



# HILLINGDON NEWS

We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week, in fact we enjoyed celebrating it so much that we extended our celebrations across the entire week! We began with an exciting whole school assembly, which included an amusing retelling of the well-known fairy-tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

I wonder whether the children guessed which of our teachers were dressed up? The children had the opportunity to come up with an alternative ending to the story- we certainly have some creative storytellers! As part of the assembly, each of the classes were presented with a gift-wrapped book which then formed the focus for this week's literacy and art work. On Thursday we had our annual 'Read-around'; this exciting event sees the whole school working in mixed age groups to explore a particular story or group of books. It's a great opportunity for staff and children to work with new people and to share their love of reading. As well as this, we also had our eagerly awaited Book Swap. This proved to be a great way of engaging children in new books and genres and parents enjoyed the chance to have a bit of a clear out too! Friday was the day the children had been most looking forward to, many of our children dressed as their favourite book characters, but all enjoyed the opportunity to talk about their favourite books and characters. Year 5 and 6 were particularly busy on Friday, as they also had their special Rock Challenge assembly, where they proudly performed their production for the final time to family and friends. It was wonderful to see so many people come and support the children- if you were unable to come, copies of the DVD are available to order from the reception, priced at £3.

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### Sport News

Last Saturday 8 talented netballers took part in the Girl's District Netball Tournament- what a tournament it was! Our talented girls were crowned champions, winning the entire tournament!

It wasn't the easiest of knockout stages, but we managed to get through it. Once in the quarterfinals, we came back from 3-0 down to draw 4-4 against St. Helen's. After playing extra time and still not having a winner, HPS scored a golden goal that sent us through to the semi-finals. Parents and children were very happy and excited.

This led us to beat St. Helen's B team in the semi-final and finally Oak Farm in the final. This was an incredibly competitive and tough match, but our girls loved the challenge and came through as the champions.

The Mixed Netball Tournament is next Saturday- can we repeat this success?



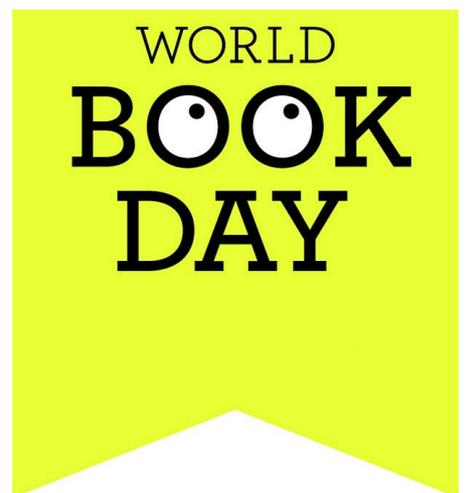
### Poor Mr Jones!

In Year 3 and 4 briefing assembly this week Mr Jones was forced to dress in an unusual costume! This was after Year 3 beat Year 4 in their competition as to who could raise the most money in the Readathon. Congratulation Year 3 who won, commiserations Year 4 and Mr Jones!



### MFL Meets WBD!

In German lessons, the children have been learning about fairy tales. Years 4,5 and 6 are making Triaramas of fairy tales with German sentences on. There have been some colourful and creative designs, as well as some thoughtful and accurate sentences written in German.



# Look what we've been up to:

**Nursery** - The children had a great day dressed up as princesses and superheroes- they loved looking at each other and discussing what characters they were. Some even made up short stories. Humpty Dumpty spent the whole day in the nursery and children really enjoyed chatting to him.



**Reception** - This week was full of celebrations in Reception. On Tuesday we celebrated Pancake Day; we went to the Food Technology room to make our own pancakes and talked about the ingredients and what is celebrated on Shrove Tuesday. On Friday we had great fun dressing up as our favourite book characters and talked about the books they are in. Certificates for the cutest costume were given out.



**Year 1** - In Year 1 we have been focusing on the story of Rumpelstiltskin. Throughout the week we have read the story, created our own story maps and wanted posters for Rumpelstiltskin, and became reporters and role played our very own news reports!

We also took part in the read around afternoon and loved having the chance to work with different teachers and children in different environments.

Our favourite part of the week was when we got to dress up as our very own character from a book.

Can it not be World Book Day every day?



**Year 2** - Year two have had a fantastic week, celebrating World Book Day with many exciting activities. Some highlights include creating story maps using pictures to retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood and then using this to create actions too! We have been practising at home, so that next week we will be able to retell the story completely by heart!

We have been busy with our seeds, watering them, giving them lots of sunlight or whispering to them! All our ideas as part of our investigation to see how plants grow and what they need to survive.

In maths we have been investigating and discussing the quickest ways to make amounts, the most amount of coins you can use to make amounts and the largest amount of different coins you can use to make amounts. This was a lot of fun!

We are now armed with our £1 book vouchers and can't wait to exchange them for the new David Walliams book or put it towards something else...so many choices.

**Year 3** - It has been a hugely exciting week in Year 3! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the story 'Hansel and Gretel' as part of fairy tale World Book Week. They have spent a lot of time rehearsing the story through reading different parts and role-play. Using their knowledge of the story they have then started to re-write the story with a different ending and villain!

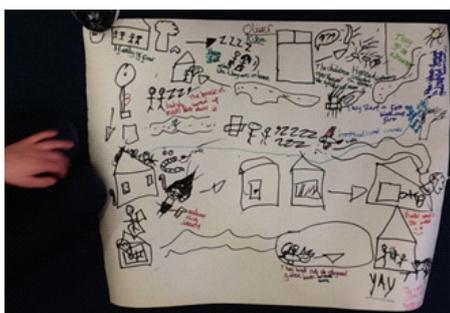
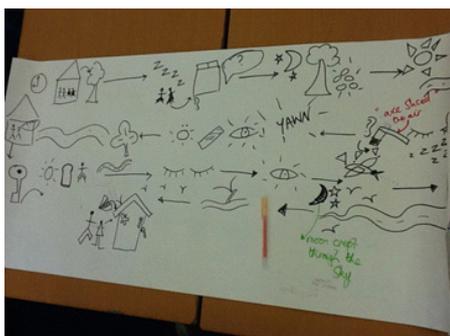
Using sketching and painting they have designed their own puppet and setting from the story. In computing next week the children will then use their puppets and settings to create a stop-motion animation where they'll be able to see their puppet come to life!



**Year 4** - Year 4 have had a brilliant week continuing their work on the story of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. This week the children have started to recreate the story, replacing the main themes within it. They have shared some fantastic ideas in class, with many using Mr Jones to play the character of 'Rumpelstiltskin'! We are a very lucky year group, with a phenomenal array of writing talents within it.

**Year 5** - Year 5 spent this week looking at various Brothers Grimm fairy tales. In particular, we studied Hansel and Gretel, looking at this story of hunger, suspense, greed and abandonment! As part of this, year 5 memorised the story, acting it out and using story maps to help them. Next week, year 5 look forward to experiencing the tastes, smells and textures that Hansel and Gretel had when they chomped on the witch's gingerbread house!

The rest of the week was spent gearing up to the Rock Challenge Assembly. Year 5 enjoyed rehearsing and presenting the performance piece several times. It has been wonderful reliving the event.



**Year 6** - Year 6 visited the Junior Citizen's event at The John Locke Academy on Thursday afternoon. This event, organised by The Fire Brigade, Transport for London and the Metropolitan Police, provides children with an opportunity to learn important citizenship messages and life skills. The children take part in interactive scenarios that teach them the basics of leading a safer lifestyle. Year 6 really enjoyed these activities and learned all sorts of new facts, such as what to do in a house fire, how to stay safe by water and how to behave responsibly on public transport. These

skills will be invaluable as they make their transition to secondary school.

World Book Day was a highlight for year 6 this week, especially the dressing up day on Friday. Some children put great effort into making their costumes at home and classrooms were filled with a vast array of characters including Dracula, Matilda, Mort and Gangster Granny! Well done to all year 6 certificate winners!



## Read Around and Book Swap

It has been an incredible opportunity to once again celebrate reading and all things books! In the Read Around the children enjoyed listening to different stories and taking part in creative tasks based on the stories and themes. You can see pictures below of some of the activities, as well as some very excited children who took part in the Book Swap.



## Attendance STARS

School attendance is critical for success and we would like to congratulate all of those children who have managed 100% attendance.

Attendance figures for this week are:



KS1	KS2
2A 98.65%	5G 100%
1E 98.62%	5T 99.66%

