



HILLINGDON NEWS

This week we have been considering how lucky we are at HPS. Our new display boards are up celebrating the wonderful work the children have completed; a lot of work has gone into making these really eye catching and creative- they have certainly brightened up our corridors and are a fabulous testament to the excellent work going on across the school! Our Year 4 children had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Primary Proms, we hosted the Borough Cross Country and we had further sporting success...what a week!

As we look forward to October half term, we have been reflecting on our pledge leaves and considering how we can be kind and considerate to others. Mrs Davidson's assembly on World Homeless Day, really got us thinking about how very lucky we are to be a part of the HPS family.

Sporting Success

We are incredibly proud of our footballers, who won 5-1 against Whitehall on Wednesday afternoon. They showed excellent sportsmanship throughout and pushed hard to win the match. A special mention to Remel and Leonardo who scored 3 goals and 2 goals respectively! The next game is against Oak Farm- will they be able to keep the winning streak going?



Borough Cross Country

On Monday we once again set off for Vyner's Playing Fields to host the Borough Final. We were very lucky that the rain held off and were pleased to welcome 14 other schools to the competition. Our children did us proud, pushing themselves harder than they had ever done before, against this very tough competition. Our girls excelled coming second overall and our boys narrowly missed out on third place. Huge congratulations to all who took part- it was certainly a challenging course... particularly the beastly hill at the end. Thank you to all HPS staff and parents who came along to watch and support the running of the event.

The Netball League Commences!

What an opening game; our mixed netball team took on the mighty Oak Farm. They began the game in good spirits, showcasing amazing teamwork, skillful passing and moving beautifully around the court. In the second half they showed real grit and determination, narrowly missing out on victory. The final score was 3-3. An incredible first match. Well done to our players.



Congratulations

Well done to Zaheeb and Sydney in Year 6, who will be taking on the role of Sport's Ambassadors for the school. We know you will both do wonderfully and we look forward to hearing your ideas, as to how we can make sport and PE in school even better.

Youth Sport Trust

Young Ambassadors

Attendance:

This week Year 3 are leading the way, showing the rest of the school how it's done. Lets aim for 100% attendance. Remember: Missing school = missing out!

KS1	KS2
2QS 98%	3P 99.13%
1M 98.33%	3J 99.13%



Year 5 and 6 Taster Sessions

On Monday our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a special Street Dance taster session, run by Scott Caldwell from Footloose Dance Company. Both of the year groups really enjoyed the challenge of learning the moves and helped each other to master the steps. It was a very positive event. If you would like to find out more information about the dance group, please visit: <http://www.footlooseschoolofdance.com/Home.html>



Look what we've been up to:

Reception - The children are well on their way in their RWI (Read, Write, Ink) lessons and some children are already writing words independently! We have been impressed by how focused the children have been and their positivity and approach to learning. In maths this week, they have enjoyed learning about 2D shapes and creating their own shape houses- a real highlight has been going on exciting shape hunts around the school. They have thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon challenges and most children have been working extra hard to complete them! Well done Reception!

Year 2 - This week we have continued with the theme of Fairy Tales and have focused on the tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have explored the characters of Jack and the Giant - was Jack brave or was he a sneaky thief... or both?! What about the Giant - terrifying menace or misunderstood victim? Lots of discussion and drama has made for an exciting week!

In science we have been learning all about how to stay healthy. We have been investigating different food types and exploring which are best for our bodies. We have also begun to look at how our body changes during exercise and why this is important, this has prompted much discussion around the types of exercise we do outside of school.

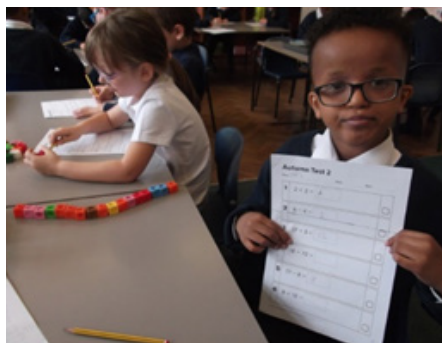


We have been using our senses to begin to think about what it would have been like to have lived in London during the Great Fire in 1666; this will help us with our diary entries next week. We had our last library visit

for this term, which was a wonderful, sunny walk to Oak Farm Library, where we were treated to another fantastic fairy tale workshop. I wonder how many trips we can make to the library before our next school trip?

Year 3 - Have had a very busy and productive week! All the children have been working incredibly hard at answering test questions focused on their maths, reading, spelling and grammar. It was great to see them focused and showing off all they had learnt during this term.

In literacy this week the children have taken on the role of newspaper journalists! Following on from the fairy tale theme, they pretended to be journalists and created a newspaper report on the Beauty and the Beast story. It was great to see some catchy headlines and interesting character interviews! The children were very interested in learning about the different features of a newspaper reports and writing in the style of a journalist.



Year 5 - Have been hard at work, getting their heads down to complete this half terms assessments. Whilst there were some tricky tasks and questions, lots of them showed determination and resilience. Towards the end of the week, year 5 started studying highway men. The stories of famous highway men and the many robberies that took place in the 17th century, really captured their imaginations! As a result, on Friday

afternoon year 5 gathered together to present their information through poems, board games, wanted posters and raps. There was a fantastic, creative buzz in year 5!

Ending the week, year 5 got the chance to see the year 6 PGL assembly. It was safe to say that 5T and 5G couldn't stop talking about how much they wanted to attempt the archery, high ropes and various other activities that they will get a chance to do next year!



Year 6 - Year 6 have worked really hard this week, experiencing their first taste of the SATs style tests during our assessment week. They showed great resilience and determination to try their best in all of the papers, excellent practise for the real tests in May. The children have focused on reading this week and looked specifically at how reading at home and writing quality entries in their reading diaries can enable them to achieve success and practise the reading skills developed in class.

Year 6 produced an excellent assembly about their PGL experience this Friday. It was fantastic to hear all about their adventures and achievements and to have an opportunity to see the many photographs of the wonderful time they had in Devon. There is no doubt that their lively assembly and song singing will have inspired many of the year 5 children to want to go to PGL next year.



What A Week!

The PGL experience is one our Year 6 children will never forget. Memories made, challenges completed and all pushed out of their comfort zone. Over the course of the week we saw children do things they never thought possible, develop independence and experience a world very different to that of Hillingdon. On Friday the children told the story of the PGL

week to parents and family, as part of a special assembly. It was excellent to hear about the many activities and stories the children were excited to share.

"I never thought I would be able to jump off the platform and go down the zip-wire....but I did it! I was trembling at the top, but the rest of my group cheered me on and with a little encouragement from the

instructor, I was off! Best moment of my life."

"Blo-Karting was epic- zooming across the sand and pulling 360's-WOW"

"I loved the whole week; from sharing a room with my friends, to pushing myself to complete things, I was at first scared to do. I would tell anyone to go on PGL. I'm jealous of Year 5 being able to go next year!"

