crates worth of food tins & packages across the whole school. We will post in the next newsletter what this was equivalent to in Kilograms in the next newsletter. The Foodbank that came to collect on Tuesday were incredibly appreciative of all the food, as this will help so many people in their time of need. Also, Mrs Bayley was very thankful that the 'Guess the number of conkers in the jar' competition had quite a bit of interest. The winners are as follows:

Conker Jar 1:

- 1st Prize: Hamper: Sandra, Year 3
- 2nd Prize: Playdough set: Olivia, Year 4
- 3rd Prize: Activity book: Vaneeza, Year 6

Conker Jar 2:

- 1st Prize: Hamper: Clark, Year 2
- 2nd Prize: Playdough set: Taylor, Year 2
- 3rd Prize: Activity book: Hannah, Reception



The generous donations collected will be used to continue the hard work the ECO committee are doing, to help continue their planting throughout the year. Thank you for your support!

**COATS
FOR
KIDS**

Cradley Heath & Old Hill Winter Coats Bank

**Cradley Heath Salvation Army,
Meredith Street, Cradley Heath
B64 5EP**

Have you got a children's winter coat
you no longer need?

Does your child need a winter coat?

Drop off any **clean** winter coats you no longer need
so other local children can benefit from them on;

Monday 24 October

10am – 12noon

Come and see what winter coats are available and
take what you need (**FREE**) on;

Wednesday 26 October

10am – 12noon

**HEALTHY
SANDWELL**
We find the support you need



 **Sandwell**
Metropolitan Borough Council

Coombs Wood Cricket Club

Under 9 and
10 training

**Halesowen
College,
Indoor Sports
Hall**
Whittingham
Road
Halesowen,
B63 3NA

Monday's
6-8pm
(starting 10th
October)

All ages welcome
Booking not necessary



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