



*Give your best, expect success!*

26-Apr-24

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we've had a busy week!

On Monday we received notification of our Ofsted visit to be undertaken over Tuesday and Wednesday. The Inspector, Mrs Coussins, arrived at 8.00 on Tuesday morning and stayed with us until 6.00 on Wednesday evening - so you can see it was a very thorough look into life at Temple Mill.

Mrs Coussins visited every class to see phonics and maths and dropped in on other lessons throughout the visit. She spoke to leaders, teachers and support staff and to many of you at drop off time on Wednesday. She also spoke to various groups of children about their learning and life at Temple Mill.

We have to wait for a few weeks to get our official report and outcome, but we can tell you that there were lots of positives in her feedback, as well as a few things we could make even better, and we felt that the process was fair and that she really seemed to have understood our school well. Mrs Coussins was highly complementary about the children; she enjoyed their curiosity, their enthusiasm, their politeness and just how welcoming and confident they were when speaking to her.

We're quite exhausted now from all that showing off so we're very much looking forward to the weekend and we hope you all have a lovely time too,

Mrs Lewis



**Year 4's Pizza Adventure:** On Wednesday, Year 4 went to Rochester to visit Pizza Express. While there, they learned about the ingredients they use, had a go at making pizza bases and eventually were able to put together and cook their own pizza! The children then went to the Rochester Castle gardens to enjoy a pizza picnic. I hear that the pizzas were delicious, the ones I saw certainly looked fantastic. Well done Year 4, your conduct was great, you asked some brilliant questions and your pizzas were amazing. Photos to follow!



**Larkin Farm:** There was another visit to Larkin Farm this week. The children visited the polytunnel to see broccoli, sunflowers and carrots growing.



The children picked some herbs to smell and were able to feed the rabbits some thyme. The children also met the chickens and goat joined them for a nibble on a clipboard!

**Trust Staff Awards:** As you are all aware, this year has been a particularly tough one for the Temple Mill community with the loss of Mrs Gee earlier in the year. The whole team, including the children, has had to work incredibly hard to keep things moving forwards for the school. The annual Trust Awards is a chance for all of that effort to be recognised. If you consider that a member of the Temple Mill team deserves special recognition for their work, please nominate that person using the link below or the one on the poster, we'd love Temple Mill to sweep the board this year!



Please nominate here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hoyoDjmvJkWIgw-fOSJEvAPeaTWiY3dLowFgVlvV3C9UOFayQzY4UUtEQUFFV1BYSzFCUkZGOURQSC4u>

Closing date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**School Milk:** We have been informed that we are now only able to offer free milk cartons to children under 5, the offer ends at the time the child turns 5. Therefore, we will only have cartons for children in Nursery and in Reception (until they are 5). Parents with older children are able to pay for cartons if they would like to but it is our aim to provide cups of milk for those children that would like one.

**Celebration Assembly:** We all congratulated each other for being so fabulous but also heard about a few children who had to have been super shiny to stand out this week! Head of School Awards went to children for, amongst other things, focus, singing to Mrs Coussins, amazing netball, being a great role model and trying art even when they prefer maths!

**Attendance:** Whole school attendance is at 94% and Year 4 were this week's top attenders at 98%! Temple the Cat will be joining them in class next week.

**40 Book Reading Challenge:** We were able to present some Silver Awards today and we are thrilled to announce we have our first two Gold Awards. Our winners completed the 40 Book Challenge and have earned another bookmark and journal and were also able to choose a brand-new book from our golden book basket.



**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
78	76	76	64

Well done to everyone in Diamond House!

**Dates for your diary:** (Full details and booking etc to follow)

13/05/24 - 16/05/24 KS2 SATS Week (Y6)

23/05/24 (pm) Artisan Market- TEMPO Fundraiser come and browse for handmade treats and gifts!

Term ends 24/05/24

Inset day 03/06/24 - Children do not attend school

Term 6 begins for pupils 04/06/24

W/B 04/06/24 Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

W/B 10/06/24 Y1 Phonics Screening Check

W/B 17/06/24 Y2 SATS period begins

Sports day and Family Picnic 20/06/24

21/06/24 (am) EYFS Sports Day

Inset day 01/07/24 - children do not attend school

Term ends 19/07/24

