

TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

27th January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,
Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday evening's Assessment Meetings. Feedback has been extremely positive and we are pleased to hear that you found the meetings so informative.

This has been an especially exciting week at Telford Infant School. Science week is always such fun and this year we have really enjoyed learning about birds. A key highlight has been bird watching from the bird hide in the Wishing Woods, followed of course by hot chocolate to warm up!

Today we have 'Falconry UK' visiting and the children (and adults!) can't wait to meet our special bird visitors.
Have a lovely weekend, everyone!
Mrs Siân Oustayiannis - Headteacher

SPRING 2023 PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Your views are very important to us, and we would appreciate you taking the time to complete our Spring Term 2023 questionnaire which focuses on communication between school and home. A link to the questionnaire is being sent out to you on eschools today and can be easily accessed via mobile, tablet or PC. The questionnaire will remain open for parents and carers to complete until 27th February.

SCIENCE WEEK

We have lots more information about this week's amazing Science learning to share with you but we simply couldn't wait to show you some photos of one of our special visitors today!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6th -12th February. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. We would love you to share how your children and families connect with others outside of school, be it in clubs, special occasions or just fun activities which we will share in class to raise awareness of this very important theme.

We welcome you to share photos via your class tapestry account during the week and look forward to seeing all the different ways you 'Connect'.

PTA



Thank you to the parents and carers that came to our PTA meeting on such a bitterly cold evening last week.

We have arranged several events for the year including:

*Friday 17th Feb, after school – Hot Chocolate Friday.

*Friday 17th March – Mother's Day Present Room

*Friday 28th April – Sponsored Bounce

*Friday 5th May – King's Coronation event

*Saturday 8th July - Summer Fair in partnership with Telford Junior School

We will also be holding half termly Preloved Uniform Sales and there will be another Bag2School Collection coming up soon so please start saving any unwanted clothes for the collection.

The date of our next meeting is Thursday 20th April at 7pm in school.

YEAR 2 CHOIR

Year 2 are really enjoying their Choir Practice sessions with Miss Taekema this term. We would love them to practice at home and to share their beautiful signing with you. Please click on the links below to access some of the songs they are learning:

<https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/1728/f2a5f4f0-770f-43d7-b05f-0c8e3fd11e13>

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<https://app.sparkyard.com/shared/song/667/71e65c8b-def0-484a-a802-5271163afd5c>

UNWANTED STATIONERY AND CRAFT ITEMS

The children (and staff!) are always delighted to receive any unwanted pens, card, scrap paper, pencils, post-its, highlighters, glue sticks, notebooks, envelopes, staplers, paperclips, felt tips, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, wool, chalks, ribbons, gift bows, string... our list is endless!

Please just hand any of your unwanted items to a member of staff or pop them into the school office – we will make very good use of them.

DID YOU KNOW THAT TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL HAS AN AMAZON WISHLIST?



Throughout the year we always need lots of different resources to make our learning the very best it can be. They add up and many of you have asked how you can help. Did you know that we have an Amazon Wishlist?

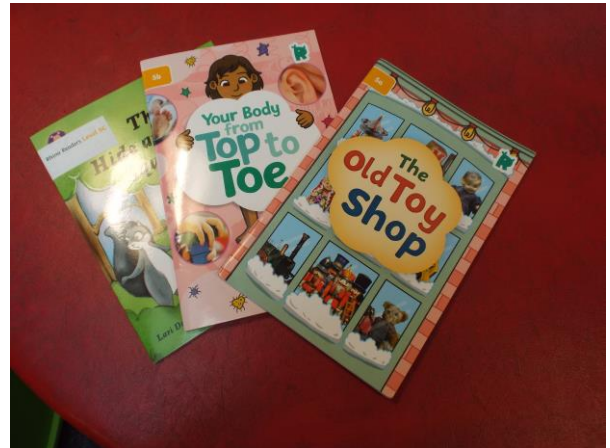
We are always extremely grateful for anything you might be able to purchase for us – however small.

You can find the list here:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3LTJ0UVBNL3VM/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

and please do pass on these details to friends, family and colleagues.

BOOKS



As you may be aware, we recently invested in lots of lovely new reading books for the children to use in school and at home. Sadly, an increasing number of these reading books are being returned to school damaged and un-useable. These books cost the school a considerable amount of money and have only been in school since the start of the year.

We do understand that accidents happen and that sometimes books will get damaged. However, please could we ask for your support in looking after our new reading books and minimising the risk of the books getting damaged.

We can all take care of our reading books by not putting children's water bottles inside their book bag (water bottles in book bags are leaking and ruining our books) and also by storing your child's reading books in the plastic wallet that we provided you with.

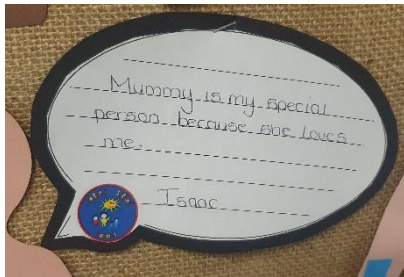
Many thanks for your understanding and support with this.

WORLD RELIGION DAY

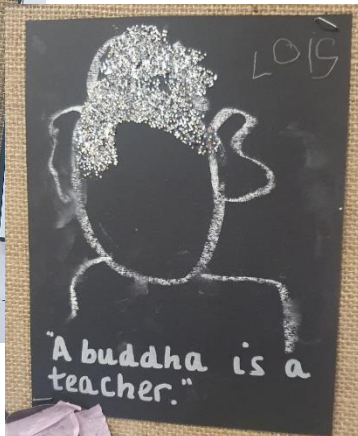
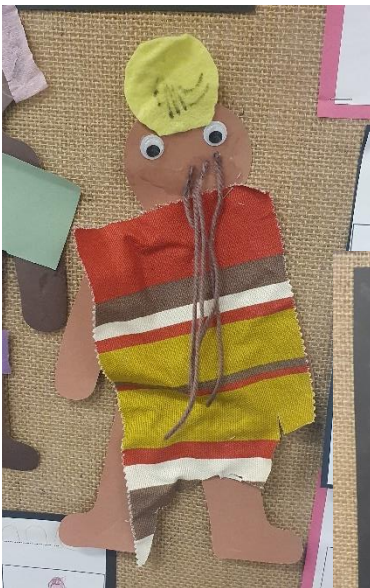
On 16th January we celebrated World Religion Day which aims to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers.

RECEPTION

Reception thought about and described how they are a good friend to others and who the special people are in their lives.



They created a special person including Jesus, Guru Nanak and a Buddha, coloured in religious symbols and wrote about a special person in our lives.

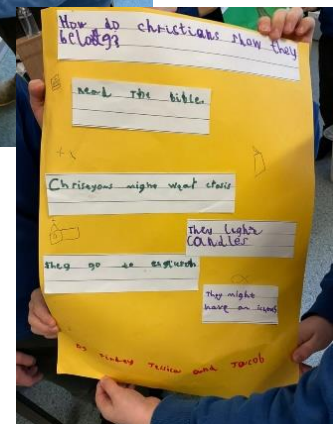
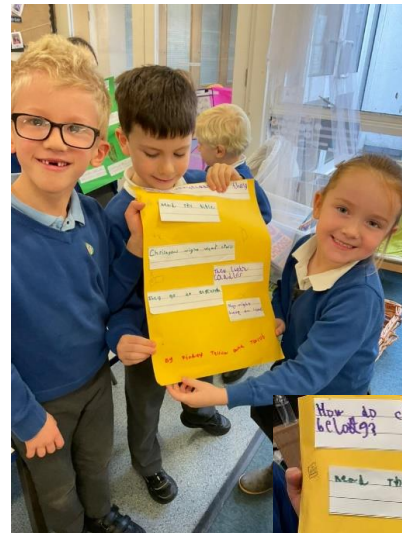


They also took part in a meditation taking peaceful deep breaths in and out whilst thinking about the happiness that they bring to others.

YEAR 1

Year 1 started by exploring 'belonging' and revisited their PSHE learning to answer the question "Do we all belong to something?" They all agreed that we all belong to something. Some of these will be the same and some will be different, for example, we all go to Telford Infant School.

The children then found out how Christians show they belong. The children looked at different Christian artefacts and listened to the Christian Parable "The Lost Coin". They really enjoyed acting out the story. The children then collaborated to create fantastic posters all about Christian belonging.



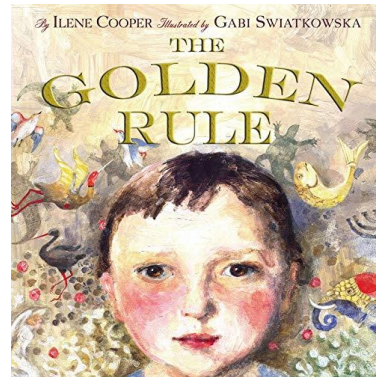
In the afternoon, they learned about how Muslims show they belong. They learned about the five pillars of Islam and why they are important to people of the Muslim faith and listened to the story of "The boy who throws stones at trees".

YEAR 2

Year 2 compared how religions care for others and focused on 'The Golden Rule'. The children wrote down one way they could be kind inside a flap and decorated the outside with a heart.

They looked in detail at Christianity, Judaism and Humanism.

The children acted out the Christian story of The Good Samaritan and then welcomed some Bahi visitors.



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!




TELFORD INFANT SCHOOL - DIARY DATES

Latest Update 27th January 2023

JANUARY

Week commencing 23 rd	Science Week – The Big Garden Birdwatch 
Friday 27 th	Visit from Birds of Prey

FEBRUARY

Friday 3 rd	Year 1 – Visit from Firefighters
Tuesday 7 th	Safer Internet Day 
Tuesday 7 th 3pm-3.15pm	Safer Internet Assembly for Parents/Carers of children in: Crimson, Sunshine and Turquoise
Wednesday 8 th 3pm-3.15pm	Safer Internet Assembly for Parents/Carers of children in: Cherry, Primrose and Sapphire
Thursday 9 th 3pm-3.15pm	Safer Internet Assembly for Parents/Carers of children in: Magenta, Amber and Indigo
Friday 10 th	Live Music Experience – 'Rock Steady'
Friday 17 th after school	PTA Hot Chocolate Friday
Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th	Half Term
Monday 27 th	School Reopens
Monday 27 th	Parent Questionnaire closes