



Give your best, expect success!

15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Doesn't it feel as if we have never been away? Week 2 and the children have settled so well and the staff are back in their stride; we're all looking forward to what the year will bring. While it's great to be back in our familiar routines, we're excited about a few changes this year - some of which have happened as a direct result of feedback from the children, the staff and yourselves and some that are happening through looking for growth and progress.

Some things never change though, at Temple Mill we're all about working together to give our best and expect success (or so the Head Pupil applicants have been telling me!).

Have a great weekend,

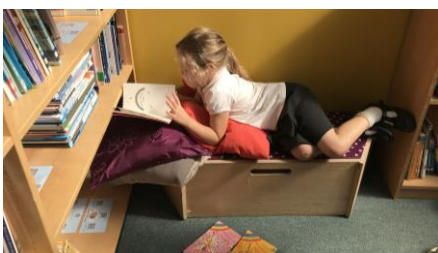
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Pupil Leadership:

Head Pupils are selected by application, peer nominations and interview and we look for a combination of leaders to create a powerful leadership team, the final decision is made by the Temple Mill Senior Leadership Team. Congratulations to Vinnie, Sophie, Oscar and Hikmah on your selection. Working together, I am sure you will make a huge difference in determining and upholding our school values.

House Captains are selected by a vote of all school staff, some of whom have known the children since their earliest days in Nursery! Staff are invited to vote for those children who could inspire and encourage their housemates in all aspects of their school lives and lead a whole lot of cheering their own houses on to great success! Congratulations to Barney, Kina, Poppy, Charlie, Levi, Leanna, Lola and Ruben.

Next up is our **School Council** elections. Potential councillors from Years 1 to 6 will put themselves forward by presenting their credentials to their classmates. They are then selected entirely by a vote by their classmates. The School Council then works with Mrs Gabriel to promote special causes for fundraising, gather opinions for improvements from their classmates and run special projects to enhance school life. Our new school councillors will be announced next Friday.



School library: Our library has had a transformation over the summer and the scanning system is now up and running ready for classes to start visiting.

From next week, the library will be open after school 2 days a week for children to visit and swap their books from 3:20 to 3:45, this term this will be on Mondays and Tuesdays

Some of the children have already been engrossed in the books and reading!



Clubs: Feedback from children and parents at the end of last year suggested that more clubs and activities for children beyond the classroom would be welcome. We already host a football club on Friday afternoons, a Karate Club on Mondays and Thursdays and Wham! A performing arts club on Tuesdays. We also offer iRock, a group music club on Mondays - please contact the office for more information if you are interested in any of these clubs. This term we are delighted to see the return of early morning Netball Club for Years 5 and 6 run by Mrs Lucas. We are excited to also offer a new Creative Club run by Mrs Gabriel and Mrs Terry, currently for KS2. We have also welcomed Mrs Charles, a PE and Sports specialist teacher who is helping us with our PE and also providing a multi-skills club for Years 1 and 2 this term. With our talented community, we're hoping to add more options as the year progresses - all suggestions welcome!

Visitors: Mrs Lamb, our Vice-Chair of governors popped in on Tuesday afternoon to see how our start of year

was going. She visited every class and noted our children's enthusiasm for learning and how motivated they were to succeed. Well done and thank you to all of the children who impressed her so much.

Mr McColgan our Trust CEO visited on Monday and was happy to see the children settled into their new classes and to hear about what was new for Temple Mill this year. Later in the week, Mr Symons, the new Trust Assistant Director of Education, came to have a tour of the school and find out more about us. He loved our staff Hi-Vis jackets and was really interested in what we are all about at Temple Mill. Mr Taylor, the Trust Director of Finance and Operations, came for his first site visit with Mr Mayes, the Trust Estates manager, together we'll be looking at improvements we can make in the coming year.

What a wonderful week of showing off our fabulous school we have had!

School Governors: At Temple Mill we are fortunate to have had some excellent School Governors to support our school. We now have some opportunities for new faces to join our Local Academy Board (LAB). This week we are delighted to welcome Mrs Gee on board, joining Mrs Collis as a staff governor, but we are also looking for a parent governor. This would involve attending 4 formal meetings per year, usually from 4pm to 6pm and also coming to visit school for Governor Days up to 6 times a year (or as many as you can). If you think this would interest you, look out for information coming soon or call the office to arrange a chat to find out more. It's a great way to find out more about school life and to help shape our future success.



Display: Year 3 are so proud of their Incredible Me display, they wanted it featured in the newsletter so here it is! Great work Year 3, what a talented bunch!



Talented Temple Mill: Esme recently won a competition to win a football training session with some of the top coaches in the country! Here she is meeting England Captain and Arsenal player Leah Williams who told Esme to "dream big!" What an exciting experience for Esme.

Uniform: A HUGE thank you to you and your children for their great effort to be looking so smart in their school uniforms, they look fantastic. I was also delighted to see almost everybody in their plain white or purple t-shirts and dark shorts, joggers or leggings for PE. Let's go for 100% next week!

Celebration Assembly: Our assembly was very busy today as we announced our new Head Pupils and House Captains but we still managed to fit in our usual Head of School Awards. This week we celebrated writing and maths, Design Technology, PE and music! Well done to all of our winners.

Attendance: Temple enjoyed a week with Year 4 and got to see them using their disclosing tablets and setting up their eggshell investigation, Temple wasn't sure but Alfie thinks the fruit juice will cause most damage but Eloise thought it might be the squash. The class are going to do their very best so that Temple can return to see what happened. All classes achieved over our target of 96% this week so it was very close at the top. In the end Temple will spend next week with Butterfly class as they managed 99%!

Once again, we have a brilliant 97% for the week's attendance, can we go even higher?

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
112	100	136	131

Well done all members of Emerald!

Dates for your diary:

Mon 18th September - Meet the Teacher 3.30pm-4.15pm

Thurs 21st September - Individual & Sibling Photos

Fri 22nd September - TEMPO Meeting 1.30pm

Tues 26th September - Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception through to Year 6)



Mon 2nd October - Year 4 Trip to Temple Manor
Thurs 19th October - TEMPO Movie Night
Fri 20th October - Term Ends (Children in school today)

