

## NOTICES:

### Reminder:

Children return to school for the start of the spring term on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

# HILLINGDON NEWS



## Autumn Term 2 2019-20

We've had a fantastic second half to the Autumn term, looking at how small changes can make a big difference in our school community. Pupils have pledged to be a good friend, spread kindness and respect the differences that make each of us unique.

Our Christmas celebrations have been wonderful. The youngest members of our school community entertained us with festive songs and their retelling of the nativity and we learnt more about the Christmas story from Reverend Alan. It was superb to hear the children singing in Church and we all admired those children who confidently auditioned for the H Factor and an opportunity to sing solo. The Christmas Fayre was also a huge success thanks to our school community and local businesses who generously contributed donations of chocolate, gifts, raffle prizes and time: thank you as always.

All that remains is for us to wish everyone a peaceful and safe holiday: we hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends.

## Anti-bullying Week

The theme for 2019's Anti-bullying Week was, 'Change starts with us.' Children celebrated the start of the week with Odd Socks Day, giving the boys and girls an opportunity to celebrate their creativity, personalities and similarities whilst also raising £302 for the Anti-bullying Alliance.

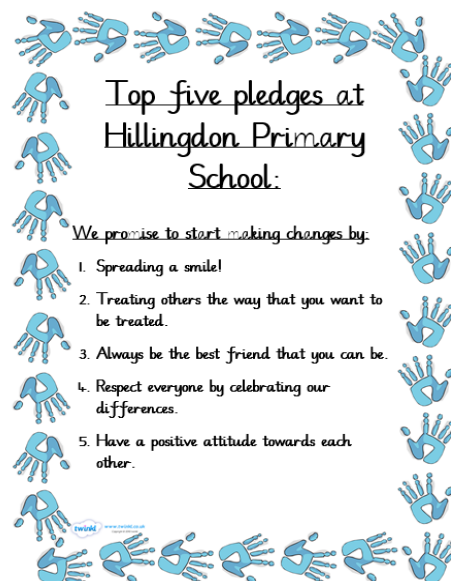


3A with their Odd Socks!

5M formally launched the week with a fantastic assembly highlighting the signs of bullying and promoting the importance of this year's theme. The children performed to the whole school and parents with real confidence and enthusiasm. They acted, danced and sang beautifully to showcase the positive changes that everyone can make to help eradicate bullying: even the little things

can help to make a difference in a big way.

The assembly generated lots of interesting discussion and ideas which continued throughout the week. Everyone had a chance to create their own Anti-bullying pledges which will be implemented and celebrated throughout the year; every class then discussed and voted for the top five pledges to be adopted by the whole school. Here are our pledges:



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Children in Need Cake Sale	2
Year 4 Visit the Living Rainforest	2
Book Fair	2
Sports News	3
Y3 Tate Outdoor Exhibition	3
Attendance News	4
Christmas at HPS	4
Christmas Fayre	5
Breakfast Club Get Festive	5
Christmas in Nursery	6
Visit from Reverend Alan	6



5M's Assembly



Care, Kindness and Respect



## Children in Need Cake Sale

We had an exciting day on Friday 15th November celebrating Children in Need. Children came dressed in spotty clothing ready to donate to this fantastic cause.

In the afternoon the Year 3 children and staff ran their traditional Cake Sale, which is always a popular and very busy event! As usual this was a big success; every single cake was sold by the end of the day, raising **£256.40** for Children in Need!



We would like to thank all the parents who donated cakes for the sale and all those who came and bought some. We hope you enjoyed eating them!

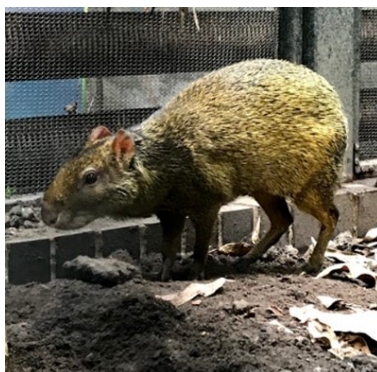


## Year 4 Visit the Living Rainforest

Year 4 pupils have been learning about Brazil this term and the importance of The Amazon Rainforest.



In October, they were very excited to visit the Living Rainforest in Hampstead Norreys where they enjoyed



experiencing the sights, sounds and smells of a lush tropical rainforest environment.

The living rainforest houses over 750 different plants and animals.



The children particularly enjoyed seeing the Goeldi monkeys, pythons, poisonous frogs and the toucans, but were disappointed not to see the hiding sloth!

A thoroughly interesting and enjoyable day was had by all!

**BookPeople** **Book Fair**  
Nurturing a love of books [l.co.uk](http://l.co.uk)

The Book Fair was a great success and we achieved sales of £594. This has helped the school with rewards of **£148.50** to spend on new reading books in school. Thank you for these very valuable resources in the school.



## Sports News

### Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 21st November 18 talented athletes competed against other school teams in the Sports Hall Athletics competition held at Swakeleys school.

All pupils performed fantastically and came away with some very good scores. Well done to all the team for putting in such a great effort!



Sports Hall Athletics Team



Performing at the Sports Hall Athletics competition

### Football League



The football team in action

### Netball League

The netball league started slightly later this year in October and due to weather conditions and other competitions the team has only played two of their games.

So far they are unbeaten in the league and are looking forward to continuing their amazing work after Christmas. Well done team, keep up the good work!

The football league has been running since September with all the squad training hard to try to make the team. The boys selected for the games have worked extremely hard and have put in some excellent performances to date. We look forward to continuing this after Christmas, well done team!

## Y3 Tate Outdoor Exhibition

We were so excited when class 4H (class 3QS 2018-19) were selected to take part in an enormous Tate exhibition across London.

Turner Prize-winner and filmmaker Steve McQueen's billboards show class photographs of thousands of children from the capital's schools. 613 posters featuring Year 3 pupils were displayed across London's 33 boroughs to celebrate the idea of citizenship and reflect the diversity of London.



3QS / 4H Class picture at Bond Street ...

Lots of pupils from 4H took their parents on a trip into London to take a look at their class photograph in underground and overground stations across the



... and Hammersmith.

capital including Richmond, Hammersmith and Bond Street!

All three of the year 4 class photographs can now be seen in the Exhibition inside the Tate Gallery until May 2020.

## Attendance News

We are very pleased to report that last year we managed to secure a whole school attendance figure of 96.37%, in line with the target set by the Local Governing Body and

slightly above average for primary schools nationally.

Congratulations to those classes who are already securing 96% and 97% attendance this year - keep it up!

★ Attendance Stars	
EY & KS1	KS2
2D - 97.13%	4J - 97.74%
1D - 96.82%	6J - 97.48%
1R - 95.68%	3A - 97.31%

# Christmas at HPS

## RE Week

The children have been focusing on the RE Curriculum in the last few weeks of the term. Each year group has been exploring a different 'big' question, ranging from:

What is the Christian story of Christmas? to

Why is the symbol of light significant at Christmas?

The children have been engaged in a variety of activities in writing and art and most importantly they are developing an inclusive sense of openness, respect and understanding of the different faiths and values in our school community.

## Who's got the H-Factor?

We were very excited this year to kick start our Christmas festivities with a significant increase in the number of KS2 children auditioning for the prestigious position of solo singing to open the HPS Christmas Concert. The confidence and standard of all singers was particularly high but, after a class vote, the following children were put forward as the finalists: Aiza, Destiny, Hiu Fung, Maya, Meghan, Mila, Paris, Samreen, Thejassvi, Valentina and Vasiligie.

These finalists then went on to perform solo in front of the whole school and each class had the opportunity to vote for their favourite singer to represent HPS at the concert.



**H Factor Finalists**

Congratulations to Donna (6J) who won the H-Factor vote and to all other finalists who also led the whole school singing at the concert in church.

## Year 1 Nativity

Year 1 launched RE Week with their fantastic retelling of the Christmas story. The children worked hard to showcase their acting and singing skills in their Nativity play, 'Whoops a Daisy Angel.'



**Whoops-a-daisy angel!**



They were very excited to perform for the school and their parents. They really enjoyed working together and putting on an amazing show. All the teachers are super proud of how hard the children worked: it really showed in their wonderful nativity.

## Reception Christmas Songs

On 10th December Reception performed lots of fun festive songs for their family and friends. They loved being reindeer, jingling bells and singing at the top of their voices.



**Reception singing beautifully!**



Thank you to all of the parents for watching the show and helping the children learn the songs at home. We are very proud of all of the children who showed such confidence at such a young age.

## Carol Service at St. John's Church

On Thursday 12th December, Years 2 to 6 took part in the annual Carol Concert at St John's church.

Donna, our H Factor winner, started the concert with a fabulous and confident rendition of 'Once in Royal David City'. She was supported by our wonderful H Factor finalists who provided brilliant backing vocals.

Each year group then performed their Christmas songs and were supported by Mrs Hoslett on the piano and Mr Dady leading the vocals. We even heard some of our parents and family members joining in!



**Readers at St. John's Church**

In between each song, passages of the Christmas story were read by our wonderful readers: Maja, Ajeshan, Reenie, Oliver, Layla-Grace, Renae, Raees, Myaan, Ava, Satkar, Kavita, Sophie, Dwij, Lisara, Lourdess, Meghan, Aarav and Nayoli.

All of the readers, singers and musicians were a credit to our school. Thank you to everyone who supported in organising the concert and those that supported on the day. Thank you also to Reverend Alan who hosted us at St John's Church. It was fantastic to see the school community get together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas.



## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success this year, raising a whopping £3,120 which will be spent on extracurricular activities to enhance pupils' learning experience. We are very grateful for the support of the school community and local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes and chocolate for our tombola stall, and also to our staff and pupils who made items to sell and helped with the Fayre arrangements. Finally, we must say a big thank you to our parents and families who attended the Fayre and made it a wonderful community event.



Year 5 made yummy chocolates



Year 4's delicious bakes



Our Christmas keychains designed by pupils and printed on our 3D printers were a hit!



Pupils loved Year 6's slime!



The refreshment stall was a great place to pick up a home-baked festive treat



Year 2 ran a sweet stall



The ever-popular chocolate tombola



Year 3's festive gingerbread men

## Breakfast Club Get Festive



Pupils at breakfast club were getting into the holiday spirit last week as they worked together to create a huge festive paper chain!

## Christmas in Nursery



Nursery children performed two brilliant Christmas concerts this week. We are so proud of the youngest members of our school for how loudly they sang! They were all fantastic!



Boogie Bear came to visit Nursery this week for our Christmas parties! We played games, danced a lot and got to meet Boogie Bear.

## Visit from Reverend Alan

On Friday 13th December, Reverend Alan came into school and led two fantastic assemblies for our pupils. Key stage 2, followed by Early Years and KS1, learnt more about the Christmas story and the true meaning of this special time of year.

Reverend Alan would like to invite all of our school community to the Christingle and Carols at St John's Church on Christmas Eve: please see the details below.

*Children & parents, you are invited to . . .*

# Christingle & Carols

**Christmas Eve**

**3.30pm or 5.30pm**

**Tuesday 24 Dec**  
Come as you are  
or with prop/costume

**St. John's Church**  
Royal Lane  
Hillingdon UB8 3QP