

Temple Meadow Newsletter

Friday 18th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Risk Assessment - As you are all aware we circulated a separate letter this week that explains our current COVID Risk Assessment and how we plan to return to even more 'normality' following the Easter break.

After school clubs - You will have seen in my letter, we aim to roll out a wider range of clubs after Easter. The three clubs we run currently (Eco, Yr 1 Phonics and Yr 6 SATs booster) are all really well attended, thank you for your support with these.

Ukraine Support - Thank you to the parents and carers who supported our appeal to donate items. These small things we do locally do make a big difference nationally and internationally. These funds are needed to support the 2.6 million refugees and rising. Less than a month ago their lives were so similar to ours – devastating. Our Year 6 pupils expressed their thoughts - *"We are overwhelmed with the amount of generous donations that have been brought in. These include: shampoo, torches, wipes, sleeping bags, nappies and more. All of the donations have been delivered to Dudley Community Church, which will then be taken to locations in Poland. Once again, we are very grateful for everything we have been sent and are thanking you as your kindness really makes a difference to the world."*

Our staff team raised £230, which has now been sent on to the [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk). This Humanitarian Appeal brings together 13 leading UK aid charities, including Red Cross and Save the Children. We will plan further fundraising events but we are mindful of financial pressures within households currently and other fundraising days we have planned. i.e. Red Nose Day today.

We did receive a lovely comment from a member of our school community: *"I wanted to say I think you're approaching this brilliantly. It's a worrying time for all of us. Let's face it, none of us know what's going to happen and each day I'm personally glued to news channels for updates. Which is why I wanted to thank teachers for being truthful with our children. Supporting them and allowing them a voice. I want my child to have the power of knowledge through learning. It is our beliefs that the more understanding they have of the world both positive and negative, can only help them develop and be equipped with common sense, understanding, compassion and democracy. This generation are the ones who can only benefit from that. All this makes me thankful for my family, my home, schools, food etc. All the things that are taken for granted. Again teaching appreciation to our children."*

Celebrating pupil work - It was lovely to receive the message below showcasing lovely Writing and it is a huge achievement by Amie in Year One - *"I wanted to share some positive news with you all and hope it brings a smile for you as it has done for me. Amie entered into a young writers competition during the Christmas Holidays. This is her own imagination story. This week we have learnt that Amie has been selected for publication, which will be 22nd April 2022. As you can imagine, I am incredibly proud of her."*

Do please let us know about any out of school successes so we can join in the celebrations.



The Mermaid Who Helps The Turtle

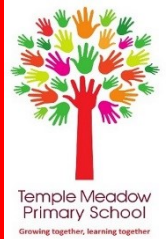
One day there was a mermaid called Molly who lived in the coral reef. She started to swim in the sparkly blue water. She was zooming through the waves looking at new species. Suddenly, she saw a sea turtle. "The name's Mr Turt," he sadly said. He was sad because he was tangled in a net. Then Molly kindly untangled Mr Turt. After that, they swam through the ocean, smiling together looking for other sea creatures to help.



Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



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Medical Students

During the week commencing **Monday 25th April 2022**, we will be hosting two third year medical students from the University of Birmingham. The purpose of this week is to enable them to develop their knowledge and understanding of child development and interactions, as well as gaining experience and developing skills to help them relate to young children; all of which will be very important when they complete their Paediatrics rotation.

During their time at Temple Meadow, the students have a set list of tasks to complete. These not only benefit the students, but also school, as many of these link with the health aspect of the RSHE curriculum.

Such activities include:

- hearing children read and reading to children
- eating lunch with children and playing games with them
- teaching some year groups basic first aid skills
- giving a careers talk linked to the NHS
- delivering sessions to some year groups around healthy living, self-care and hygiene
- be available to parents before and after school, in the playground, to enable the families to understand working in the NHS, healthy eating and exercise.

This is where you come in. We would really appreciate your engagement with the medical students during this week, answering any of their questions or seeking their impartial advice or support.

We appreciate that drop off and collections can be very busy and time constrained for many of you; however, if you would like to speak to the medical students regarding support with healthy eating and exercise, to find out more about working in the NHS or just to share your views and thoughts around any of these topics, please do let us know by emailing tm.admin@meadow.sandwell.sch.uk and we will ensure the medical students seek you out during their week with us. **Please remember to include your name, your child's name and year group in the email so that we can direct them to you easily.**

Year 4 Artist in school

On **Friday 11th March**, as part of the Sandwell Arts Champions programme, we were visited by a performing artist called Emily Summers. She worked with all the Year 4 children and asked the question: 'What is Art?' The children were led into a discussion that art was not just painting and drawing and that acting, singing and dancing were also forms of Art. The children were challenged to be statues where they worked in groups to create letters of the alphabet and to make themselves into a fruit bowl. After this Emily taught the children a dance that they performed to music. On **Tuesday 29th March**, we will be working with a conceptual artist called Kathleen Fabre who works with wool.



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Red nose day

A big thank you to all of our pupils that took part in our messy hair day to raise money for red nose day. As a school we have raised £83 so far. We will leave the payment item on Parent Pay until the end of the day on Monday, for any additional contributions to be made. Thank you for your donations. The children had a lovely time taking part in our mile challenges today too!



Easter Bonnet Parade- Tuesday 5th April

We are hosting an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' (similar to what we did last year on our all-weather track), this will be taking place on **Tuesday 5th April**. We are tasking children to make a recycled Easter Bonnet using packaging, egg boxes or even papier mâché. Children will need to come into school wearing comfy track suit bottoms/leggings and trainers so that children can run safely. It would be ideal to have a chin strap or ribbon attached, to ensure the bonnet stays on your child's head.

During the event, each year group will have a slot to complete their circuits before the next class enters the track. The event will be really engaging and fun. Also, as we are a Green Flag Eco School we are encouraging everybody to 'recycle' and 're-purpose' things we already have, so try to avoid purchasing new items. All hats will be sent home at end of the day and please can we ensure they are recycled too.



Every year group will have a prize up for grabs, so let's try and think outside the box and make the most imaginative and creative Easter Bonnets please (although they must be safe). Unfortunately, we won't be able to have parents on site to watch this but we will capture plenty of images to share with you in the following newsletter and on our brand new school website.

Mrs Alam - RE Coordinator

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Early Years Music area

A big thankyou to our parents for their donations. The children have been busy making music in our music area.

Miss Evans - Assistant Headteacher



PE Kits

PE Kit - Now we are in Spring 2 we will be doing PE outdoors weather depending. PE Kits should include appropriate outdoor clothing e.g. sweatshirt and joggers in case of chilly weather. Joggers and sweatshirts must be plain black, navy blue or grey. Children should not be wearing their red school jumpers and coats during PE lessons. Plain white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers must be worn for PE.

Mrs Colwell - PE Coordinator

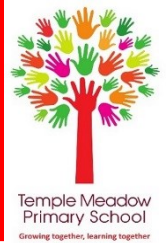
Tree Planting

Temple Meadow pupils have been doing their bit for the environment by planting trees on our school grounds. We applied for the trees from the Woodland Trust last year and they have supplied 15 trees free for our school. Members of the eco committee planned the location of the trees and together with head boys and head girls, they have started planting. Our trees are going to create homes for wildlife and help to fight climate change. We are looking forward to caring for the trees and observing their growth over time.

Mrs Bayley - Forest School Leader



Academic Year Term Dates



Spring Term 2022

Term ends: Friday 8th April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25th April 2022

Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Polling Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

Inset Day: Friday 27th May 2022

Half term holiday: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer holiday: From Friday 22nd July 2022

Autumn Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 5th September 2022

Half-term holiday: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Term ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas holiday: Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 20th February 2023 to Friday 24th February 2023

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term 2023

Term starts: Monday 17th April 2023

Half-term holiday: Monday 29th May 2023 to Friday 2nd June 2023

Term ends: Tuesday 25th July 2023

Summer holiday starts: Wednesday 26th July 2023

Dates for your diary



Friday 18th March 2022
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 23rd March 2022
KS1 Football Festival at St Michael's High School
Selected pupils only

Thursday 24th March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Tuesday 29th March 2022
Year 4— Visiting Artist in School

Thursday 31st March 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Tuesday 5th April 2022
Easter Bonnet Parade - Pupil event only, no Parents/
Carers on site.

Thursday 7th April 2022
Year 5 Rosen Swimming 1.45-2.15pm

Tuesday 26th April 2022
Welcomm/ Talk Boost Stay and Play
AM Nursery and Reception—9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Friday 17th June 2022
Father's Day and significant adults Stay and Play
AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Friday 8th July 2022
Nursery Sports Day
AM Nursery – 9-10am
PM Nursery—1-2pm

Wednesday 13th July 2022
Year 6 Safeguarding Day

Thursday 14th July 2022
Rhyme Parent Celebration
AM Nursery and Reception – 9-10am
PM Nursery—12.45-1.45pm

Friday 15th July 2022—Nursery Graduation Day
AM Nursery—11-11.45am
PM Nursery—2.30-3.20pm

Additional dates will follow as we ease our COVID Risk
Assessment.