



28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a relatively quiet week at Temple Mill this week as we approach the Bank Holiday weekend so I thought you'd like to hear about some of our "everyday" wonders. This week, I saw one of Year 2 children carefully tie her friend's shoelace for her. The friend waited very patiently and was so appreciative. Some Year 6 children have been helping to make some decisions about playtime - and I have been impressed with their useful suggestions, not to mention their help in pumping up the balls! The whole group of Year 4 playtime footballers were congratulated and their good natured and sporting approach, there were lots of smiles and laughs. Reception class walked to lunch absolutely perfectly today. I've seen so much kindness, courtesy and fun each day and this all contributes to making Temple Mill such a great place to be!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis

**MYG Netball:** A squad of 9 Year 5 pupils headed off to Rainham School for Girls on Tuesday to represent our school at the Mini Youth Games Netball tournament. They had a great day and Mrs Champness and Miss Taylor were proud to be with them. They tell me that the children improved with every game and she was impressed with their positivity and team work. Well done to all that took part!



**Bikes and Scooters:** Mr Patey has fitted some bike racks into the shelter at the front of the school so that children can store their bikes and scooters safely. Thank you very much Mr Patey. On that note, can I please remind you that children should walk with their bikes and scooters on site rather than ride as our paths are so busy. (This also includes grown ups who may be bringing scooters with them!)

**The Howard Academy Trust Staff Awards:** You may have seen on our social media that The Howards Academy Trust preparing for it's second annual Staff Awards event. If you would like to nominate a member of the Temple Mill Staff that you have found particularly helpful, skilful or inspiring then please do so at <https://forms.office.com/r/eUHbxLG4B5> The categories are Primary Teacher of the Year or Support Staff of the Year. Support staff includes our Learning Support Assistants, office and site staff. It would be wonderful if some of our hardworking staff were recognised in these awards.

**A Fond Farewell and a Welcome:** We said goodbye to Mrs Banham today, after 15 years of wonderful work at Temple Mill. She had a lovely send off with some lovely gifts and lots of hugs too! We wish her all the very best in her new adventure.

We are pleased to say that we have appointed a new LSA to our team to take over from Mrs Banham. Mrs Wyld is an experienced LSA and we hope she will be joining us later in the term.

**Celebration Assembly:** Head of School Awards this week were given for excellent contributions to discussions, perseverance in maths, creating incredible Gladiator training plans and some were for children who are all round shining examples of excellent learners! Well done and thank you to all of our award winners, you are a part of what make Temple Mill great!

**Attendance:** Temple the Cat has spent this week with Butterfly Class (Reception), Temple was exhausted! Temple will spend next week with Jaguars (year 2) and Butterflies (Reception), both achieving over 99%! We are please to say that again, the whole class attendance this week was 96%

So far, this term's whole school attendance is 98.89%, the academic year attendance is 93.77%

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
76	62	65	69

Well done all members of Diamond! A switch in top scorers this week is making our termly tally for a Colours Day exciting!

**Dates for your diary:**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> May - NEU Strike Day

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Red, White and Blue Dress Up Day to mark the coronation of King Charles

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May - Kings Coronation Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Fri 12<sup>th</sup> - KS2 SATS

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - KS1 SATS

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 5 Trip to Horton Kirby

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> May - Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - Term Ends (children in school)