

NOTICES:

Admission Policy 2020-21:

The Academy has now determined the Admissions Policy for entry into the academic year 2020/2021. This policy, alongside the current criteria, can be viewed on the school website or by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.hillingdon.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=13>

Term Dates:

Event dates for the Summer Term 2019 and full School Term Dates for the academic year 2019-20 have now been published on the school website. A copy has also been sent to parents via email.

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HILLINGDON NEWS



Issue 4, 2018-19

This term our children have travelled through time and space. Year 5 re-enacted a typical school day in the Victorian era and the whole school were immersed in the wonders of the universe when they visited the Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium. Children were excited by the fabulous activities that took place throughout Science Week and loved coming to school in their pyjamas to share their favourite stories for World Book Day. As we prepare for the Easter break, our children continue to wow us with their talents and skills as they audition for a coveted space in our Talent Show, Hillingdon's Got Talent! Don't miss our next issue where we will share details of our finalists.

Year 5 Victorian Day

On Wednesday 27th February, to support their current History topic, Year 5 were transported back to the Victorian era by taking part in a Victorian Day at school.

They were greeted in the playground by the sound of a ringing bell instead of a whistle, made to line up again and again by their incredibly strict Victorian teachers and subjected to lessons typical of the era.



Boys and girls were taught in separate classrooms and were seated in rows.

All the children had a wonderful time travelling back in time, and they all looked fantastic in their Victorian costumes, but they all agreed, they much preferred school in 2019!



They rote learnt their times tables, performed a drill in the playground, recited the Kings and Queens of England and even had to write lines!



World Book Day

On World Book Day, Thursday 7 March 2019, the Year 4 children were abuzz with excitement as it was the day of their assembly!



The children's aim was to take the rest of the school and their parents on a journey into some of their favourite books, whilst encouraging everyone to read, read, read!

Paddington, Harry Potter and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory were the books they explored, with the help of Betty and Bob, their Gogglebooks' characters. There was fantastic acting,

brilliant singing and amazing dancing: what a fantastic way to kickstart our World Book Day celebrations.



Year 4 continued their quest to get everyone reading by visiting



Reading buddies



the Year 3 classrooms where they 'buddied-up' with the younger children to share some of their favourite stories. Great effort, Year 4!

Reception's Teddy Bears' Picnic

Reception celebrated World Book Day by hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic. Everyone dressed in their pyjamas, brought their bears into school and even made their own tasty cucumber sandwiches.



In the afternoon, Reception were joined by Year 6 children who came to read to them - the children had so much fun!



Shared learning in Reception



Reception Shared Learning Sessions

This term Reception offered yet another chance for parents to spend time with their children in class, this time parents had the chance to watch a Maths Mastery lesson.

These shared learning sessions are not only enjoyable for children, but parents leave with a



better understanding of how to further support their children at home. Parents were able to watch the lesson and then take part in the activity aspects alongside their child.

We thank the parents who were able to join us on this occasion and hope that you found the shared learning sessions useful.

Science Week

Wonderdome

As part of our Science Week activities we were visited by a mobile planetarium, the Wonderdome!

For three days in March, the school hall became home to this space age structure that offered our children a window into the universe.



Each class, from Reception to Year 6, took it in turns to visit the Wonderdome. The night sky was projected all around the children, immersing them in the



feeling of being in space. The children were invited to imagine that they were astronauts, exploring the universe in their spaceship.

Our children discovered why Earth is so special that many different species can thrive here,



and also learnt lots about our nearest neighbouring planet, the moon.

The experience was truly awe inspiring!

Year 3 Trip to the Look Out Centre

On Tuesday 12th March Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre.

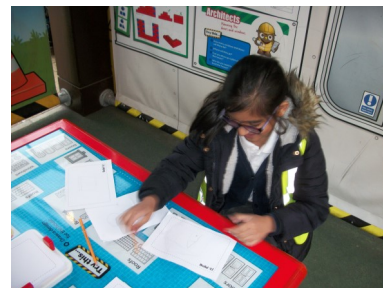
The children got to experience lots of hands-on science experiments, watch and take part in an engaging Light and Sound Show and climb up the 22 metre tower to get to the observation deck.



The children loved all the different zones, and particularly enjoyed playing with the boats in the water area, launching propellers and setting off a hot air balloon, designing and

building houses and looking at the snakes, snails and ants in the tanks.

It is safe to say all the children and adults went home very happy, but also exhausted, after a fun and interactive day out.



Year 2 Library Visit

Year 2 and parent helpers embarked on a walking trip from HPS with Oak Farm Library as the destination. Great discussion was had along the journey about the local area, houses and cars that could be seen, as well as much excitement about what activity they were going to participate in at the library.

Nathan Brown and his team at the library led the children in an investigation into the world of information books linked to our topic about space. The children's task was to discover and share facts about the planets in our solar system.



Many children with library cards were able to take out a book from the library and many more signed up to become members.



Year 2 look forward to a return visit in the future to Oak Farm library.

Safer Internet Success



For Safer Internet Day 2019, Hillingdon Primary School came together to promote the safe use of the internet.

Our Digital Leaders led fantastic assemblies about how to stay safe online, and all over the school children engaged in activities and discussions to explore the correct way to spread

a positive message of safe internet use. To bring all of their learning together, children from Year 1 to Year 6 made an Online Pledge, which were then uploaded to our Online Safety Site.

Mr Jacobs continued the Safer Internet theme with two Google workshops for parents in March, focusing on the challenges faced online, what steps parents can take and where to go for help.

Key messages from the workshops were:

- Educating a child on the correct online behaviours is a much more effective way of keeping them safe than restricting their use of the internet;

- Spending time with children when they use the internet, and using the internet together, provides a great opportunity to discuss issues as they come up; and

- All adults have a responsibility to better understand the type of things our children are engaging with, so we are best placed to offer advice and support.

For more information on Mr Jacob's workshop and to see the children's Online Pledges, please visit our Online Safety Site:

myhps.uk

Fundraising

We would like to say a big thank you to parents this term for your support with our fundraising activities.

The children had a fantastic time at our annual Kidchella Disco in February. DJ Stu from Discoz had everyone on their feet, playing games and dancing the evening away. We raised a fantastic £1,374.91 which will be used to support the delivery of extracurricular activities such as workshops.

Lots of our families took advantage of our Scholastic Book Fair last month to purchase some new reading material for their children. We achieved sales totalling £811.85 for which the school was rewarded with £497.89 to spend on new books for our class libraries. Thank you for these very valuable resources in the school.

March also saw the children participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief: our community raised £232.93 for this very worthy cause.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that you can raise funds for the school all year round when you shop online by registering with The Giving Machine. Full details were shared in our last newsletter; however if you have not yet had a chance to register or would like to learn more, please visit our Giving Machine page at:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/hillingdon-primary-school-266294/>

Sports News



Our boys' netball team took home silver medals following a tough game in the final of the Boys Netball Tournament. Well done boys!



We were very proud of our girls who played really well at the Elms Football Tournament



Our boys also worked hard to earn themselves a place in the quarter final of the Elms Football tournament.

Introducing the Green Thumbs Team!

In the last couple of weeks the boys and girls at Hillingdon Primary School have begun to explore further the meaning of reuse and recycle in order to reduce waste.

As a school, we feel that it's important that our children learn about the issues surrounding recycling so that they can make

a positive impact on our environment. To support the school in moving our new recycling initiative forward, we have called upon the help of a group of keen eco-warriors, also known as the Green Thumbs team!

During our key stage assemblies, the Green Thumbs team in Years 5 and 6 have supported Miss Croucher



and Miss Ashford with reinforcing the importance of recycling and introducing the system that we will be using at our school to reduce waste.

Keep an eye out for the new signage entering our school as teachers will be reminding students to sort and recycle their rubbish throughout the Summer term.

Attendance News

Congratulations to the following classes who all have attendance above the Local Governing Body's 97% target: 1A, 2D, 3M, 4S and 6H.

Well done also to our KS1 and KS2 attendance stars.

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
1A - 97.3%	3M - 97.5%
2D - 97.1%	6H - 97.2%
RFO - 95.8%	4S - 97.1%

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Please refer to event dates for the summer term which have recently been published to parents and are also available on our website:

<http://www.hillingdon.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=70>