



HILLINGDON NEWS

Summer seems like a distant memory as we busy ourselves with the autumn term. This week we proudly showed a special visitor from the Elliott foundation around our school. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate and share what makes HPS such an exciting and enriching place to learn and grow. Our Year Six children were particularly excited this week, as they had their final meeting before the departure of the PGL trip. We hope they have a fantastic time and keep our fingers crossed that the sun makes an appearance.

House Captains Announced!

At Hillingdon Primary we like to do things properly; so following on from the success of the summer term's "Playground Vote", the Year 6 children held a mini election to crown this year's House Captains. The Year 6 team were really impressed by the amount of children who put themselves forwards and spoke confidently in front of their peers. They spoke about honesty and reliability, as well as many other key skills and attributes. The children voted for who they wanted to represent their house- the results are...



Huge congratulations to all who took part, but particularly our House Captains: Josh, Maymuna, Manav and Lucy and our Vice Captains: Leonardo, Georgina, Hussbaan and Charlee.

Entry Day Arrives

This Tuesday was the entry day for this year's Rock Challenge competition. Entry opened at 6.30am, with teachers all around the UK eager to secure their school's spot. Fingers crossed we get a place!



Come For Coffee and Cake

'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning,' is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event for people facing cancer. All parents are invited to join us for a cup of coffee (or tea!) and a slice of cake to raise money for this worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you between 9 and 10am in the small hall. Any left over cakes will be sold at the end of the school day; so don't fret if you can't make it, you can still be a part of the event.



Persevere and be Successful

Linking in with our work last week on the Paralympics and striving for our goals, our KS2 assembly on Monday focused on perseverance and determination. We learnt about the legend of Robert the Bruce and how he was inspired by a spider spinning a web. Although he struggled at first, he tried and tried again!



Football Team WOW Fans

Our brand new football team donned the HPS team kit for their first match of the season on Thursday. The PE team led out our mighty football warriors to face West Drayton. Both teams played excellently, but HPS clinched victory with a 2-1 win! What a fantastic start to the football league; we can't wait to hear about the next match.



Chess Club Comes to HPS

On Thursday 6th October Chess Club begins. Mr Martinez will be sharing his love of the game with KS2- whether beginner or advanced, all are welcome. We hope to see many of you there; please return your slip to the office if you would like your child to be a part of the club.



Look what we've been up to...

Reception: This week was our first full week in reception! The children have been making lots of friends and have enjoyed exploring their outdoor area. They made some yummy mud cakes in the mud kitchen and tried to feed them to the teachers! The children are becoming used to the classroom routines and can now put their coats, book bags, water bottles etc away independently!



Year 1: This week Year 1 have continued adjusting to their new curriculum. They are loving their Science and 'Picture This!' topic work. This week we found out about different species of animals such as mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians and all the differences between them. We have also been learning more about the local area in which we live and how that compares and fits into the wider world. The children have been so excited by exploring Google maps!

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning the song for "The European Day of Languages" on Monday. The children have challenged themselves to learn as many different ways as they can to say "hello" in different languages. We look forward to signing with the rest of the school on Monday.

Over the week, Year 3 have been designing and making tortoises! These will form part of a display dedicated to the book Esio Trot that the children have been learning about this week. In literacy the children have been writing a recount of this story using interesting vocabulary and different sentence openers. The children have also begun their Picture This topic on

the Stone Age! They have imagined what it would have been like to have lived in this period. They really enjoyed comparing and contrasting the diet of Stone Age people to their own!



Year 4: This week we started our new literacy unit 'Stories From Other Cultures'. We have started to read 'Gregory Cool' which is a story of a young boy who travels to Tobago to stay with his grandparents. The children have been looking at how Gregory adjusts to the strange cultures, and learns to enjoy the lifestyle of the Caribbean.

4N continued their swimming lessons on Monday. In addition, 30 children have been selected for additional 'booster' lessons, which will take place every Friday. These lessons are aimed at non-swimmers / children who cannot swim 25 meters unaided. We hope this will provide a wonderful opportunity to get more of our children to reach the 25 meter target by the end of the year. Good luck Year 4!



Year 5 threw themselves enthusiastically into research projects this week. The children have been learning about global environmental issues and this week began looking at endangered animals. It was excellent to see them developing their communication and collaboration skills as part of their team challenge, as well as learning all about the reasons why some animals become extinct.



Year 6 have been thinking about manners this week. They have discussed what good manners look like both in and out of school and have thought about why having good manners is so important. Each child has written their own personal pledge to demonstrate good manners and these have become the leaves on our class pledge trees for this half term. Year 6 are really looking forward to going to PGL or taking part in the special activities closer to home next week and the staff are sure that the children will put plenty of these 'good manners pledges' into action while they are away!



A Big THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Harvest Celebration. We are excited to gather the items together from across the school and deliver them to the local foodbank.



International Day of Peace

We marked the International day of peace with a special assembly on Friday. A group of Year 4,5 and 6 children shared with us the story of

Eduardo a young boy whose life was changed by war. We learnt about the challenges he faced and were pleased to learn that eventually he was able to go to school and rebuild his life with his family, thanks to the work of a number of charities. We joined together as a school to sing songs and reflect on how wonderful a peaceful world would be. Although we know world peace is a long way off, at HPS

we are hoping to make small steps towards this, by living a happy and harmonious school life and looking out for one another. A special video was put together by the staff to the soundtrack "War" by Edwin Starr; it was very funny to see them singing and dancing, but the message was clear... War is good for absolutely nothing!



Reminders

All KS2 children must be in the playground by 8.50am when the whistle is blown. Arriving after this time will mean your child is marked in late. A punctual start to the day has a positive impact on your child's capacity to learn. Children must be in school every single day unless they are ill, have unavoidable medical appointments or other exceptional circumstances. Please do not book holidays in term time (all holiday dates up to 31 August 2017 are on the school website).



A polite reminder that there should be no stopping on Nicholls avenue. The council has recently installed CCTV along this road, so we would like to avoid families being charged, whilst also ensuring the safety of our children! Please think carefully about where you are stopping and if it's possible, considering walking to school.