



# HILLINGDON NEWS

It's been a lovely week at HPS. We have been working hard in our year groups and finishing off our fairy tale themed writing as part of our World Book Day celebrations. Year 6 have worked particularly hard this week as they had their 'Mock SATS'. This was really important in getting them prepared for the real thing in May.

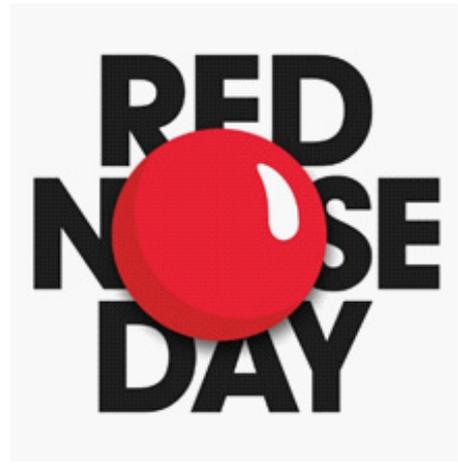
It's amazing how quickly time flies and we are making sure we make the most out of every single day!

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### Doing Something Funny for Money

You will have received a letter on Friday detailing how we are celebrating this year's Comic Relief event. We will be marking the event on Friday 31st March- the final day of term - when children are invited to wear something red and/ or pop on one of the famous red noses! Additionally, we will be holding a Talent Show. One act per class will perform as part of the show: Children will have the opportunity to audition within their class next week. We know there has been much

excitement about the show; already there have been groups rehearsing in the playground and perfecting their acts. Whether the children are trying out for a place in the show or supporting their class mates, we hope they will enjoy the event. Any donations to Comic Relief will be collected on the playground and in class- pennies or pounds, it all makes a difference.



### PUT A NOSE ON IT!

Over the past two weeks we have been learning this year's Comic Relief song during song practice. We challenged the children to learn the rap section- neither Mrs Serrano nor Ms Devons felt they would be able to do it justice! The children didn't disappoint and came back this week ready to perform in front of the rest of the school. It is truly fantastic that our children have both the confidence to do this and the enthusiasm to go away and independently learn and rehearse. Well done to all of our 'Rapping Superstars' we can't wait to put all of the sections together as part of our very own music video!



### Celebration of Success

It was wonderful to see so many children receiving certificates for additional work completed outside of school this week. The reading bug seems to have really set in for many - with children being recognised for their detailed entries into their reading diaries. It's certainly encouraging to know that for many children these whole school events, such as World Book Day, are really helping to foster a love of for reading. Well done to all of our certificate winners!



### Easter Eggstravaganza

Once again we will be holding an Easter egg raffle. There are some delicious chocolate eggs on offer, with raffle tickets costing 50p each. All money raised from the event will go straight back into the school, supporting your child's education. Don't delay- get your tickets straight away! Tickets can be purchased from your child's teacher or reception.



### BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION 2017

Thank you to everyone who entered the Walk to School Badge Competition. We were thrilled by the number of entries and the quality of the designs.

The three finalists are:

- Emilia (2A)
- Ben (4F)
- Madina (4N)

This means their badges have been entered into the national competition. Well done to all!



# Look what we've been up to:

**Nursery** - At nursery this week we have been learning about mini beasts. We have watched insect videos, pretended to be snails and some of us made mini beasts.

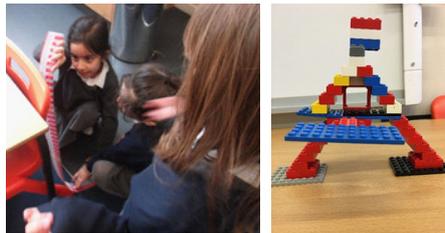


**Reception** - The children have been busy preparing for their Mother's Day assemblies. This has included painting portraits and making special cards. The children created a stage outside to practise their lines and songs- what a lovely week!



**Year 1** - It has been a busy week this week in Year 1! We have been learning about height and length in Maths. We have really enjoyed measuring things around the school to find out which are longer and shorter using our hands, feet, cubes and metre sticks! We found out lots of interesting information about

Paris and the Eiffel Tower in our 'Picture This' topic and even built our own Eiffel Towers using lego. As part of our Plants and Spring topic in Science, we began an investigation on who will grow the tallest plant. We each planted a bean seed and can't wait for them to start growing and for the competition to commence!



**Year 2** - This week in Year 2 we have started our topic all about 'Space Travel'. We have been looking at the picture below and discussing what we think is happening, where we think the people are and how long ago we think it happened.



In RWI spelling we have been learning about how to swap, drop or double letters when adding the suffix -ed and -est to words. Ask us the rhyme to help us remember! In maths we have been revising our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. We carried out a test to see which 3D shapes can roll and which ones can stack - this was a lot of fun! In English this week we have been writing invitations to a fairy tale party. We gave clear warnings of which characters to avoid at the party, such as: the Big Bad

Wolf, the Wicked Witch, the ferocious, fire-breathing Dragon and the trickster Rumpelstiltskin. 2M and 2A both enjoyed a sunny stroll to Oak Farm Library, where we were greeted by the librarian, who helped to show us around and taught us how to use a glossary, index and a contents page. 2S are looking forward to their trip on Monday - we hope they get some sunshine too! During celebration assembly today, we had the pleasure of listening to Aiza in 2M, play us 'The Train Ride' on the piano - what a star in the making!

**Year 4** - Year 4 have just about completed their work on the story of 'Rumpelstiltskin'. The Year 4 teachers have been so impressed with the phenomenal writing that they are going to hold a 'Read-Off' in next week's Briefing Assembly! In Science, Year 4 have been looking at the Water Cycle, and have managed to recreate it in a very exciting Science experiment! The predictions made beforehand were absolutely fantastic. There are some very scientifically-minded pupils in the year group!

**Year 5** - Focusing on Hansel and Gretel throughout the week, year 5 enjoyed tasting and writing about the sweets these children overindulged themselves with. We were drafting and re-writing a description of us being either Hansel or Gretel eating the treats. All of us relished the experience. Taking us into, maths we were focusing on percentages, decimals, fractions, angles and converting shapes. Pushing towards science, we were learning about forces and how gravity keeps us on the surface of the Earth. Furthermore, we, as a year group, were sketching and painting trees and sweets related to our English lessons.

Written by Y5 journalists, Lauren and Krishney

**Year 6** - Year 6 have worked really hard during their practice SATs this week. The children behaved very sensibly and maturely during each of their tests and many children have made excellent progress since the start of the year. Hopefully, this experience has left them feeling confident and prepared for the real tests at the beginning of May. The week ended with a fantastic practical maths afternoon that saw the children moving in small groups to different 'stations' to take part in a variety of maths activities covering topics such as place value, shape, money and capacity. It was great to see the children enjoying the activities and working so well together.

# Sport News

## Athletics Taster Sessions

This week 2M, 5T and 3J were lucky enough to have a special Athletics taster session.

5T- "We had an amazing time. We loved trying all of the different stations and experiencing the different challenges. Watch out- you may see us in the Olympics!"

2M- Atahan scored a massive 4 metres 20 cm at the chest pass throw, we racked up impressive scores of 35, 40 and 42 at the quick 1 minute jumps and our standing long jumps saw some of us almost flying through the air in a bid to get the furthest! We are a competitive class!

