

# Temple Meadow Newsletter

## Thursday 21st July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter which closes off this academic year. We have all survived the heat wave which has been yet another extreme challenge for schools to deal with. Thank you to everyone for your support; the pupils that remained in school were extremely sensible and followed our clear risk assessed practice. We did have planned fresh air breaks and we maximised the shady area on our school site, created calm indoor lunchtimes activities and most importantly, ensured plenty of access to water. We took the opportunity to do an ice cream treat and once again, I'm very proud of how pupils rose to the challenge linked to the hottest temperatures on record in the UK.

Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 and I'm sure you will agree that the leavers assembly was a fitting celebration of their time at Temple Meadow. I loved their high quality singing. Our Year 6 leaving us are a truly remarkable group of pupils, they have a very exciting future ahead of them and have all the attributes for future success. They really care about each other and took such delight in hearing each other's award at the close of the assembly.

### Announcing our Head Boys and Head Girls

Just a reminder of how we ensure this is a fair process. Following the presentations to myself and the Year 5 teachers we created a shortlist for all staff to vote on.

I am delighted to announce that our new Head Boys and Head Girls are as follows:

#### Head Boys:

- Mohammed
- Kyle
- Karsen

#### Head Girls:

- Quinn
- Chloe
- Summer



Our current Head Boys and Head Girls announced the new postholders this morning in our final assembly and awarded them their badges. We also gave them the opportunity to phone their parents to share their good news before this newsletter was circulated. We do always feel for any of the Year 5 pupils that were not successful, but there are so many roles and responsibilities yet to allocate that hopefully their disappointment will diminish.

### Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you so much everybody for completing our close of year questionnaire. Overwhelmingly the questionnaires are **incredibly supportive and positive** with most parents whole heartedly supporting what we do and ticking all the positive boxes. Please see the separate sheet distributed with this newsletter. Do take the time to read this as the comments are so positive about so many aspects of school life. It makes us all feel very proud of Temple Meadow. I shared with the teaching team at last night's staff meeting the many lovely things you said about the quality of teaching and it most definitely made them feel valued and proud.

### Safe of Success Winners



In our final assembly today, our random generators selected 2 winners from each Key Stage to celebrate their achievements in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Congratulations to Stacey, Valdemir, Rose, Mariam, Kara-Jai and Callum!

Our random generators also selected two pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the summer term. Zackabe and Summer-Jade were both given a brand-new art pack!



### Miss Skelding leaves to go on maternity



Today we presented **Miss Skelding** with some flowers and a card to wish her well as she leaves to go on maternity next week. We wish Miss Skelding all the best as she looks to get some much needed rest ahead of her new arrival.



Leading Parent Partnership Award

2018-2021



## Jungle, Sensory Gardens and Eco Updates



Closing this term, we've just completed our Perfect Planet Learning 4 Life topics which always aim to empower pupils to change the environment for the better. This agenda has never been more important given the human impact that is causing things like these extreme heatwaves. Some of the projects our children have done include, starting work on a Jungle Garden, which we plan to develop over time. We have also created a sensory garden near to the Forest School area. This aims to be sensory from visual through to perfumed and a place to listen to the many insects we aim to attract as we know it will be a habitat for bees and other beneficial insects.

We've got so many plans for all of our eco activities across school and I'm really hoping that in the next academic year to include parents in some of the activities.

Leading on from this, we've just had news that we have been re-awarded our Eco Schools Green Flag and you will see a separate attachment celebrating the things that the Eco Schools team celebrate regarding what we're doing at Temple Meadow. Please do read this as it just shows our deep and creative approach to our environmental education and demonstrates our capacity to take this further in the next academic year.

## Hot Chocolate Reward with Headteacher



Over the last couple of days I have had a group of Year 1 and a group of Year 2 pupils choosing Hot Chocolate and a story with the Headteacher as their Dojo prize. They have been a delight, so curious about my office and the many bright images and art works from children across school. We have had a lovely chat about life in their year group and really enjoyed sharing a story together.



## Staff Leaver

Here is a lovely photo of Mrs Childs, who left us last week, with a Head Boy and Head Girl as they presented her with some flowers.

## School Website

Our website transition tasks are starting to take place and teachers will be relocated on our staff page to reflect the year groups that they will be teaching next academic year. Remember, our website contains all of our important dates so please do check in regularly to find out what's happening in school.



## Universal Free School Meals

Year 2 children who move into Year 3 in September will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. However, they may be entitled to benefit related free school meals if you meet certain criteria. If you think you are entitled please ask for an application form from the main school office or apply online at

[www.sandwell.gov.uk](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk).

Best regards, Ms Walsh—Headteacher



# Events



## Year 3 Sow and Grow

Last week was the final week of the 'Sow and Grow' course for Year 3 parents and their children. Each week, parents and children have been busy learning about growing vegetables and herbs. They were able to plant in school and take plants home to nurture. Parents and children enjoyed the course and wished it could have been longer!



## Year 4 Re-love event

Year 4 has been busy this term designing, setting up, advertising and running a pop-up clothing swap shop. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022, they held their re-love event, where clean, quality donations of clothing were swapped in the pop-up shop. We had 12,500g of clothing donated and the children took away 7,700g of clothing to re-use. Year 4 was delighted with their new clothing to take home. The clothing left over has been donated to the air ambulance charity to be re-used. We were lucky to have Year 8 students from Ormiston Forge join us for our event and to support Year 4 in the swap shop and we were all delighted with saving the clothing from ending up in landfill. Year 4 would like to thank parents/carers for supporting the event by donating clothing for the event.



Please see the below summary from Lucy, a Year 8 child at Ormiston Forge Academy who helped with the event.

*'Today we went to Temple Meadow to help with their clothes swap project. Our day started with walking up to Temple Meadow in the scorching heat. When arriving we organised 12500g and separated them into categories including boys' girls and adults.*

*As the year 4s entered the class with big smiles on their faces we introduced our selves to them which was received with enthusiasm and excitement. The year 4s then browsed the selection of clothes, us year 8s supported them to try different items of clothing. All of the students left with at least 1 item of clothing and some even left with a second. In total 7700g amount of clothes were repurposed and 12500g amount of clothes were diverted from landfill.*

*Overall the event was a great experience and a great success. It left a positive impact to all students and all of them left with positive smiles.'*



# Other News



## Summer Term 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer holiday: From Friday 22nd July 2022

## Autumn Term 2022

Inset Day: Monday 5th September 2022

Returning Nursery, Reception and Years 1-6 return to school: Tuesday 6th September 2022

New Nursery Pupils Start: Thursday 8th September 2022

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

Inset Day: Monday 31st October 2022

Term ends: Friday 16th December 2022

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

## Spring Term 2023

Inset Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Term starts: Wednesday 4th 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

Polling Day: Thursday 4th May 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



# SHAPE

## YOUTH SUMMER FEST

**SATURDAY 16 JULY 2022**

**11AM - 6PM**

**SANDWELL VALLEY, WEST BROMWICH, B71 4BG**

### **FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**YOUTH BUS, CLIMBING WALL, BOXING, FOOTBALL, CRICKET, AMERICAN FOOTBALL, YOUNG TRADERS' MARKET, LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES INCLUDING OPEN MIC AND DJ SETS, AND LOTS MORE!**

### **FREE ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES**

**THE CAMERAMAN THEATRE PERFORMANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS AND GIANT BUBBLES WORKSHOP, TRADITIONAL AND INFLATABLE FAMILY GAMES, LET'S GET GROWING GARDENING SESSIONS, STORY TENT AND LOTS MORE!**

### **LIVE CAREERS EXPO**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 - 24 TO SPEAK TO LOCAL BUSINESSES, TRAINING PROVIDERS, APPRENTICESHIP PROVIDERS AND SANDWELL COLLEGE TO HELP YOU GET TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF EDUCATION OR A JOB**

### **PLUS MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, AND FOOD**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE 10 ACTIVITY ZONES, AND TO SIGN UP TO WORKSHOPS, VISIT:**

**[WWW.JUSTYOUTH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.JUSTYOUTH.ORG.UK)**





SANDWELL CHILDREN'S CENTRE

# FATHER'S AND MALE CARERS GROUP

FREE

THEME: TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 10:00AM -  
12:00PM , TIPTON CHILDREN'S CENTRE.

ALL MALE CARERS ARE WELCOME!  
**TO BOOK PLEASE CALL 0121 522 5150.**  
ONCE BOOKED ON YOU WILL BE CONTACTED  
WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

ACTIVITIES WILL CATER FOR UNDER 5'S WITH  
OPTIONS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AS WELL.



Barnardo's



Come and join us between **11am—2pm** on our **FREE** family fun days and share your voice and comments with us for our 'Big Conversation'!

<b>Tipton</b> <b>Tuesdays 11:00am — 3.00pm</b>	<b>Rowley</b> <b>Wednesdays 11:00am — 3.00pm</b>
Tipton Children's Centre, 24 Ridgeway Road, Tipton DY4 0TB 0121 522 5150	Rowley Children's Centre, Dudley Road, Rowley Regis B65 8JY 0121 559 9916
Week 1 - 02/08/21022- Commonwealth Games	Week 1 - 03/08/2022- Commonwealth Games
Week 2 - 09/08/2022- Commonwealth Games	Week 2 - 10/08/2022- Commonwealth Games
Week 3 - 16/08/2022- Seaside	Week 3 - 17/08/2022- Seaside
Week 4 - 23/08/2022- Princes & Pirates (please feel free to come in fancy dress!)	Week 4 - 24/08/2022- Princes & Pirates (please feel free to come in fancy dress!)

There is **NO BOOKING REQUIRED**, just join us between **11am—2pm** to enjoy the fun!!!



# **DROP-IN SESSION FOR EXPECTANT MUMS**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**11am – 12:30pm**

**Tipton Children's Centre**

**24 Ridgeway Road,**

**Tipton,**

**DY4 0TB**

**Tel: 0121 522 5150**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

**11am – 12:30pm**

**Rowley Children's Centre**

**Dudley Road,**

**Rowley Regis,**

**B65 8JY**

**Tel: 0121 559 9916**



**What to expect from our session?**

- **Advice and Guidance during your pregnancy.**
- **Referrals to the other organizations.**
- **Share experiences with another Mum's to be.**
- **Free Welcome gifts.**

**During the sessions you can talk with:**

- **Children's Centre staff member.**
  - **Starting Well-Maternity Navigator.**
  - **Breastfeeding Network.**
  - **Health Visitor**