

NOTICES:

School Photos:

Please note that the school photographer will be in school the first week back after the half term holiday (Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November) to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that children are dressed smartly and in full school uniform.

Emergency Contact Information:

Please don't forget to notify our school office if any of your contact details have changed recently: this includes your phone number, email address and home address. It is also a vital Health and Safety requirement that we have at least two contact phone numbers for every pupil in case of an emergency.

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HILLINGDON NEWS



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What a fantastic half term we have had so far!!

We've welcomed new children, families and staff into our community and have been thrilled at how quickly the children have settled in. We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to meet new staff at our Meet the Teacher sessions and found them informative.

Whilst our new Reception and Nursery children have been settling in to school life, our Year 6 veterans spent 5 days away from school on our annual PGL residential trip. The children had an amazing time pushing themselves to try new things, growing in independence and bonding as a team. They're now back, prepared and ready to meet the demands of their final year of primary school. You can read more about their adventure on page 2.

It was wonderful to see our whole school community come together on our Day of Giving. We were overwhelmed by the generous donations received: please turn to page 3 to read more about our coffee morning success and funds raised.

Summer Reading Challenge

A huge well done to all the children who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. We were so impressed to hear that nearly half the pupils in most classes completed the challenge!



Wow! So many children proudly displaying their Summer Reading Challenge certificates

It was very pleasing to hear from the children about the best books they had read and the prizes they earned - many comic books were enjoyed and the whoopee cushion prize was a clear favourite!

In recognition of their achievements, the children were treated to a special assembly from Nathan from Oak Farm Library. Nathan continues to be impressed with Hillingdon Primary's commitment to reading and the wonderful way the children were able to talk confidently about their favourite authors,



Challenge completed! A small group of our Year 6 children sharing their certificates and medals.

the books they had been enjoying in class throughout the year and their visits to local libraries over the summer.

A special well done to 4H, who were the winning class, with 18 children taking part in the challenge - their 3rd successful year in a row! Also, a big thank you must be given to all the parents and carers who supported the children in their summer reading.

Don't forget ... the library is for all year round and not just the summer. Turn to page 5 to learn more about the London Borough of Hillingdon's Culture Bite and all the exciting events that will be taking place in local libraries near you over the half term holiday.

House Point News!

After Mrs Breslin's proposal for the House Point system, the year 6 pupils enthusiastically carried out some market research across KS2. They sought the pupils' opinions on the change in infrastructure, new House names and how the old House names could be represented.

The results of these questions were then presented to the rest of



Year 5 teachers find out their temporary class House name

the school during Monday's assembly. Harveen, Banjua and

Suja presented a brilliant Powerpoint presentation to the school on how the House Point system may change and how the old Houses can be represented.

With excitement brewing, Mrs Breslin then presented each class with their new temporary House names - Yellow House, Red House and Green House.

We look forward to much friendly competition between the new Class Houses!

PGL Success

On the week beginning 24th September, our Year 6 children set off on their adventure to PGL! The children were really excited and talked all the way there about their brilliant week ahead.

Throughout the week, our boys and girls got to take part in lots of daytime and evening activities. The children got to test their nerves on Abseiling, Tree Top and even a Trapeze! They showed great team-working skills in Raft Building, Sensory Trail, Jacob's Ladder and the Crate Challenge!



It was lovely to see all the children come together at the end of the day for their evening activities where they could share their experiences of the day and look

forward to new activities planned for the following day. It was fantastic to see the children pushing themselves to try new activities and encouraging each

other along the way.

The children were a real asset to the school and made our staff very proud.

Hillingdon Primary's Day of Giving

World's Biggest Coffee Morning!

Year 6 were delighted to support the Macmillan Cake Sale that took place on the morning of our Day of Giving.

The children were very excited to have the opportunity to bake and sell different cakes. When selecting which cakes to make, they decided on a World War Two theme and, after much deliberation, settled on: shortbread, carrot cake and Yorkshire Parkin.

With the support of Mrs Liddy, they spent Wednesday and Thursday afternoon meticulously designing the cakes, weighing the ingredients and following the methods. Once finished, the cakes proved to be a huge success and were equally as delicious. The children proved themselves to be incredibly persuasive sales people at the cake sale stand and were able to raise lots of money for the Macmillan Charity.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to the event, particularly those parents who sent in cakes for our Coffee Morning sale.



A BIG Thank You ...

To all families who donated and took part in our Day of Giving. Thanks to you we raised:

£328.88 at the MacMillan coffee morning and through cake sales.



£533 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.

We were overwhelmed with Harvest Festival donations for Hillingdon Foodbank. The response was fantastic and we know that the food will really help all those in need.

Sports News

Football and Netball Squads

The first half of the autumn term is always a busy time for sport with Football and Netball Leagues commencing in the first couple of weeks.

Over 60 boys and girls trialled for both squads and teachers were faced with the difficult decision of selecting children to represent the school. The squads have now been chosen and the children have been training hard for their matches.

The football team made up of year five and six children has had a challenging start to the season, facing 2 extremely tough oppositions in West Drayton Academy and Cherry Lane. Although they were defeated, in both matches the children showed great determination and effort. With one more game to go before the mid season break, we are hoping for a positive result after some great work in training.

The netball team showed some really positive play in their first competitive match against St. Catherines. We were narrowly defeated by one goal, however

the children have shown some great qualities in training and will be looking to showcase these in the upcoming matches.

District Cross Country

12 schools took part in the District Cross Country event and a total of 96 boys and 96 girls competed for top place. Following a great effort



Our fabulous cross country runners

by Hillingdon Primary runners we just missed out on qualifying for the borough event.

Panathlon Champions!

The Panathlon held at Barnhill Community High School was a competitive day where 11 schools competed for gold. Our squad of 10 children was fantastic from start to finish and their efforts were rewarded as we came out victorious, winning Gold for the second year in a row.



Panathlon Champions!

Our team of champions will now go on to compete at the Copper Box Panathlon event later in the year.

Attendance Stars

As a school, we know that good attendance is extremely important to ensure children achieve their full potential.

Our Local Governing Body whole school attendance target is 96% and we celebrate great attendance during our celebration assemblies and through our newsletters.

We would like to say a HUGE well done to those classes who are currently above the Governors' target, as seen in the graph below, particularly our attendance stars who have the highest attendance so far this year.

| ★ Attendance Stars | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| KS1 | KS2 |
| 1A - 98% | 4H & 4C - 99% |
| RB - 97.8% | 5M & 6J - 98.4% |
| 1D - 97.7% | |



Fun Activities for Half Term

October is a huge month for Hillingdon libraries, with the service promoting and holding some fantastic activities for the 4th annual Culture Bite.

In a month-long celebration of art, literature and culture, there are lots of fun, free events taking place across the borough and in particular at libraries. Here are just some of the exciting family events taking place close to you during the half term week:

Saturday 20th: Making it up!

Drama games workshop at Harefield Library

Monday 22nd:

Mischief Makers and the Dice of Destiny (with Jennifer Killick) at Uxbridge Library

Ross Montgomery: Dinner of Souls at the Great Barn.

Fairytale Theatre at Yiewsley Library.

The Great Debate! Jennifer Killick and Ross Montgomery at Winston Churchill Theatre.

Wednesday 24th: Big Sculpture Making at Oak Farm Library.

Thursday 25th: Legends in the Library at Uxbridge Library.

Friday 26th:

Pumpkin Carving at Harlington Adult Learning Centre.

Burger Boy at the Compass Theatre.

Please note that you will need to register to reserve a place at these events: further information and details of other activities can be found at:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/34105/Culture-Bite-events-for-children>

Upcoming Diary Dates:

OCTOBER:

Wednesday 31st: School Photos (Individual and Sibling)

Wednesday 31st: Year 1 Parents' Maths Workshop

Wednesday 31st: Inclusive Boccia Competition

NOVEMBER:

Thursday 1st: School Photos (Individual and Sibling)

Tuesday 6th: Open Day for prospective students

Wednesday 7th: U&D Girls' Football Tournament

Thursday 8th: Be Bright Celebration

Saturday 10th: U&D Packham Cup Football Tournament

Week Commencing 12th: Anti-bullying Week & Nursery and Reception Shared Learning Sessions

Monday 12th: Odd Socks Day

Monday 12th: Class 5A Special Assembly

Wednesday 14th: Change 4 Life Festival

Friday 16th: Children in Need Day & 3QS Cake Sale

Week Commencing 19th: Parent Consultation Week, Anti-bullying Workshops & H Factor Auditions

Monday 19th: Year 4 Trip to the Living Rainforest

Tuesday 20th: Year 5 Residential Trip Meeting

Week Commencing 26th: Assessment Week

Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th: Book People Book Fayre

Please see the Autumn Term Dates sent separately for a full list of dates and event details.