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# HILLINGDON NEWS



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We have had a magical start to the Spring term, with children from Reception through to Year 6 taking part in our special Wizards and Witches reading and writing event. The children were inspired by fantastic, bewitching stories, to create wonderful artwork and produce some exciting writing which will soon be displayed in our corridors. This newsletter also provides an opportunity for us to look back on some of the festive events that took place in Early Years during December: we are particularly proud of how our youngest pupils combined determination, enthusiasm and hard work to entertain their families during their fabulous Christmas concerts. Please keep reading to find out more.

## Magical Literacy

This January, our children have been delving into the enchanted world of witches, wizards and magical creatures to foster their love of reading and inspire some truly fantastic writing.

From Meg and Mog in Reception to Harry Potter in Year 6, each year group have taken a particular story and used it as a basis for drama, writing and art work.

Our Reception children have been reading Meg and Mog, and made their own props to act the story out. Keep an eye out for Reception's display: the children have annotated photos of themselves recreating the stories.

Year 1 read Room on the Broom and used the story for lots of dramatic role play, focusing on why they thought characters behaved the way they did and how they might have been feeling. They especially enjoyed pretending to be the animals scaring the dragon away!

The children decorated a cauldron and came up with ingredients for a potion and possible effects if someone drank it. They also wrote letters to the witch in the story. As a special treat for their hard work, Year 1 enjoyed watching the short film based on the story and discussed the differences between the two.

Year 2 stopped at the sound of magical, spooky music, dropped what they were doing and read a few more exciting Winnie the Witch stories! They also used some enchanting, preselected words to



Year 1 decorating their cauldrons

write their very own magic spells, wrote super descriptions of characters and settings and even watched a brief cartoon of Winnie the Witch. In Art, pupils have been designing their very own Winnie's hat ... Let's hope these hats help her to do the right magic spells!!



Year 2 re-enacting Winnie the Witch

Turn the page to learn more about our magical literacy in KS2 ...

## Magical Literacy Continued

Year 3 have enjoyed reading about the adventures of Mildred Hubble, 'The Worst Witch.' The children had a go at writing their own spells based on friendship; how to make a person disappear; and how to make a clone. They also wrote spells based on the Song of the Witches, 'Double, Double, toil and trouble...' and designed spooky witches hats.



A few of our Year 3 children proudly displaying their spells and spooky witches hats

Year 4 explored Chapter 7 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, The Sorting Hat. The children had great fun taking a quiz which sorted them into the Hogwarts Houses. The children were inspired to create their own houses and wrote poems about them in the style of the Sorting Hat Song. They also created a piece of art work in the style of Van Gogh's, 'Starry Night,' although their drawings had



KS1 shared their work in a special assembly

Harry Potter's silhouette shooting across the middle of them!

Year 5 focused on the opening of The Hobbit, when Bilbo meets Gandalf. They explored how Bilbo felt about meeting Gandalf and his suggestion that Bilbo comes on an adventure with him! They then retold the meeting between these two characters in their own words. Year 5 also revisited watercolor techniques and created a painting of the setting of the Hobbit.

Year 6 watched and read parts of Harry Potter Prisoner of Azkaban. They focused on the part where the boggart is introduced to the class. The children had to create their own boggart (something they are scared of), thinking about what it would look like, how it might move and how it would sound. Year 6 created some imaginative passages, describing their boggart coming out of the wardrobe to confront them and explored different sketching techniques to help them illustrate their ideas.

## Year 4s 'Groove Like an Egyptian'



On Thursday 10 January, Year 4 were visited by the 'Perform for All' team and took part in their 'Groove Like An Egyptian' workshop!

The children had a fantastic session learning a section of a dance routine and putting it to music.

They also learnt some interesting facts about the Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. Year 4 used what they had learnt to choreograph their own section of a dance routine, relating it to one particular God or Goddess. It was groovy!

## Nursery Library Visit

Oak Farm Library came to visit the Nursery in December. The children shared stories, rhymes and songs with the librarian and had so much fun! They even got a copy of 'Max the Brave' each to take home, it is becoming one of our favourite books in the Nursery.



## Looking Back at December in Early Years and KS1

### Nursery Christmas Concert

Thank you to all of the nursery parents that came along to watch the nursery concert at the end of last term.

The children loved singing all of their favourite Christmas songs, joining in with the actions, playing bells to accompany the songs and signing 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' using Makaton signs.



They were brilliant concerts and the children made all of their teachers very proud!

### Reception Christmas Songs



Reception made their parents/carers, siblings and teachers so proud at the end of last term. They sang amazingly well and remembered all of their lines. Everyone was so impressed.

Well done Reception!



### Year 1 Nativity Plays



Year 1 children wowed their families and friends with their fantastic nativity plays last term. The children worked hard to learn the words and actions to 'Whoops a Daisy Angel,' and their efforts during rehearsals really paid off as they sang beautifully.

Well done Year 1!



### Upcoming Diary Dates:

#### FEBRUARY:

**W/C Monday 18th: Half term**

**Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th:** Year 6 Booster School

**Monday 25th:** First day back at school

**Wednesday 27th:** Year 5 Victorian Day

#### MARCH

**Friday 1st:** Secondary School Offer Day

**W/C Monday 4th:** Reading week

**Thursday 7th:** World Book Day, Year 4 Assemblies

**Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th:** Wonderdome Workshops

**Tuesday 12th:** Year 3 Trip

**Wednesday 13th:** EY & KS1 Book Fair

**Thursday 14th:** KS2 Book Fair

**Friday 15th:** Red Nose Day

*Please see the Spring Term dates for event details.*

## Sports News

### Table Cricket Competition

On Friday 18th January, a team of 7 children competed against other primary and secondary schools in a Table Cricket Competition. The team competed in 6 games, winning 4, including 2 against secondary school teams. The children played very well, particularly as for some it was the first time they had participated in the sport.



### Netball & Football Leagues

Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions our first 2 football matches of the second half of the season have had to be rescheduled.

The netball team are really going from strength to strength with a 9-4 win over Colham Manor. The

team played fantastically well and were strong from start to finish.

### Borough 3v3 Basketball Champions!

This is one of the biggest tournaments in the sporting calendar year. 30 teams from schools across the borough competed to represent Hillingdon borough at the next London Youth Games!

We took 2 teams of 5 to compete: 1 team of Year 5 children and a team of Year 6 children.



HPS Basketballers

The Year 5 team played extremely well, managing to win every game in their group, qualifying for the quarter finals. Unfortunately they lost out in extra time to a strong Whiteheath team.

The Year 6 team also won every game in their group and defeated St. Marys in the quarter finals, finding themselves up against the Whiteheath team that had knocked our Year 5s out of the competition. With the Year 6 children keen to even the score, they fought hard against Whiteheath and secured a 4 point win to qualify for the final.

In the final, the Year 6 team faced Hayes Park: after going 2 points behind, the team showed great resilience and rallied together to secure a 2 point win. They were borough champions!

All of the children who competed played fantastically well and were a credit to Hillingdon Primary. The team are very excited to represent Hillingdon borough at the next London Youth Games.



Year 6 Champions!

## Attendance News & Targets

At the start of the Spring term we held a celebration assembly to recognize those children who had achieved 100% attendance at the end of the Autumn Term. This was a fantastic opportunity to raise the profile of attendance at our school and reinforce the message to our children that good attendance is important and key to their success. Classes 3M and 4C were proud to be acknowledged as having the highest class attendance in the Autumn term in KS2. Well done!

You will also be aware through previous communication and newsletters that the Local

Governing Body set an annual attendance target for the school. This year, our attendance target for each child is 97%: this equates to 5 and a half days absence in an academic year. Governors agreed this was a challenging but achievable target for most pupils. It is also in line with the Elliot Foundation Academy Trust's expectation for all of its schools.

As the cold weather continues we understand that children will develop colds and coughs however request that children are not kept off school for minor ailments; the school welfare staff are happy to administer medication within guidelines and as appropriate. We would also like to remind parents that

support is available if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time; please speak to our pastoral care manager or welfare team who can offer assistance and advise you of options available.

Finally, we're pleased to celebrate our attendance stars of the year to date. A huge well done to 2D, 4H, 3M and 6H who are all above our 97% attendance target!

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
2D - 97.1%	6H - 97.8%
1A - 96.8%	3M - 97.6%
RFO - 96.7%	4H - 97.5%

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With over 2,000 retailers participating including Amazon, John Lewis, eBay and Argos, you could really help make a difference while doing your

shopping.

Register yourself at The Giving Machine today and nominate 'Hillingdon Primary School' as your chosen cause. If you are a UK taxpayer please opt-in to Gift Aid to help us increase donations even further. And don't forget to tell your family and friends as well – anyone can join!

All money raised for the school on The Giving Machine is paid monthly to the school. If you need more information or help registering then please contact [finance@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk)

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## February Half Term Fun

**Fun Fest**  
HOLIDAY CLUB

### Fun Fest Holiday Club back this February Half Term!

**Fun Fest**  
HOLIDAY CLUB

Love cooking? We have a Cupcake Heaven session

Explore the art of Barmy Origami!

Kidslingo - Kids can learn Spanish whilst having fun!

Whats new this half term?  
Book now at [www.fun-fest.co.uk/hillview](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/hillview)  
with many more activites to choose from!

Go crazy with our I'm a Kid Get Me Out of Here Challenge!

Showcase your talent during our Hillingdon's got Talent session!

Enjoy sports? Why not give Wacky Races a try!

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## 2019 UXBRIDGE ROCK SHOW

### 9th-23rd February 2019

Belgium 2018 Jurassic Coast

Uxbridge Central Library, High Street Uxbridge.  
Open: Normal Library opening hours Mon – Sun.