



HILLINGDON NEWS

WOW- what a week it has been at HPS. The school has been overrun with reading and children who love talking about books, their favourite characters and imagined lands. The Readathon has been a huge success, with children captivated by the different reading activities throughout the week. More than anything, we have been pleased to see the positive impact it has had on individual classes and motivation towards reading. This is an ongoing project and children have until 31st January to continue to read and raise money. We began the week with special assemblies all about sharing 'Our Favourite Books'; it was lovely to hear from teachers across the school about how different stories had inspired them and which books had really hooked them into reading. We hope that the children will have been inspired to try some of the books their peers and their teachers discussed- ask your child about which of the stories interested them. This week we also took part in the Panathlon Festival and had a visit from Techno Tim from Fizz-Pop Science; read more about the highlights from this week below.

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Year 4 Have Been Mummified!

This week's drama session saw year 4 be transformed into Ancient Egyptian Mummies! The children showed excellent teamwork skills as they worked against the clock to mummify their team mates. Year 4 have been eager to find out more about the process and enjoyed using their new found knowledge to create a TV documentary about the process. We had a fantastic mixture of serious and comic performances, but all of the children captured the meticulous nature and importance of the Mummification Process in sending the deceased safely into the afterlife. Well done Year 4.



Kids Go Wild for 'Kidchella'

On Thursday 9th February we will be holding a school disco for both our KS1 and KS2 children.

KS1- 3.45pm-4.45pm

KS2- 5.00pm-7.00pm

Stuart from Discoz.com will be running the event and is sure to have all of the children up on their feet enjoying the music! Stuart has visited our school on many occasions and is excited to be returning to do this year's disco, commenting on the energy and enthusiasm of our lovely children! The festival themed disco, Kidchella, will transport the children to an imaginary music festival. Children are welcome to wear festival themes attire- wellies, hats etc or may want to stick to more traditional disco clothing...it's completely up to them! Further information to follow.

Celebration of Success

KS1 enjoyed their celebration assembly on Friday. You can see from the smiley faces below, how proud the children were of themselves to receive their certificates. It was lovely to hear about the writers of the week and all the fantastic activities the children were involved with this week. Keep up the good work KS1, it certainly sounds like you've been working very hard!



Enjoying German Books

KS2 have enjoyed sharing German picture books this week. Although they cannot understand most of the text, they can use the pictures to guess the story and maybe spot some 'cognates'- words that look/ sound the same or similar in both languages and have the same meaning. Some of the books are stories that they may already know in English, or have both English and German text.



PSHE: Pledge Leaves

Each of the children will once again be creating a pledge leaf. The pledge leaves for this half term are based on Healthy Living. For example ' I pledge to drink 8 glasses of water a day'. Please talk with your child about something they could pledge to do this half term.

Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - As we continue with our 'once upon a time' theme, this week we have been focusing on the story of "Goldilocks and the three bears". In our groups we made and tasted porridge. We ended the week with a 'bring your teddy to nursery' day and invited parents to join us for a reading session. It was lovely to see so many of the parents joining us.



Year 1 - This week Year 1 has been full of fun and excitement! The children loved taking part in the Readathon week and their favourite part was 'Drop Everything and Read', they just couldn't wait for the bell. Year 1 have also been looking at ice in Science as part of their work on the season of Winter. They studied how and why it melted throughout the day and thought of ways to speed up and slow down the process. Also, Year 1 used the school's food technology room to bake dinosaur biscuits! They selected the appropriate ingredients and equipment and followed their own written recipes. They were delicious!



Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been thoroughly enjoying all the excitement that Readathon Week has brought! We have been listening carefully for the old school bell in the corridor, which signals DEAR 'Drop Everything and Read!' This

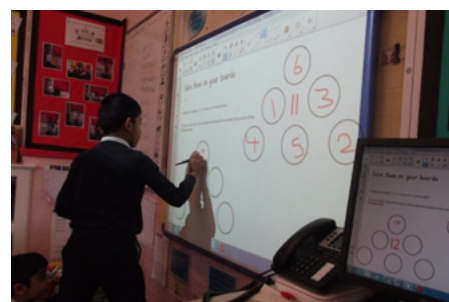
has been so exciting and has enthused us to read even more at home. We have also been sharing some of the books we have been reading at home to raise money for Readathon. We still have one week - I wonder how many books we can read! Some of us are planning a trip to the library this weekend. 2A have started a special golden book of 'Book Reviews'. Everyone has a go at writing about their favourite and least favourite parts and why including any suggestions of alternative endings. I wonder how many books we have read as a whole class or year group this week?!

In maths we have been learning all about division, we have been using cubes, raisins and pictures to help us share into equal amounts and some of us have been learning about remainders. We have begun to write our fables and are looking forward to sharing these when they are finished!

Year 3 - Year 3 enjoyed taking part in all the reading based events that have been happening this week. It was brilliant to see so many children reading for pleasure and discussing their favourite books. Hopefully this will continue at home and I'm sure lots of money will be raised in the Readathon!

In maths the children have enjoyed focusing on different problems solving activities. This included finding missing numbers and experimenting with numbers in different ways.

In the Roman topic the children took on the role of some ferocious Romans! They paraded around the playground in different formations using the shields they had designed in class.



Year 5 - This week Year 5 spent the week discovering more about the Victorian era. We each wrote a letter to our friends about the revolting workhouse, which was all the gossip during Queen Victoria's reign! People (sensibly) hurled across lessons whenever the bell chimed, signalling D.E.A.R (Drop. Everything. And. Read) losing grasp of anything in their hand and pulling out an addictive book. As part of our Science topic, we prepared once again to lift off into the solar system where we looked at how night and day was created and the effect of light on our shadows. Despite the busyness of Readathon week, we still managed to fit in another warm up for the performance of our life, also known as Rock Challenge Junior.

Written by Oliver and Maddy (Year 5 journalists)



Year 6 - Year 6 have really entered into the spirit of the Readathon this week. A great deal of excitement ensued when they arrived on Monday morning to a display of new books in the year 6 library. Each day the children looked forward to hearing the D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) horn, which signalled the start of a ten minute delve into their new books! On Tuesday morning they took part in a selection of reading activities as a year group which included listening to audio books on the ipods, hearing a teacher read, discussing current affairs in the First News newspaper and sharing facts discovered in the new non-fiction texts. These activities are to become a regular feature in the year 6 timetable for half an hour on alternate Tuesday mornings. The children are starting to gather their sponsors to support their achievements over the last week. Don't forget you can sponsor your child right up until 31st January! Happy reading everyone!



Introducing Mr Charles...

We would like to formally welcome Mr Charles, who is with us once a week on a Monday, to HPS. He is really enjoying working in the school and has already spotted some incredible football talent. If there are any girls who would still like to attend the afterschool club, there are a few spaces remaining- please ask at the office for further information. Sport is not the only reason we have QPR with us-Mr Charles is working with some Year 5 and 6 students, focusing on developing a love for reading. Make sure you ask him all about his favourite book!



Bronze Medals and Huge Smiles at the Primary Challenge Festival

On Monday a group of Sporting Superstars donned the school kit ready to take on the challenge of the Challenge Festival. This was our first time competing in this revised festival and we were blown away by the competition. It was a fantastic event and was excellently run in collaboration with the School Games; the children moved around the

different stations competing in different challenges and events. There were 8 other schools at the event, each with their own strengths, but we really pulled our team together and performed to the best of our ability. When the final scores came in at the end, we were thrilled to place third, narrowly behind Pinkwell in second place and Cherry Lane in first.



Fizz Pop Science- Science Friction

On Friday, KS2 were treated to a special assembly from Techno Tim from Fizz-Pop Science. We were taken on a special journey where we learnt all about friction- it was excellent to see so many of our children excited by Science and involved in the different experiments. Eymoan and Halimah in year 6 were able to whip away a table cloth, while leaving all of the plates etc still in their place... amazing! I think most of the children's highlight was the final experiment, where we learnt about the power of air in helping to move heavy loads and reduce friction. Hussbaan glided across the stage, hovering in the air, it was fantastic! If your child would like to sign up for the Fizz-Pop Science Club please visit their website- an additional leaflet will be sent home with your child today.

We were in the lead with two events to go, but unfortunately Boccia and Table Cricket were not our strengths...we now know the areas to work on for next year. We will be back for the gold next time! Well done to all of the children involved, you were excellent representatives of the school and we are all very proud of you.

