



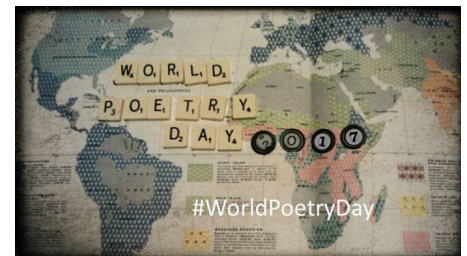
HILLINGDON NEWS

The excitement has been growing as we move closer to next Friday's Comic Relief Talent Show. The children have been busy rehearsing at lunch times and were proud to stand up in their classes and perform for their class vote. The children have worked really hard this week as part of Assessment Week- we are really pleased to see them taking the assessments seriously, and are looking forward to sharing in the children's successes at the up-coming parent consultations. As always, we would like to thank parents/carers/families for their support and encouragement of their child's learning. It has been excellent to see an improvement in engagement of reading and we would encourage everyone to continue to discuss the books, magazines, articles (anything!) the children are reading. Any exposure to new vocabulary, or indeed new experiences, will help our children to develop and grow. What are you planning on doing over the Easter break? Whether it's curling up with a book or visiting new places-everything will contribute! We would like to wish all of our families a very happy and peaceful Easter Holiday.

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Visiting Verulamium

On Thursday, Year 3 had a fabulous trip to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans. They started the day in the outside area, where they took full advantage of the adventure playground and the outdoor mosaic which was part of an aristocratic Roman home. After lunch, the children were taken into the museum section. When exploring the museum the children were challenged to answer different questions and puzzles about the Romans on a worksheet. The children loved looking at the Roman skeletons and creating their own mosaics! The final part of the day was the artefacts handling where the children were able to hold and explore real life Roman objects! They were shocked and bewildered when finding out how different Roman life was to ours! It was a fantastic trip and a wonderful way to end a busy assessment week. A huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who supported us on our trip.



Tuesday was World Poetry Day. We had a special assembly on Monday celebrating the many different forms poetry can take. It was lovely to hear about poems which had inspired teachers, stories of 4F and their daily poem, and we even had a special performance of The Highwayman from Kabir in 5T. We left the assembly feeling inspired and ready to create our own poems...maybe this could be an interesting holiday activity? On Tuesday and Wednesday the children had the opportunity to learn a poem by heart during song practice. We performed the famous "Please, Mrs Butler" poem; the children enjoyed playing the stressed-out teacher who had had enough of children asking her questions!

Easter Raffle

We are all looking forward to the Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are 50p and all money must be brought in by 4.30pm on Wednesday 29th March. Good luck to all who enter!



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we continued learning about mini-beasts. We found out about where different mini-beasts lived and our maths involved counting the spots on different ladybirds. We also made a special gift for our mums and thought about why they were special to us.



Reception - This week was all about our mums. We talked about why we loved them and what kind of things we can do at home to help them. We were working extremely hard to learn our songs and lines for our Mother's Day Assemblies on Friday and there is still one more next Monday. We hope all our mums enjoyed it as much as we did! Happy Mother's Day!



Year 1 - Year 1 went on a nature walk around the school grounds and the field this afternoon. We were looking for signs of Spring. We found daisies, daffodils, bluebells, blossom and much more! The sun even shone for us as well! We recorded what we saw by writing and drawing and even taking photographs on

the iPads. It was a lovely Spring Science afternoon.

Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been putting all our learning to the test with assessment week. We have been using RUCSAC (Read, Understand, Choose, Solve, Answer, Check) to help us work out problems and we have been using our decoding and scanning skills too! 2S enjoyed their library trip on Monday; another successful visit learning all about fiction and non-fiction books. We have begun learning about 'Life in Space', this included a fact finding session where we discovered that water droplets float, and you have to strap yourself in when you want to sleep! This is all to do with gravity - why not ask us about this and do some further research at home? We have had some dramatic developments with our plants! Some of our plants are now so tall that they are having to be held up with string! We are really looking forward to the 'Do something funny for money' talent show next week and are excited to show off our Year 2 winners to the rest of the school!

Year 6 - Year 6 have had a good week reflecting on their fantastic achievements in their practice SATs last week and thinking about the areas that they need to improve on in order to do even better in the real tests in May! 6D had great fun celebrating World Poetry Day during their literacy lesson on Tuesday and surprised themselves with their ability to recite a poem off by heart by the end of the session. Perhaps some of the children can still recite their poems now - be sure to ask them for a performance! The eagerly anticipated auditions for the talent show took place on Friday afternoon and the year 6 staff were very impressed with the wealth of talent on display: comedy sketches, dancing, singing and playing musical instruments! It was a tough decision to choose the best acts to represent the year group in the show next Friday. Will year 6 stand a chance at being crowned the best talent of HPS? Watch this space...!



Attendance STARS



We are incredibly proud of 6O who have achieved 100% attendance. What wonderful role-models our Year 6 children are being. Not only have they achieved 100% attendance, they have also had no late marks for the past three weeks. We are incredibly happy that 6O are clearly taking their learning seriously and ensuring they make the most out of every moment at school- Well done!

Attendance figures for this week are:

6O	100%
RZ	99.23%



