



# HILLINGDON NEWS

This week has been a week of important messages and reflection; we began with our NSPCC “Speak Out” assembly on Monday and finished with our 2 minute silence on Friday as part of the Remembrance Day events. At times it can be difficult to think about these subjects, but it’s important that our children are given the opportunity to reflect on big issues and are equipped with the knowledge to stay safe. We have had sporting success with both our netball and football team this week (read more below) and have welcomed PERFORM, a drama company, who enjoyed putting on workshops for Reception, Year 1 and 2. Next week is set to be a busy week, with both the launch of Anti-Bullying week and the celebration of Children in Need.

## Issue 8

### Hard Work Pays Off

A group of hardworking Year 3 and 4 children have been awarded their pen licenses. At HPS we strive for all children to have neat, consistent handwriting and it was a real treat for Mrs Breslin to look through the books and see not only the

lovely handwriting, but also the quality of their writing. Well done to all children who received their pen licenses; it is something to be very proud of. Excellent handwriting doesn’t happen overnight and these children are proof that if you keep trying, you will eventually get there! We can’t wait to be wowed by more of the children’s handwriting over the term.



### Growing Through The Arts

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed interactive workshops; a unique mix of activities designed to bring out every child’s true potential and see their confidence grow, provided by the group ‘PERFORM’.

During the session, the children took a flight on an aeroplane around the world, stopping off at many exotic destinations. They were learning to speak a few words from the country’s native language and dancing to and singing their traditional songs. What an amazing and exciting time was had by all!

A flyer has been sent home with your child with a special reduced rate for lessons in your area. To find out more please visit: [www.perform.org.uk](http://www.perform.org.uk)



### Attendance STARS

This week the best attendance in KS1 and KS2



KS1	KS2
1M 99.33%	4N 99.31%
2QS 98.67%	6O 98.67%



On Friday 18th November (This Friday!) children are invited to wear a spotty top in recognition of Children in Need day. A donation of £1 per child would be welcomed for Children in Need, or you may choose to make your donation via our cake sale on Monday 14th November.

Year 3 & 4 will be holding a cake sale on Monday 14th November to raise money for Children in Need and NSPCC. It will be held in the school hall at 15:20pm and cakes will cost from 25p each. Last year we raised over £400 for charity and we hope, with the generosity of our pupils, to beat that total this year. If you wish to donate a cake to sell on Monday it would be greatly appreciated, although we would like to ask that they contain no nuts or bananas.

The year 3 and 4 teams would like to thank parents for their continued support!



# Look what we've been up to:

**Nursery** - This week Nursery have been learning about the wider school and some of the people who work there. We went for tours of the school and later recalled lots of things that we had seen. Can you spot where our children have been?



**Reception** - We are very proud of our reception children, who thoughtfully created poppies this week, as part of Remembrance Day. They took part in the 2 minute silence and listened out for the sounds of the cannons. The children also took part in the Drama workshops; we think we may have some budding actors on our hands!



**Year 2** - This week in Year 2 we begun our Great Fire of London masterpieces! Taking inspiration from the painting below by an unknown artist during the time of The Great Fire, we have been using different brush techniques and bright oranges and gold's to recreate flames. We can't wait to show case them to our parents and carers!



**Year 3** - In Science this week Year 3 have continued to learn about rocks and soil. They were very lucky to have Mrs Gill come in and show them all of her amazing sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks that she has collected over the past 30 years. In Picture This, the children have enjoyed learning about the history of Stonehenge and debating what it was used for. They also got very messy when they used clay to make Stone Age weapons!

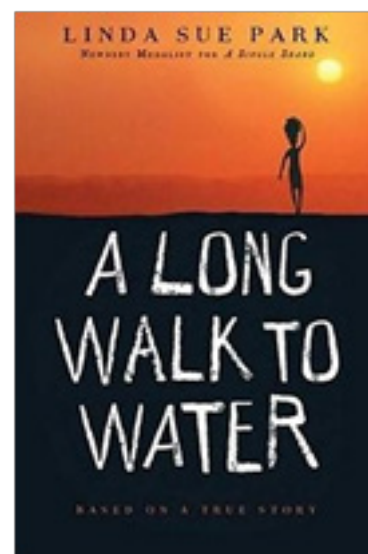
In Literacy this week the children have focused on persuasive writing. They created some fantastic posters and letters using different features of persuasive language to advertise the Year 3 and 4 cake sale. This also linked in with their work in Computing where they used microsoft publisher to design formative posters.




**Year 4** - With all three of our Year 4 class assemblies coming up, the children have been busy learning songs and lines, ready for their performances. 4N are up first on Monday with their assembly, which will launch Anti-Bullying Week. We can't wait to see how the children will use "their power for good"- this year's slogan! Good luck to all of Year 4, we know you will put on a fabulous show.



**Year 5** - Year 5 have really been challenging themselves as part of guided reading this week. Our text choice (pictured) is linked to this year's Rock Challenge theme and explores the journey of two characters living in challenging circumstances in Sudan. Children had to make predictions about the text and begin to consider how two characters from different time periods may be linked.





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**SCHOLASTIC**  
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS

# READING EVERY DAY...

- ...**CREATES** lifelong readers.
- ...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.
- ...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.
- ...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.
- ...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.
- ...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.
- ...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.
- ...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.
- ...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.
- ...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.

**READ**  
Every Day  
Lead a Better  
**LIFE**



We are lucky enough to have Dan Barton, an FA skills coach, working with our PE staff over this half term. The FA skills programme works in over 2500 primary schools each year, providing lessons for the children against the requirements of the PE National Curriculum. As well as helping to develop the technique, ball skills and confidence of children in primary schools, The FA Skills coaches aim to pass on invaluable lesson ideas and guidance on the delivery of football to our PE team. Dan will be working specifically with Year 3, but the impact of the sessions will be school wide.