



HILLINGDON NEWS

With assessment week fast approaching, we have been busying ourselves with test preparations and working hard across all of our lessons. It's not all been work, work, work, as we have had some special visitors down in Reception... the ducklings! As well as this excitement, we have also had success in both the football and netball- read more below. The sun made an appearance towards the end of the week and it certainly began to feel like Spring had sprung. We wish all of the children luck with their assessments next week. It is a great opportunity to celebrate all the children have learnt so far this year and we look forward to sharing this with you in the up-coming parents evening.

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Sport News

After school on Thursday our Football team had a very important match against the mighty St Helen's. We are delighted to report that they won 2-1. This win takes HPS through to the Hillingdon Football Cup semi-final. It was a highly competitive match and the team really had to pull together to secure the win. We are all very proud of the team work, dedication and commitment shown by all members of the team- Well done!

Jumping for Joy at the Mixed Netball Rally



On Saturday 16 of our sporting superstars met at Ryefield School to take part in the Mixed Netball Tournament. After the success of the Girl's Tournament, we were feeling the pressure to do well once again. Our fantastic netballers did not disappoint! Unfortunately our B Team were knocked out in the group stages, but it's fair to say they went out



on a high- winning their final match and showing the other teams what they were made of! The A Team progressed into the quarter finals and, after a strong win, went into the semi-finals. This was a super-tough match, but they kept their heads high and were determined to make it to the final. Once again, they proved that HPS children are strong-minded and



aren't afraid of a challenge. As the final whistle blew, they had done enough and progressed to the final. The final was an exciting and fast paced match. The well-matched teams moved with speed and tenacity, both eager to win. It was an incredibly close match, but Hillingdon came out on top- a last minute goal securing a 2-1 win and victory overall.

Year 3 Rise to the Challenge!

In Ms Kelly's maths group this week, we were posed a challenge! How tall is our school building? The children, in teams of two, had to think about how to approach their investigation. The children realised that if they measured the height of one brick, they could use their multiplication skills to work out the height of the ground floor and first floor and add those heights to their estimated height of the roof. Teams came up with an estimated height of between 9 and 12 metres. Meghan and Lisara won the team challenge, because they worked very well as a team, communicated their ideas successfully and approached the task methodically. Well done!



PJ Party Promotes Reading in Reception

Reception was transformed on Friday, when the children and staff switched their usual uniform for pyjamas! Parents were invited to this special occasion to share special bed time stories and favourite books. It was a fantastic day and the children loved having family in to read with them.

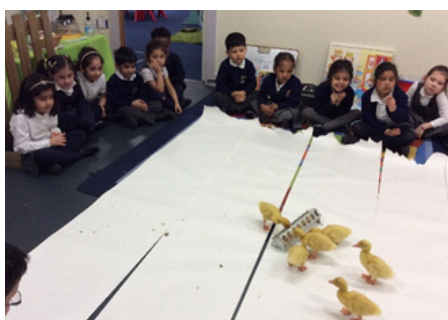


Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week in nursery we have focused on growth. We planted and watched cress seeds grow. We were very excited to see changes to the seeds on a daily basis and couldn't wait to take our 'cress heads' home! We also visited Reception to see the ducklings and were amazed by how much they had grown in just a week.



Reception - This week in Reception we have been looking after the ducklings that arrived last week, and giving them their first swim. On Friday we had our first Teddies and Pyjamas Party and it was an absolute success. We had loads of fun and the most important thing, was that we read lots of books together! Thank you for joining us!



Year 2 - Year Two have been busy in science this week caring for, measuring and recording the results of our seeds' growth. It's all very exciting! Already some of our predictions have been challenged by how they are progressing.

This week we have been writing up our oral retelling of the story of Little Red Riding Hood and we have begun to plan for our own alternative ending versions. This has included some creative ideas such as: a trip to the beach, the wolf offended that anyone could think he was 'scary', the wolf protecting Little Red from an evil woodcutter and a big bad granny!

We have been mindful of our manners this week, by showing kindness to our friends' belongings. If we see a coat, jumper or bag on the floor, we pick it up!

Next week marks the start of our library trips, with 2M on Tuesday. We are so looking forward to seeing all the new books on offer and we are very grateful to all our parent helpers, who have volunteered to help us get there safely.

Year 3 - In literacy this week the children have continued to write their alternative story to Hansel and Gretel. They have really worked hard on their handwriting to produce some fantastic stories that will be used to create a lovely corridor display. For this display, the children have also continued to design the characters from the story, which will then be used to create a stop-motion animation in their computing lessons.

In science the children have enjoyed learning about magnets. They began to think about what objects a magnet repels and attracts as well as investigating the distance a magnet can attract a paper clip.



Year 6 - This week Year 6 have been busily preparing for their forthcoming Practice SATs tests, which take place next week. Lots of work has gone into learning the many different SPaG rules, with some classes using all sorts of strange techniques to remember the more complicated terminology - who would have thought that Beyonce or Justin Bieber could teach us about the subjunctive mood? In maths lessons the children have been working hard to put their arithmetic skills into practice to solve real-life maths problems, such as how to increase/decrease a recipe. These maths skills will be invaluable to the children in later life. Science lessons this week have been used to explore the ways that living things are classified and the importance of classification for identifying different species.

Celebration of Success

We enjoyed both our KS1 and KS2 Celebration Assemblies this Friday. As always, it was lovely to hear of individual successes and group achievements. It was excellent to hear how welcoming 5T have been to the newest member of the class. We are very lucky to have such friendly and positive children at HPS. A special well done to Aaryan in 2M, who was the only child to receive a Pen Licence this week- Well done!



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