



*Give your best, expect success!*

28-Feb-25

Dear Parents and carers,

This week we launched our next value: Responsibility. On our Monday assembly each class made suggestions as to what that could mean to us. In year 2, somebody talked about taking responsibility for taking care of a pet, in Year 6 they talked about looking after other people. Year 1 and Year 4 suggested it meant doing things for yourself, not waiting for anyone else to do it for you. A popular theme was taking care of the environment, in school and beyond. This really came to the fore when some children from Year 2 borrowed the book "The Odd Fish" for their Reading for Pleasure sessions. This story of the impact of litter in the ocean has inspired them to offer to do a litter pick in school next week - they really are taking responsibility for keeping the school clean and safe for us and the wildlife we share the space with.

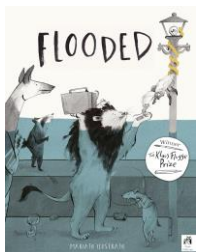
It's been lovely to see some blue sky this week, lets hope the weekend stays bright and dry!

Mrs Lewis

**Mr Patey's Garden Project:** Luckily for us, Mr Patey has forgotten that he has retired and is undertaking a garden project with some of our children. Mr Patey would appreciate any donations of acrylic paint (for painting the tyres to make planters), any largish planters you are able to donate and any plants, bulbs or seeds. We have some paint coming to smarten up the sheds, fences and benches but any old paint brushes you can spare would also be handy. Thank you for the donations of paint and grass seed we have already received, I'm sure the team will soon have the garden looking fabulous - but please don't remind Mr Patey that he doesn't work here anymore!



**House Captains' Library Art Competition:** The House captains have received some spectacular entries for their Library Art competition but we have realised it overlapped more than we thought it would with the paper plate competition. To ensure that everybody gets a chance to do both, the House Captains have decided to extend their deadline to World Book day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.) Please ensure your paintings, drawings or models are named and labelled with you class and House.



**Looking forward to World Book Day:** We are very much looking forward to World Book Day. The children are invited to wear their cosy clothes for some snuggly reading. They can also bring in their favourite book to share with their friends. There'll be some fantastic activities focussed on our whole school book, "Flooded". Members of staff will also be offering Story Time towards the end of the day so the grown up can share their favourites too!

**Year 3 and 4 - Multi-skills Festival:** On Thursday, Mrs Wood took a group of Year 3 and 4 children to a Multi-Skills Festival held at the Howard School in Rainham. The children undertook various activities and aimed to beat their own scores over the course of the festival. All of children returned with certificates and 2 children were awarded an Endeavour Trophy for showing determination, resilience and a great sporting attitude! Mrs Wood said the team were a credit to the school, well done all, you have made us very proud.



**Butterfly Class get growing!** Butterfly Class has had a fantastic start to the term, eagerly sharing some of the 'Dip and Do' activities they started at home as part of our growing project. They have been growing cress seeds and carefully logging each stage as they watch them sprout and grow!



**Can you help?** We are still looking for volunteers to shop, wrap and help for the Mother's Day sale 27<sup>th</sup> March. We are also looking for some helpers for the end of Term Discos on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, please let Mrs Reddin know if you think you can help.


**Celebration Assembly:** We welcomed Butterfly Class to their first Celebration Assembly today, they fitted in perfectly! We listened to "Man in The Mirror" sung by Michael Jackson and had a conversation about how it fitted with our term value of "Responsibility". In the end, we said it was about if you want things to change, you need to take responsibility for your own actions first.

Lots of children were taking responsibility for their learning this week but we also celebrated progress in communication, some excellent starts to the term, some determination in maths and a couple of children who are 100% committed to school in their attendance, home learning and effort - they get it right week after week.

**Miss Davis triumphs:** We had an extra reason to celebrate this week. Miss Davis had been out on training with 16 other teachers on Thursday. The theme was "Promoting Oracy" and, as you know, the children at Temple Mill always make sure their voices are heard. So, when asked to share opportunities to do so in the various schools, Miss Davis was able to come up with a huge list and won herself a goody bag! Well done Miss Davis, we're very proud of you!

**Attendance:** A bit of a slip for the whole school to 92% this week, I'm sure we'll soon bounce back, especially with classes doing as well as Jaguars this week - they managed an incredible 99%!

**This week's House Points:**

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
44	47	52	48

Well done to **Emerald** House, what a good start to the term.

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

**4<sup>th</sup> March** – Pancake Day

**6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – dress in pajamas

**13<sup>th</sup> March** – **Reception class** book-look and reading afternoon

**6<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent sharing afternoons 2.45 in hall **Years 1 - 6**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent consultation evening

**19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Fair

**24<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Big Walk & Wheel Challenge

**26<sup>th</sup> March** – Kent Fire & Rescue Service visiting Temple Mill

**26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Trip to The Royal Engineers Museum

**31<sup>st</sup> March** – iRock concert

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** – last day of term for **Nursery**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** – **EYFS** dress up day – wear something colourful **Nursery & Reception**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Spring Disco

**4<sup>th</sup> April** – Term ends for rest of school

**22<sup>nd</sup> April** – INSET day

**23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Term 5 begins

