



Give your best, expect success!

Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been thinking a lot about reading. Lots of our children have been visiting the school library and enjoying choosing books to bring home. Our team of librarians have been very busy trying to keep up with checking books in and out and making sure the shelves stay tidy and organised.

This week, a queen of our Book Exchange was spontaneously crowned! Eloise will be trying to keep those shelves tidy and display books she thinks the children will enjoy. Don't forget, you can just pop in and take a book or two, return them when you are finished or, if it proves to be a real favourite, hold onto it for as long as you like. We do take donations for the book exchange, children's books in good condition are always welcome if you are having a clear out!

And finally in reading news, Ada became our first Bronze Award winner for the 40 book Challenge. She has received a round of applause in assembly, a certificate, a fancy book mark AND became the first child in the school to sign our new Book Challenge Bronze Award roll of honour!

With the weather as it is, why not curl up with a good book over the weekend?

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Lewis

HOCKEY MYG: On Thursday we sent a team with Mrs Champness off to the Hockey Mini Youth Games. The children played well and learnt some new skills; they had a great day despite the wet weather and Mrs Champness said their conduct was perfect and commented on by a number of other adults. I was especially proud to hear that our team took the time to make sure the marquee they had been sharing was left spotless - this earned them a special mention at the awards ceremony. Well done to all, and thank you for representing Temple Mill so brilliantly.



Can you help with SWIMMING? Each week, we walk a class of children to Hilltop for their swimming lessons. The lessons are run by qualified instructors but we are always looking for assistance for the walk there and back. If you are free on a Friday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 and think you could help, please contact the office for details.



Come Dine With Me: This week was the final round of the Year 6 does Come Dine With Me project, pineapple



was the hero ingredient in dessert week and so entries included pineapple upside down cake, lemon and pineapple crush and pineapple cheesecake. They all sounded delicious, the winning chefs will be announced next week.

Black History Month: October has been Black History Month and next week, we will be marking this with activities and discussions. In particular, we are thinking about what this means to us as a school and in our community.



Next Friday, we have a special assembly led by Camealia Xavier-Chihota whose grandfather was Asquith Xavier, a notable local Windrush Legend. Ms Xavier-Chihota is a volunteer for Medway Culture Club who host a number of events celebrating our local culture, including bus tours! More information can be found here: <https://www.medwaycultureclub.co.uk>



World Food Day: Monday 16th is World Food Day. At Temple Mill we can support families from our own food (and hygiene) bank but to mark this special day, we will be putting out our stock in the entrance area and are inviting anybody who wants to drop by to come and pick up a few items. They will be there from just before the start of school until a short time after the end of the day.

Celebration Assembly: There were a number of commendations for improved handwriting this week, great to see the children taking so much pride in the presentation of their work. Other awards were for attitude to learning, helpfulness and being a loyal classmate. The Headteacher Awards are a great opportunity to catch up on the important things that are happening in school. Well done to everyone that received a reward today.

Attendance: Our totals are creeping up again! I am pleased to see our whole school attendance this week has improved to 96%, remember that first step to success is showing up! Very well done to Jaguar Class, this week's Top Attenders with 98%!

So far, this term's whole school attendance is 96%

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
120	147	109	132

Colours Day - Today was a very special House Points Day as it was the final one to decide which house would be enjoying a Colours Day next Friday. It was very close, with 3 Houses very closely placed. This week's tally really counted and, in the end, it was **Sapphire House** that have won the term! Well done to all members for **Sapphire** house, you are invited to wear your blue colours on Friday 13th October.

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 19th October - TEMPO Movie Night

Fri 20th October - Term Ends (Children in school today)

