



HILLINGDON NEWS

What a busy half term we have had at HPS! It may have been cold and grey outside but it has certainly been bright, energised and positive inside our school. The children are now half way through the academic year and have made big strides in their learning and towards their end of year targets. It has been wonderful to hear of the achievements of individuals and groups during celebration assembly and to see how proud our children are of their work. This pride can also be seen outside of school; many external companies and groups have commented on the positivity of our children and their eagerness to learn and their confidence to 'have a go'. We continue to be impressed with the behaviour of our children during sporting fixtures and trips- it is excellent to see them showcasing the 'Hillingdon way'. During this final week we had Safer Internet Day, the excitement of the disco, the final preparations for the forthcoming Rock Challenge production, football fixtures and a Basketball House Competition...what a week!

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Kidchella- Dance Till You Drop!

DJ Stu did not disappoint, as he played to a packed out crowd of KS1 and 2 children at the Kidchella Disco! Both discos were a huge success, there was an electric atmosphere as our school hall was transformed into a festival style fiesta. The children loved the different music,

the games, tuck-shop and seeing their teachers getting into the disco spirit. DJ Stu commented on the enthusiasm of our children and said he couldn't wait to come back...we can't wait for the next event!

Readathon Results!

The total raised was £1551.27

This means over £300 will come back to our school for spending on new books!

A book voucher was awarded to Years 1 and 3 for raising the most money.

Special praise to Jovan (Nursery PM) who raised a whopping £100, Shania (1K) who raised £80 and Parina (3D) who raised £61.

Well done everyone, the money raised

will go towards books and reading resources for children in hospitals around the UK. Thank you to all the generous sponsors who helped to support this worthy campaign.

These are the results...

- NURSERY - **£127**
- RECEPTION **£100.15**
- YEAR 1 **£347**
- YEAR 2 **£287.17**
- YEAR 3 **£302.40**
- YEAR 4 **£216.90**
- YEAR 5 **£87.13**
- YEAR 6 **£96.50**

Be the Best You Can Be!

The final assembly of the half-term is always an exciting one, as successes are shared and the coveted 'Be the best you can be' certificates are awarded. Below you can see our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 winners- Well done to all!



we clinched the victory. Our next match is against St Bernadette's, which is set to be a super-competitive game.



SCHOOL SPORTS

It has been another busy week in the PE Department; this week we held our first House Cup Basketball Competition. The tournament took place over the whole week, with children competing in year groups for their House Teams. The competitive spirit was tangible, with a huge number of children involved from across the different year groups. A particular well done to Year 4, who had the largest number of competitors. It is wonderful to see so many of our young people engaged in sporting activities and so keen to keep fit and active. The winners from this tournament were PANKHURST- a huge well done to all of the children who took part.



Edging Closer to the Medals

Currently sitting in fourth place, each football match is critical in trying to secure a top 3 finish. This week our team didn't disappoint in their match against Ryefield. It was a tough match and the conditions weren't ideal, with a very muddy pitch after all of the wet weather, but the children pulled a victory out of the bag with a 2-1 win. A last minute goal from one of our top goal scorers ensured

Look what we've been up to:

Reception - This week in reception, we had the opportunity to share our learning with our parents. We focused on what we learn in our maths lessons. The children have enjoyed learning about 'capacity', using water and comparing different containers. We had fun going around all the reception classes to complete lots of different challenges with our adults, which they enjoyed doing too!

Year 2 - What a wonderful, busy week we've had! In science this week we have been choosing materials to build a bridge. Most of us chose to use recycled paper and masking tape as we thought they were the strongest and most pliable materials to work with. We worked hard as a team to collaborate our ideas, using the research we had undertaken on famous bridges around the world to design a solid structure.

In English we have been looking at stories by Oliver Jeffers, this week we read the story of 'How to Catch a Star', we used our new grammar knowledge of contractions to write our own ideas about how to catch one!

Shanaye wrote: 'I'm going to fly on Pegasus, my unicorn. I will hold tight so I won't fall off.'

Pirajith wrote: 'I'll fly my rocket and catch a giant star. I wouldn't fly a plane or ship because a ship can't fly to space and a plane won't fly very high either!'

On Tuesday it was Internet Safety Day. Mr Jacobs taught us all about how to search safely and how to report something we find upsetting. In class we had different photographs to look at and decide whether they were safe to post online. Now we know many new ways to stay safer online! Thursday night couldn't come quickly enough - we were so excited for Kid Chella and it didn't disappoint! We had such fun having a dance off between the boys and girls, playing musical bumps and watching our teachers dance like they were on Strictly Come Dancing!

Year 3 - Year 3 were very lucky this week to have some road pedestrian officers, from the local council, come in to talk to the children about staying safe on the roads. This also included some practical

sessions where the children took turns to walk safely across the road.

On Tuesday there was a nationwide focus on how we can stay safe online. The children discussed the positives and negatives of having technology and having easy access to the internet. There was particular emphasis on the 'power of image' and how first impressions of photos can be dangerous. The children enjoyed having different photos taken of them and discussing what would be the best ones to use if they were to put them online.



Year 4 - This week, in Science, the children have been learning all about the 'Water Cycle'. The children have encountered some new vocabulary (evaporation, condensation and precipitation) and to help them remember the definitions, the children enjoyed creating their own songs and/or raps. I think it is safe to say that we unearthed some very unique and talented individual performances!

It has been a very busy term, with the children successfully completing some outstanding pieces of writing. Next term, our writing focus will move away from Ancient Egypt and onto Traditional Fairy Tales. Year 4's chosen fairy tale is Rumpelstiltskin.

Year 5 -The children have worked hard this week reviewing their assessment papers; we have been very impressed by their attitude towards improving and learning from their mistakes. We are already putting this into action and seeing improvements in their 'test technique', particularly with their comprehension and reading work. As a year group we are getting very excited about the upcoming

Rock Challenge production- having heard lots from the year 6 children, we can't wait to experience the event for ourselves. All of the children, whether performers, backstage or prop makers, have worked extremely hard to bring the performance to life- it certainly has been a team effort. Good luck to all of the children heading to Stevenage next Tuesday!

Year 6 - Year 6 have been writing some very exciting narratives this week. Inspired by the eerie short film Alma, they have delved into the art of suspense writing. The children have learnt all about the notion of foreshadowing and have explored using this technique to unsettle the reader as their narratives head towards their dramatic conclusions. The year 6 teachers have really enjoyed seeing this work come together and have been especially impressed by the children's use of vocabulary. The children are working hard in maths lessons and have been using their papers from the practice SATs tests to target their areas for improvement. We hope all of year 6 have a fun half term; we look forward to seeing those children that have been invited to Booster School on Monday and Tuesday. Don't forget the Rock Challenge rehearsal on Monday 20th February in preparation for the big day on Tuesday 21st February!

Attendance STARS

School attendance is critical for success and we would like to congratulate all of those children who have managed 100% attendance during this half term. We recognise that it can be hard during the winter months with various coughs and colds, but would like to reiterate the importance of maintaining good attendance. The more children are in school, the more they learn and the more likely they are to do well.

Attendance figures for this week are:



KS1	KS2
2M 98.21%	4F 97.18%
2A 97.78%	5G 96.78%



