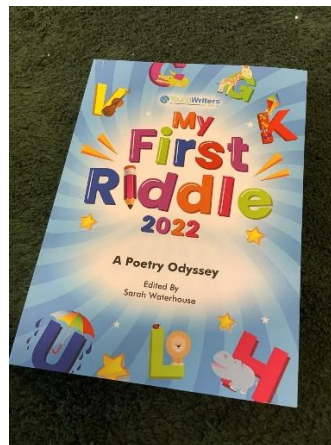


27th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

How time flies at Temple Learning Academy! Everyone is so busy learning and experiencing new things that another half a term has flown by and, as you would expect, much progress has been made by all of your children.

It is with pleasure and enormous pride that I inform you of our incredibly talented Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 children who became published poets over the last few weeks. We, of course, have copies of the books in our school library and I know that many of the parents and carers of our poets have also purchased the book as a keepsake. I had the privilege of spending an afternoon in the library with Miss Kotwal and the poets, enjoying juice and a biscuit and listening to them proudly read their own work. To have your work recognised and published is an incredible achievement at any age so to do so at their young age is nothing short of amazing!



In more exciting library-related news, we are planning to open a second library in the school for September. Our second library will be based in Primary and cater specifically for our younger children. We all love reading!

We are very much looking forward to celebrating fantastic attendance in the Summer Term at our 'TLA Fest'! With fairground rides and treats appropriate for all ages, we intend to invite students who have 100% attendance for the Summer Term. Please encourage and support your children to attend school every day.

This half term has, as usual, been a very busy one, particularly for our students that have been taking external tests and examinations. Our Year 2 and Year 6 students have been focussed on their KS1 and KS2 SATS tests respectively, and doing a great job with them. Our Year 11 students are currently in the middle of their GCSE exams. The Year 6 and Year 11 students are the first in those year groups ever to have sat this level of examinations at TLA; we are incredibly proud of their

commitment and general maturity of approach to what can be a very stressful time of their lives. Hopefully, their efforts will reap the rewards that they deserve.

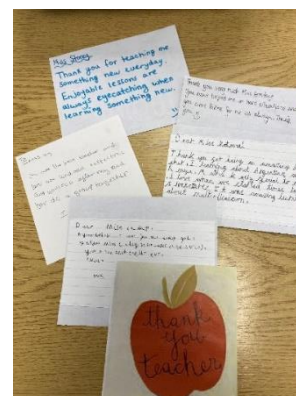
Over 60 of our students accessed at least one day of our Easter Healthy Holiday Camp during the Easter break. Many thanks to Mrs Quayle for organising and to all of the other staff that gave up part of their break to make this possible. Thanks also to the children for their engagement and enthusiasm that made it all such good fun. We are planning a similar event over the summer holidays which will be open to Year 6 students joining TLA in Year 7. More information to follow on this.



On the 26th April, we held our first Parent's Information evening in which myself, Miss Lyner, Mrs Rozycki, Mr Nolan and PC Roebuck highlighted some of the potential safeguarding concerns facing our children in the world today, along with useful tips on what parents and carers ought to be looking out for. The feedback from those in attendance was that they found it very useful so we do plan to run more events in the near future. Again, please look out for information that will be shared with you.

Thank you again to Mrs Quayle for organising our first Parent Council which is due to meet next half term. If you have missed the invitations to be involved and you are interested in this opportunity to work with the Senior Leaders in school, please contact info@tla.rklt.co.uk and Mrs Quayle will respond.

Thursday 26th May was national 'Thank A Teacher Day'. Our students across both Primary and Secondary have been working hard to complete thank you notes for their teachers in appreciation of the amazing job that they do. If you know a teacher, please make sure you too thank them for the wonderful job that they do.





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In addition to the Principal's breakfast, an event we do to recognize and reward our wonderful students (that I have mentioned to you in a previous newsletter), we have now also introduced the 'Golden Table' for our Primary 'Stars of the Week'. Our 'stars' are invited to enjoy their Friday lunch on the top table, which is adorned with a no-expenses spared golden tablecloth (!), with a senior member of staff.

As we are all preparing to enjoy an extended bank holiday next weekend to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we have been marking the occasion in school this week. All students in Primary enjoyed a full day of Jubilee-related Art activities today. Each class focused on a different task and the final pieces regally showcased on a display board or space within Primary. All students have also been developing their craft skills by making Jubilee bunting, crowns and rosettes to wear in school. As you can imagine, a great day has been had by all and memories created that will live long in their memories. In Secondary, we celebrated with an afternoon tea for 40 of our recently appointed Student Leadership Team who were joined by special guests including a selection of our governors and the CEO of the Trust, Mr Sheriff.

Finally, I would like to remind you that if you need to buy new uniform for next year, from September, students will be able to wear the uniform with the new logo. As I have previously stated, the new uniform is not compulsory until September 2023. Details of this are on the school website (www.templelearningacademy.org).

I hope you and your family have a well-deserved, fun filled half term break.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Huddleston', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Huddleston
Principal