

# TEMPLEMOOR INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2016

## Time flies when you're having fun!

Our first half term has gone by already! And once again a very busy time has been had 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! On behalf of the staff, children and Governors at Templemoor, I wish you all a very relaxing and happy half term! We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.**



## Year 1 Fire Fighter Visits

As part of their topic about 'Superheroes', the children in Year 1 were lucky enough to receive two visits from the Fire Brigade. The fire fighters 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! A huge thank you to the team at Sale Fire Station and to Mr Latham for giving up their precious time to come and talk to the children. You really are real-life superheroes!



## Harvest

Many thanks for your amazing support of the school's harvest celebrations. Your gifts were collected by the team from The Trafford South Foodbank. They were thrilled by your generosity. We had a special assembly where we talked to the children about the important work that the Food Bank does. The assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the children, who listened carefully and sang the Harvest songs that we had learnt so beautifully. Thank you for your kindness in supporting such a good cause.

## Wine Tasting

A big thank you to everyone who came to support our wine tasting event. The evening was a huge success, raising a wonderful **£200** for school.

## Year 2 Violin Concert

There will be a special concert in the school hall for all parents and carers of Year 2 children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10:30am when the children will showcase their musical talents. Keep practising hard Year 2!

## Nursery Places

We have morning and afternoon spaces available in our outstanding Nursery. To apply for a nursery place or to find out more information, please contact the school office.



## Parents' Evenings

To give parents maximum flexibility, we now have an on-line booking facility for all classes from Nursery to Year 2. The system is live and you can now book an available appointment. Times for both days are easy to view and to book. Bookings must be made no later than **midday on Monday 31st October**. If you are unable to book at home, please call into the office and we will be able to help you. Parent consultations are an opportunity for your child's teacher to provide you with a range of information from which you should be able to form a picture of how well they are doing in school. We look forward to seeing you at one of our parents' evenings after the half term holiday.

## Home Links

Each Year Group will continue to keep parents informed of classroom routines, topics and projects by issuing a weekly home link sheet. We hope that these will continue to prove beneficial and allow you to support your child's learning at home. Home Links are uploaded weekly onto our school website under the 'Children' tab.

## 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!

## September 2017 Reception Intake

Trafford's on-line application system is now open and Trafford residents can apply online at [www.trafford.gov.uk](http://www.trafford.gov.uk). An information booklet, entitled 'Starting Primary School 2017' is available to view on the Trafford Council website and on our own school website under 'Our School', and 'Admissions'. The closing date for admissions is the 15th January 2017.

## Reception Literacy Workshop

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

"What a great session. I can imagine my child is having a lot of fun learning".

"What a fantastic and inspirational session".

"It was great to find out how Templemoor deliver phonics, reading and writing and how I can support my child at home".

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





### Templemoor Self Portrait Gallery

Have you been into our school hall recently? If you have you will have noticed that the children have been very busy creating their own self portraits. They look fabulous on display! The children are very proud of their portraits and we are too. Well done!

### Year 2 Assembly

Well done to our Year 2 children and staff for a superb class assembly this half term. Not only did the children share such talented riddle writing, brilliant art work and beautiful singing, but our budding paleontologists educated an amazed audience with their mind-blowing facts about dinosaurs. We are already looking forward to the next Year 2 assembly in the Spring Term.

### 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.

Year 2 - Muck, Mess and Mixtures.

Further details about the topics, including ways in which you can help at home, will be included in the weekly home links.

### Year 1 Assembly

Our Year 1 Class Assembly will now be held on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at **9.05am**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the change of date, and look forward to seeing you at the assembly.

### Year 2 Cake Sale

Our second cake sale of the year will take place on **Friday 4th November** when it will be the turn of our Year 2 children to bring in some delicious cakes to sell.

### 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, scarfs and gloves again!

### That Poetry Bloke!

The poet Craig Bradley - "That Poetry Bloke" - visited our school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016. He began by holding an assembly for the whole school followed by a workshop for each class. In the workshop 'That Poetry Bloke' dished out his own special blend of poetry madness and showed us poetry is not all about rhyming couplets. Craig combined music, comedy, original writing, improvisation and lots of audience participation to inspire and engage us with poetry. He was an absolute sensation - and very, very funny! Here is what some of our children had to say about his visit...

'He was funny because when people went out to the front he sang songs about them'. (Isla, Year 2)

'He was exciting because he did funny voices'. (Lucy, Year 2)

'He was really funny because he put pants on his head and told us a poem about a funny chair'. (Lewis, Year 1)







We have purchased a large selection of wonderful reading books which have been bought with Friends of Templemoor funds. Thank you for your continued generosity and support at fundraising events which allows school to purchase such amazing resources for your children.



The Friends of Templemoor are busy planning our ever popular Family Fun Night which will take place on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2016**. Further information will be sent out after the half term holiday. Keep up to date with what is happening at the Friends of Templemoor via their Facebook page. The next Friend's meeting is planned for **Wednesday 2nd November** at **7:30pm**. We will be talking about the upcoming Family Fun Night and other planned events. Your input would be greatly welcomed.

Thank you to all of our Year 1 children and grown ups for bringing in some scrumptious cakes for our recent cake sale. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the school hall and choosing some delicious cakes. The sale was a huge success, raising an amazing **£125.45** for the school. Well done to everyone, including our fabulous Friends of Templemoor for organising the sale.

At the end of this half term we have said goodbye to Miss Becerra-Adams, who has completed her Apprentice Teaching Assistant Level 2 with us. We wish Miss Becerra-Adams the very best of luck for the future.

At Templemoor we teach the children how to keep safe. With the nights getting darker, the children in Year 1 and 2 have thought about how to keep safe near the busy roads around our local area. The Co-op have kindly donated reflectors to wear that will help us to be seen when it is dark. Thank you to the Co-op for their generosity.

As part of their Spring topic, Rio De Vida, the Year 1 children would like to invite their parents and carers to a special Brazilian assembly on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 2:45pm.

## Governor Information

Templemoor is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors that work with the headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The Governing Body are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

Name of Governor	Type of Governor
<b>Mrs Judith Davenport</b> Chair of Governors	Co-opted Governor
<b>Dr Nigel Jones</b> Vice Chair	Co-opted Governor
<b>Mrs Maureen Haddock</b>	Co-opted Governor
<b>Mr James Leeming</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Alison Tariq</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mrs Stephanie McIntee</b>	Parent Governor
<b>Mr Stuart Hodgson</b>	Headteacher
<b>Mrs Shirley Brown</b>	Staff Governor
<b>Mrs Sue Buckley</b>	Staff Governor
<b>To be appointed</b>	Local Authority Governor

## Governing Body Update

With the autumn term now in full swing, the Governing Body is also well underway with its schedule of activities for this academic year. The role of the Governing Body is to determine the strategic direction of the school, to hold Mr Hodgson to account for its performance and to make sure that the school's budget is used effectively. This means we are involved in a wide range of activities including; attending meetings, developing plans, reviewing progress, complying with statutory requirements, problem solving, approving policies, carrying out focussed visits, analysing data, signing off budgets, undergoing training, listening to the views of others, asking difficult questions and being a "critical friend" to

the school.

One of the most rewarding parts of the role for me is visiting the school to see our plans in action and witnessing the children learning and growing in the stimulating environment the school works hard to provide.

Our team of governors come from a variety of backgrounds and bring to the school a broad range of skills which equip us to carry out our duties. We are all volunteers united by our support for the school, our interest in education and our desire to make Templemoor the best it can be for our children and our community. The Governing Body is grateful for your ongoing support and welcomes your views on all aspects of life at Templemoor, so please get involved by making your views known through surveys, focus groups and ongoing feedback to staff. If you wish to know more about your Governing Body, take a look at the community section of the school website.

Each year we set out a School Development Plan which drives our focus on the key priorities for the year. This year this will include focussing on the development of writing skills across the school, continuing to develop our outdoor provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage, further improving our computing provision and investigating the concept of "growth mindset" which encourages a "can-do" attitude and perseverance in children's learning.

We look forward to another busy and successful year at Templemoor.



Judith Davenport

Chair of Governors

## School Outcomes for 2015/16

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'

As I am sure you will be aware, the national picture for primary schools has changed, and tests and outcomes have significantly raised expectations for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Despite everything being harder, both locally and nationally, our children continue to have excellent outcomes.

Please find attached at the end of this newsletter the full 2016 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'.

## Pupil Outcomes

This is the first year of the new testing and assessment arrangements for Year 2. These arrangements reflect the more challenging National Curriculum which was introduced in 2014. Therefore, results cannot be compared with previous years.

Templemoor's performance was above the national, and Local Authority average in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of Year 2.

82% of pupils in Reception attained a Good Level of Development against the Early Years framework. The national average is 69%, and the Trafford average is 74%. 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.

88% of children in Year One attained the expected standard in the Phonic Screening test. This is above the national average of 81%, and the Trafford average of 85%.

## And finally... Debra the Zebra

After all the excitement of being one of the star attractions during the Sale Art Zoo in the Summer, Deborah the Zebra is now back where she belongs.... at Templemoor! She decided that she wanted to be at the front of school to say hello to you all in the morning, and to say goodbye to you all after school. We are certain that she will be very happy in her new home.



Do have a happy and relaxing holiday and we all look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

Very best wishes,

Stuart Hodgson - Headteacher

## Dates for the Autumn Term 2016

Monday 31st October 2016	Back to school!
Tuesday 1st November 2016	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2nd November 2016	Friends of Templemoor Meeting at 7:30pm
Friday 4th November 2016	Year 2 Cake Sale
Tuesday 8th November 2016	Parents Evening
Saturday 19th November 2016	Family Fun Night at 5pm
Wednesday 23rd November 2016	Year 1 Assembly at 9:05am - all parents and carers of Year 1 children are welcome to attend.
Thursday 24th November 2016	Year 2 Assessment Meeting at 7pm
Friday 2nd December 2016	Nursery Cakes for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 3rd December 2016	The Christmas Fair
Monday 5th December 2016	Year 2 Violin Concert at 10:30am
Thursday 8th December 2016	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance at 2:30pm for parents of children in afternoon Nursery and Class 5.
Friday 9th December 2016	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance at 9:10am for parents of children in morning Nursery and Class 6.
Wednesday 14th December 2016	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance at 2:30pm for parents of children in Class 2 and Class 3.
Thursday 15th December 2016	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance at 9:10am for parents of children in Class 1 and Class 4.
Tuesday 20th December 2016	Christmas Dinner for children
Wednesday 21st December 2016	Last day of term and Christmas Party Day (Party Dress please!)
<b>Tuesday</b> 3rd January 2017	Start of the Spring Term

## Autumn Term 2016

<b>Opens</b>	Tuesday 6th September 2016
<b>Closes</b>	Thursday 20th October 2016
<b>Opens</b>	Monday 31st October 2016
<b>Closes</b>	Wednesday 21st December 2016

## Key Stage One Outcomes for 2016

The system of National Curriculum levels has been removed and the new measures are as follows:

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 2016	School Performance	Trafford Local Authority Performance	National Performance
Reading - expected standard	81.7%	79%	74%
Reading - Greater Depth	46.7%	28.6%	23.6%
Writing - expected standard	71.7%	68.7%	65.5%
Writing - Greater Depth	21.7%	13.9%	13.3%
Mathematics - expected standard	81.7%	77.2%	72.6%
Mathematics - Greater Depth	33.3%	21.5%	17.8%
Combined Scores* Expected Standard	70%	64%	60.3%
Combined Scores* Greater Depth	15%	9.8%	8.9%

\*Combined scores are children achieving the expected standard/ greater depth in reading, writing **and** mathematics.