

Telford Junior School

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Year 4 Handball Tournament

Last week, our Year 4 pupils took part in an exciting inter-school handball tournament, competing in their house teams - Earth, Air, Wind and Fire. The event was expertly organised and run by our dedicated Year 5 and 6 Well-Being Ambassadors, who ensured a fun and fair competition for all. Well done to everyone who took part, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship!























Neurodiversity Week

Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week (17th – 23rd March). It is a global initiative aimed at challenging stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences; transforming how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported, by recognizing their many talents and advantages.

Neurodiversity refers to the diversity of human brains and minds; acknowledging the variation in neurocognitive functioning. This concept embraces individuals who are autistic, dyslexic, dyspraxic, have ADHD, and other neurological differences. Recognizing neurodiversity means understanding that these variations are natural and valuable forms of human diversity, similar to diversity in ethnicity, gender, or culture.

At Telford Junior School, we are committed to promoting an inclusive environment, which recognises and celebrates that everyone is different. This is something we are planning to do more work on with the children next term, through our PSHE curriculum and assemblies.

The video link below is one we plan to share with the children:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbwRrVw-CRo&t=1s

Air Ambulance Assemblies

We were pleased to welcome the Air Ambulance service into school this week. Their ambassador presented very interesting assemblies to the children and was appreciative of your generous donations, sharing the following message of thanks:

"Thank you so much for the warm welcome this morning. It was a pleasure to be there to help raise awareness of the critical services we provide. A special thank you for the donation from everyone at Telford Junior School. The amount raised was £174.28. Thank you! Your generous support helps to keep our helicopters and crews flying, to deliver lifesaving care within minutes to those in greatest need. Thank you again for supporting us and for having us at your school. I had a fantastic time!"

Learning Reviews

The pupil learning reviews for parents/carers will be scheduled between 4.00 and 6.30 pm on:

- Wednesday 26th March 2025
- Thursday 27th March 2025

Class teachers will be arranging appointments, either as a face-to-face meeting, or a virtual one via Microsoft TEAMS. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their learning.

World Book Day Token

The link below will take you to the World Book Day website, where you can download digital tokens for children's books, with details of participating retailers:

World Book Day Digital Tokens











Cross Country

Last Saturday, a group of talented Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly represented Telford Junior School in the latest CWPXC race. Competing in four highly competitive races, our children gave outstanding performances. A special congratulations to the two Year 5 boys and Year 6 girls who finished in the top 10!



We are incredibly proud to announce that we ended the season on a high, securing victory in the overall standings for both the Year 5 boys' and Year 6 girls' categories. Well done to all our runners for their hard work and determination!



Mr. Openshaw, PE Lead











Girls' Football



The Years 5/6 girls' football team made an incredible start to the new Leamington League on Thursday, with a dominant performance against Heathcote Primary School. The team showcased outstanding skill and teamwork, securing an impressive **10-0 victory!** A huge well done to all the players for their hard work and fantastic effort on the pitch!

Mr. Openshaw, PE Lead

Year Group Padlets

Year 3: Year 3 Home School Partnership Padlet

Year 4: Year 4 Home School Partnership Padlet

Year 5: Year 5 Home School Partnership Padlet

Year 6: Y6 Home School Partnership Padlet











Term Dates

Year 6 Residential Visit	Sunday 16 March – Wednesday 19 March
Preloved Uniform Sale	Thursday 20 March (3.20 pm), on the Y3/4 playground
Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day'	Friday 21 st March
Year 3 'Looking at Lillington' visits to St. Mary	Monday 24 th March
Magdalene's Church	Tuesday 25 th March
Y6 Weight & Height Measures	Thursday 27 th March (10.00 am)
(COMPASS – School Nursing Service)	
Team Telford Bingo Night	Friday 28 March (6.30 – 9.00 pm)
Spring Term Learning Reviews	Wednesday 26 March (4.00 – 6.30 pm)
	Thursday 27 March (4.00 – 6.30 pm)
Year 4 Residential Visit	Wednesday 2 April – Friday 4 April
Year 5 Visit to the Coventry Transport Museum	Thursday 10 April
End of the Spring Term	Friday 11 April (3.20 pm)

Lockdown Practice

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our pupils and staff, we will be conducting a lockdown practice on Wednesday, 19th March. This drill will be a coordinated effort involving the Infant School and the Playschool, both of which share our site.

The purpose of this drill is to rehearse our procedures, in the unlikely event of an emergency that requires us to secure the school building and safely shelter all pupils, staff and visitors inside. Such situations could include an unauthorised person on the school grounds or a disturbance in the local community. During the drill, all perimeter doors will be locked and no one will be permitted to enter or leave the building, until the drill is concluded.

We understand that the concept of a lockdown drill can be unsettling; however, we want to assure you that these drills are conducted sensitively, to avoid causing any distress. Teachers will explain the process to the pupils beforehand in an age-appropriate manner, emphasising that, just like fire drills, this is a practice to ensure everyone's safety.

To help your child feel more comfortable, you might consider discussing the drill at home, reinforcing that school is a safe place and that practicing different safety procedures is important. Making connections to safety habits you already practice, such as wearing seatbelts or bike helmets, can also be helpful.











We appreciate that Year 6 pupils will not be in school on that day, but we want to go ahead with the drill to practice co-ordinating with the other schools on our site. The Year 6 pupils will also have the process explained to them and we will re-run the drill in the Summer Term.

We hope that the weather is kind for the Year 6 children, away on their residential visit in Shropshire, at the start of next week. I'm sure they will have a great time.

We look forward to welcoming you into school shortly for our learning reviews and for Team Telford's Bingo Evening on Friday 28th March!

On a final note, next Friday is **Comic Relief's 'Red Nose Day'**. Children are invited to come into school wearing something red. It will be a non-uniform day. We ask that red hair dye or face paint is not worn, since we have had problems with it getting on other children's clothes in the past! Donations for Comic Relief will be collected in the classrooms on the day. We thank you, in advance, for your support.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Richard Siviter









