



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2021

### Talbot First School



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#### Message from Mr Gathercole

It has been another busy but wonderful first half term. I am keeping my fingers crossed for the coming half term that we can invite you all back in again and return to something more like normal. I need to say a huge thank you to parents from both schools for your overwhelming support, efforts in 'ground force' working parties and incredible support during Talbot's recent OFSTED inspection. I am amazed by the amount of work that parents, grandparents and members of the community have managed over a couple of weekends to vastly improve both schools' grounds. The staff and I have been incredibly moved and the simple word thank you doesn't really express how appreciative we truly are. Thanks must also go to both the TSA and FOMS for their tireless support and we welcome a new FOMS committee, exciting times ahead!

We had a fantastic response to the Breakfast competition and for all uptake of meals on census day was tremendous, This will make a real difference to the funding the schools receive, we are looking at, roughly, over £400 per Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupil, which is a considerable amount. We will run a similar competition and theme ready for the Spring and Summer census days too.

Very well done to all of our children too, they have worked incredibly hard, remained motivated and represented themselves, you and the schools brilliantly with all of the visitors we have had. Comments from our visitors have been extremely positive and moving, even prospective new parents on our open days were amazed at the confidence, politeness and care that our children display...they are wonderful.

Have a lovely, safe and restful half term break, I will try to find some synonyms for thank you ready for after half term!

Stay safe and keep well.

#### TSA News

Thankyou to the team of volunteers that came in over the weekend to clear the gardens, the look amazing and have spruced the school up in time for our Open Day.

Thankyou to all the parents for the costumes for the Halloween Disco, the children all looked brilliant.

Special thanks go to Strawberry Farm for kindly donating the prizes for the miniature garden competition.

#### DOJO

We hope you are finding DOJO a helpful way to keep up to date with events in school. If you would like a copy of letters sent straight to your email please subscribe on the website.

#### Holidays

We hope you have lovely restful half term, October 22nd is inset day, we look forward to seeing you on Monday 1st November

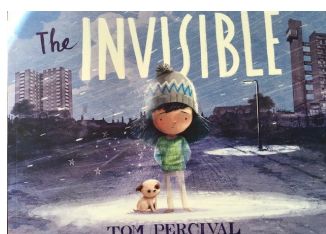
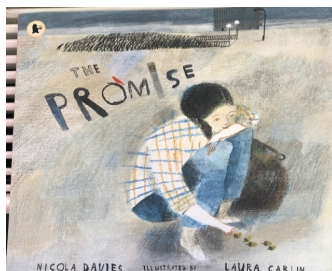
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### Maple Class News

It's been a very busy but exciting first half term in Maple Class!

We started the year reinforcing our school values and the children made a wonderful display in the entrance hall to show that at Talbot First School we are: 'Friends Learning Together'. I'm sure the children can tell you all about our school values.



### Reading Areas

The children at Talbot First School love reading and now both classes have an inviting reading area for the children to go to. The children have been writing book reviews to encourage children to read their recommended texts.



### Whole School Text

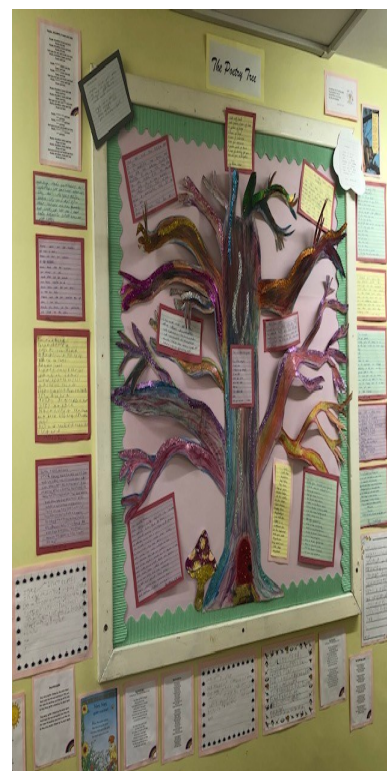
In English the children have been reading the text 'The Invisible' about a community coming together to make where they live a better and happier place. The children have responded very well to the drama activities and it has really helped them to empathise with people less fortunate than themselves. Maple Class have also studied 'The Promise' and 'The Secret Sky Garden' both of which follow a similar theme.



### Poetry Day

On 7th October it was National Poetry Day. The children enjoyed a master class for poetry writing with the poet Simon Mole. They wrote their own poems and recited their favourite poems to the class. The children were very confident performers and read their poems very clearly and with expression.

All of the children brought their favourite poem from home to share and made a copy to share with the rest of the school for our Poetry Tree. There were some excellent choices!



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Willow Class have enjoyed collecting Autumn leaves and observing seasonal change. Nursery used leaves to make an Autumn collage picture. Reception have enjoyed producing leaf drawings and rubbings. Year 1 looked closely at the leaves and have produced observational drawings.

