

NOTICES:

School Christmas Fayre Helpers:

We are still looking for parent support for our very popular Christmas Fayre.

We need parent helpers to set up and label the tombola and raffle prizes prior to the day itself and also to run stalls including refreshments, gift wrapping, tombola and raffle on the day.

Please contact Mrs Sher at hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk, on 01895 590087 or via the school office if you are able to help.

If you run a business or work for a company that would like to sponsor or donate a prize please contact Mrs Sher on above number or email.

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HILLINGDON NEWS



Autumn Term 1, 2019-20

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time at Hillingdon Primary School and this year is no exception. Staff have really enjoyed welcoming new pupils to school and seeing how our existing children have grown and developed over the summer break. It has been fantastic to see how quickly everyone has settled in to school routines and to watch the children as they make new friends, establish relationships with their new class teachers and build strong foundations for the year ahead. However, that's not all that has been going on in school. As you will see from the following pages, our pupils have been busy: from residential trips, sport competitions and team building activities, to visits from the fire service and more, we really haven't stopped since the term began. Please read on to find out more!

Welcome to Reception

WOW! What a fun and very busy start to school life Reception have had. Not only have Reception settled in but they have even started to learn new phonics sounds. So far they have learnt over 25!



Reception have also been learning to count and recognise numbers between 0 - 10. To help them, they have been learning rhymes and songs.

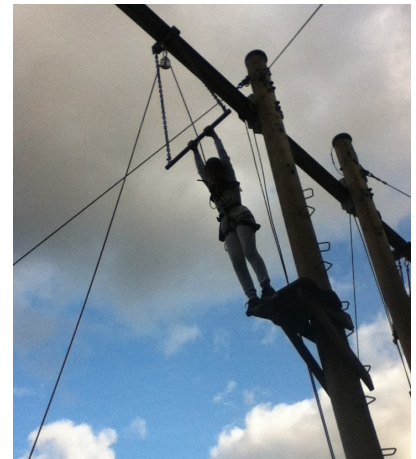
Most importantly, the children have shown kindness to each other through sharing their toys and making sure their friends are included in their games.

What a fantastic start to their first few weeks as Hillingdon Primary pupils!

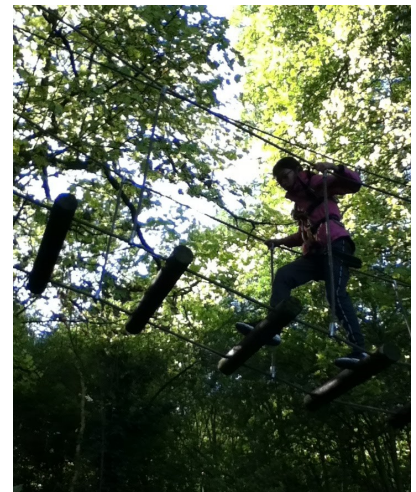


Year 6 PGL Success

On the week beginning 30th September, our Year 6 children set off on their amazing adventure to PGL! The children were really excited and talked all the way there about what activities they would participate in during the coming week.



It was lovely to see all the children come together at the end of the day for their evening activities (such as Hide and Seek in the dark, Campfire and Disco) and share their experiences of the day. As different activities were completed each day by the groups, the children were able to excite and encourage each other with stories of the activities awaiting the other groups over the course of the rest of the week.



Throughout the week, the children took part in various daytime and evening activities, each one as exciting and exhilarating as the last. The children tested their nerves on Abseiling, Tree Top and even a Trapeze! They showed great team-working skills in Raft Building, Jacob's Ladder and the Crate Challenge!

It was fantastic to see the children pushing themselves to try new activities and encouraging each other along the way. Each child achieved their personal goals throughout the week and they should all be very proud of themselves. The children were a real asset to the school and made our staff very proud.



Year 6 'Staycation'

Whilst their peers were enjoying new experiences at PGL in Liddington, a small group of Year 6 children were taking part in activities and educational trips at school.

The themes for the week were team building and World War I research to prepare children for their writing topic later in the term.

The children visited the Imperial War Museum and got stuck in to outdoor adventures at both Black Park and over on the school field, where they were joined by 'Wise Up,' team building experts.



The Imperial War Museum



Den building at Black Park ...



And one we found earlier!



Busy baking



Challenges with Wise Up



All ready for the tea party

The week ended with a fantastic tea party for parents, complete with home made cakes and shortbread, carefully baked to perfection by our pupils.

Language News

Around the World Cookbook

We are incredibly excited about our Hillingdon Primary School Around the World Cookbook that is now on sale at the bargain price of £7.50 (23p a recipe).



Thank you so much to the families and staff who contributed; we have a huge range of tasty recipes from all around the world.

If you would like to buy a copy, please pay on Parent Pay and a

book will be sent home with your child the next day. There will also be opportunities to buy at the school Christmas Fayre. Please let us know what you think of the recipes once you have tried them! You could even tweet us a photo of your finished dish!

European Day of Languages

In order to celebrate European Day of Languages (26th September), our Languages Ambassadors taught lessons in different languages across the school.

Ms Devons also gave each class a challenge booklet to see how many activities they can complete in different languages over the course of the academic year. If you are interested in joining in at home, more information can be found in the Handbook of Language

Challenges at:

<https://edl.ecml.at/Teachers/Downloads/tabid/3156/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

If your child completes a challenge at home, please send in a photo, or a note of your child taking part and then the teacher can sign off that challenge in the class booklet.

Don't forget, if your KS1 child is keen to learn a new language, Speak Like a Native are running a great after school club for Spanish at HPS (please see the clubs email for more details.)

The following is also a great website to help you learn words in lots of different languages:

<https://www.newburyparkschool.net/lotm/index.html>

Danke!

Summer Reading Challenge

At the start of the autumn term we had a special visitor to our assembly, Nathan, from Oak Farm Library. He came to celebrate with those of us who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge.

We heard some wonderful statistics about how well we had

done as a school within the borough. We were also delighted with the improved uptake of those who took part this year, compared to last year - this was our best year yet!

A huge well done to 2K and 3A who won special prizes for having the highest number of children completing the challenge. At least one third of children in every class took part!

As we know, the library is not just for the Summer Reading Challenge; events take place all year round, including story time, special author visits and creative writing workshops! Visit the London Borough of Hillingdon website at

<https://archive.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraryevents>

for more information.

Fire Safety in Year 2

On Monday 14th October all of year 2 were very excited because the day of their fire engine visit had finally arrived!

The Year 2 teachers explained to the children that they had been so impressed with their learning surrounding the topic of 'The Great Fire of London' that they would like them to share all that they had learnt with the firefighters.

The children spent the day thinking about how the fire service had changed since 1666 when the fire broke out, and learnt how to help to prevent a fire, as well as how to be safe in the event of a fire.

When it was finally time for the fire service to arrive the children waited eagerly as the fire engine drove into the playground. Everyone felt very excited when they saw it pulling in!

Year 2 were very lucky because the firefighters did not get called away to attend an emergency and therefore all of



the children were able to ask the firefighters questions and try some of the firefighter's clothes on, including their hat. The children were all shocked at how heavy this was to pick up and keep on their heads.



Year 2 were also fortunate enough to have the fantastic experience of sitting in the fire engine however, the highlight of



the visit was having a go at using the fire hoses! The children could not believe how much water the hose could spray and everybody got wet, including the teachers.



Thank you very much Hillingdon Fire Station for coming to see us, we really did have a fantastic time and learnt lots too.

Little Princess Workshop

KS2 children were thoroughly engaged in a theatrical show performed by M&M Productions. Story shows are known to have the power to bring emotions to life, and to help children understand their own feelings and those of others. It can help them understand a character's motivation and the

consequences of their actions.

The production focused on anti-bullying however also explored a range of valuable and relevant social and cultural issues such as loss and bereavement, poverty, exploitation and discrimination overcome by empathy, acceptance, compassion and friendship.

The performance incorporated authentic Victorian costumes and a lavish set which enhanced the

children's historical experience and promoted creative imagination. This truly gave children a great learning experience that they were able to build on further during Anti-bullying Week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support as, without their voluntary donations, pupils would not be able to enjoy these opportunities.

Sports News!

Cross Country



On a cold Thursday afternoon the cross country squad made their way to Vyners' School field to represent the school. It was hard work but all runners ran through the finish line having given everything they had. A fantastic job by all runners, well done team!

Panathlon



Our Panathlon team had a brilliant time competing against other schools at the Panathlon event. They enjoyed completing all 10 of the different stations, using lots of different skills to score points. A great event, well done team.

Boccia



The Boccia team showed real skill and resilience when competing in this event. They won a few of their games and finished in 5th place overall: a super achievement for pupils that had never competed before!

Packham Tournament



Packham Tournament

On a very cold Saturday morning 2 teams from Hillingdon arrived for the Packham tournament with high hopes. There was some exceptional football being played, with one of the teams making it all the way to the semi final before being narrowly beaten by the overall winners of the competition. Well done to both teams for all their hard work.

Girls Football Tournament



The girls were very excited for their first tournament as a team. They sailed through the group stages winning all of their group games. They came up against a very strong side in the semi final, narrowly missing out. A fantastic experience for all the girls!

Attendance Update

We are very pleased to report that last year we managed to secure a whole school attendance figure of 96.23%; broadly in line with the 97% target set by the Local Governing Body.

As we progress through the Autumn term, it is fantastic to see so many classes already securing 97% and 98% attendance, and particular congratulations must go to our attendance stars opposite.

As we have shared with you previously, independent

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
2D - 97.4%	3A - 98.5%
1D - 97.34%	4J - 98.16%
2K - 96.99%	3H - 97.4%

research has shown that attendance is directly linked to achievement. Furthermore, teaching your child the importance of regular and punctual attendance is a life skill that is key to future success.




We understand that in the winter months children suffer from an

array of coughs and colds, however unless your child is really unwell, please speak to our welfare team, Mrs Childs and Mrs Bristow, before keeping them off school to discuss how they can support the children in school.

We would also like to remind parents that children should not be taken out of school during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any time off school must be authorised by the Principal in advance. Please see our [Pupil Attendance Policy](#) on the school website for details.

Day of Giving Message of Thanks

We would like to express a BIG thank you to all families who donated and took part in our Day of Giving, it was a HUGE success. We raised the following:

  <p>£181.28 was raised at the MacMillan coffee morning and cake sale.</p>	<p>£570.95 was donated through £1 donations for Jeans for Genes Day. The money raised provides vital care and support for thousands of children with life-altering genetic disorders.</p> 
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 <p>Thank you so much for your generous donations of food for Hillingdon Foodbank. The response this year was bigger than ever and we know that the food will really help all those in need.</p>	
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Upcoming Dates

There's lots going on in school over the next few weeks as we prepare for the festive period. Below you will find a reminder of key dates: please see the [2019 Autumn Term Dates for Parent](#) document (available on the school website) for full details.

November:

- **Tuesday 26th:** Open Day for Reception 2020
- **Tuesday 26th:** Early Years & KS1 Book Fair
- **Wednesday 27th:** KS2 Book Fair
- **Friday 29th:** Year 6 Trip to Bishopshalt BODs Production

December:

- **Monday 2nd to Friday 13th:** RE Weeks
- **Tuesday 3rd:** Year 1 Nativity
- **Thursday 5th:** School Christmas Fayre
- **Tuesday 10th:** Reception Christmas Songs
- **Thursday 12th:** Carol Service at St John's Church (Years 2 to 6)
- **Tuesday 17th:** Nursery Christmas Songs
- **Wednesday 18th:** HPS Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 19th:** Last day of the autumn term. School finishes at 2.40pm. Please join us for our traditional Carols on the Playground from 2.10pm.