



HILLINGDON NEWS

What a busy week we have had at HPS- A special 'Road Safety' assembly, football fixtures, hosting the District Cross Country and a special themed writing event. We are thrilled to have Year 6 back after their exciting week away and have enjoyed hearing all about their adventures. As always, it's been lovely to see parents/carers in the playground, at sports events and in school for meetings; we hope you have experienced the buzz of excitement around the school.

Cross Country Success

On Wednesday, 16 talented runners made their way down to Vyner's Playing Fields to compete in the Borough Cross Country event. The sun shone on our athletes as they undertook the challenging 2km route. We are all immensely proud of them, particularly to see Georgina and Georgie coming first and third in the girl's race and Marcello coming second in the boy's race. The cherry on the cake came when the group places were announced; the girls coming first and the boys fourth-

meaning they both qualify for Monday's District Competition- we can't wait to hear the results!



Gym Squad Begins

Friday was the first of our Gym Squad sessions. Mrs Cole was really pleased with the start the group made; particularly with their strength work. The squad are hoping to compete in local and national competitions later in the year...watch this space!



KS1 House Captains:

Huge congratulations to Harry (2M), Safa (2A) and Henny and George (2S) who have been chosen to be the KS1 House Captains. We all know you will do a fantastic job and look forward to hearing the house points total each week. KS1 can earn house points for their spellings, homework, lining up correctly and behaviour in assembly. Ask the children how many house points they've earned this week!

Attendance:



We aim for 100% attendance for all pupils, however we understand this is not always possible. Every day counts and school success begins with attendance. Please support your child by ensuring they are in school every day. Each week we will be celebrating the class with the best attendance- who will it be next week?

KS1	KS2
1E 99.33%	3Y 99.57%
1M 98.65%	3J 98.7%

Football Win

Proof that hard work pays off- another win for our fabulous football team! It was a tough match against Colham Manor on Wednesday. The team showed excellent perseverance, as they battled to come from 1-0 down at half time, to 2-1 winners by the final whistle. Well done!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Book Fair. It was a huge success and we are now able to buy over £230.00 worth of books from the commission earned. Thank you for your support at this event.

The Macmillan coffee morning raised £84.00, it was lovely to meet some of our new families at this event. Keep your eyes peeled for other events coming up this year, it would be lovely to have even more families and friends of the school attending.

We have built up a large collection of items to send to the Hillingdon Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations. Thank you to everyone who brought something in for the collection.

Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we have been thinking about our families, painting family portraits, talking about who lives with us and playing family snap.



Reception - We have begun our independent challenges in the afternoon. Children can choose which activity they think they will be better at and plan how they want to complete it. When they complete the challenges they get a special stamp in their own passports. This week's challenges were related to our Fairy Tale theme. Children were acting out traditional fairy tales in their classes and they built houses for the Three Little Pigs in the playground, testing which one was the strongest to keep the Big Bad Wolf out.



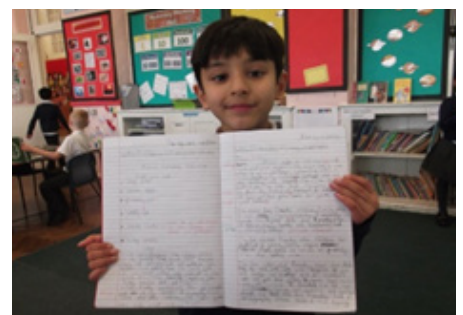
Year 1 - This week year 1 have been learning about different parts of the human body and how our senses help us to understand the world around us. They used their five senses: look, smell, hear, touch and taste to experience a range of different sensations. It was so much fun! They looked carefully to spot the difference, smelt bath bombs and perfumed flannels, they felt playdough, bubble wrap and a fluffy blanket, listened to different musical instruments and tasted tomato and cranberry juice! The children enjoyed exploring their senses through this range of experiences and comparing the sensations; discussing their likes and dislikes.



Year 2 - In Year Two we have taken on the story of Peter Pan to celebrate our Fairy Tale Week. This has included fabulous story-telling with our peers, individually and whole class, a fantastic drama workshop and exploring the setting that is the magical Neverland! In addition, each Year Two class have visited or will soon visit Oak Farm Library and be treated to a Fairy Tale themed workshop, this includes an exciting story-telling workshop. Lots of fun!

Year 3 - For Fairy Tale week the story Beauty and the Beast was chosen as the focus text for Year 3. Throughout the week the children have enjoyed taking part in various different literacy activities based on this Fairy Tale. One of the key focus points was thinking about the moral of the story. Ava (3J) quoted: "Don't judge people by how they look!" Riley (3J) mentioned that: "You should never enter another person's house without asking."

During one literacy lesson the children acted out the Beauty and the Beast story. It was great to see them take on the different characters by using different facial expressions and changing the tone of their voice. The key motive of the Fairy Tale theme was to inspire their writing. The children achieved this by writing some fantastic diary entries pretending to be either Beauty or Beast from the story. It was great to see them write in first person using interesting adjectives and prepositions!



Year 4 - Year 4 have had a magical week exploring various fairy tales. We have particularly focused on Cinderella and have had a go at writing the scene where the fairy godmother arrives and transforms the pumpkin into a dazzling, golden carriage.

We have also worked in teams to create our very own fairy tales, using features like good characters, bad characters and magic! The children then shared or performed these tales to their classmates. Perhaps they can also share them with you all at home! On Wednesday afternoon, we were lucky enough to watch the new Disney adaptation and enjoy the special American lunch.

Year 5 - As part of fairytale week, Year 5 looked at the film Shrek and looked in detail at the character of the Gingerbread Man. They particularly enjoyed re-enacting the interrogation scene between Lord Farquaard and the Gingerbread man! The focus was on the dialogue between the two characters and how their facial expressions, physical appearance and voices portrayed their personality.



Year 6 - Year 6 have enjoyed writing about their PGL adventure or their World War II experience this week. They have studied the features of persuasive writing in order to put together their very own 2-page brochures to persuade year 5 either to go to PGL or to stay at school for WW2 week. They are looking forward to publishing these next week featuring photographs of all the different activities that they enjoyed. They had great fun celebrating fairy tale week by watching the film 'Maleficent' and discussing the ways that the film twists a traditional tale into a new take on the story.

Coming up...

Next week, Year 4 will be going on their trip to the Royal Albert Hall to attend the Primary Proms event where a variety of musicians will perform. Last year's children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we are sure that it will be the same this year!

Year 6 are looking forward to taking part in their PGL assembly on Friday. Families are invited to come and share in the stories, laughter, songs and photos from the PGL adventure to Beam House.

Other Events

Culture Bite



Hillingdon are offering free workshops and other events throughout October. Culture Bite immerses libraries, theatres and a host of other venues across Hillingdon in drama, creative writing, hands-on-art and crafts and author talks. Visit <http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/culturebite> to find out more.