



HILLINGDON NEWS

The sun has been shining on our first week back and we have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about everyone's Easter adventures. We trust you all had a relaxing and peaceful break and are ready for the Summer Term ahead. With just over 2 weeks until Year 6 sit their SATS, every minute is being used to its full advantage. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school every day on time! Elsewhere in the school it has been RE week and children have explored the Christian festival of Easter; they have also made comparisons and shared in interesting discussions about other religious viewpoints. Many of our teachers have commented on what wonderful and mature conversations have taken place this week. It makes us grateful to be part of such a diverse and caring community. Our 'Spellathon' took place on Friday; the offer of a Movie Afternoon certainly encouraged a lot of our children, and each of the year groups was determined to win! Which year group do you think managed to spell the most words correctly? In Friday's Celebration Assembly we talked about the importance of saying 'Thank you' and showing our appreciation, whether that is to our friends, family or members of our school community. We have all agreed to show our appreciation more often. Although it was a shorter week, we have certainly crammed a lot in!

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Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - During RE week, we learned about the Christian story of the first Easter. We went on to discuss our own experiences of Easter as well as sharing our holiday news.



Reception - What a lovely week we have had- we have been talking about the Easter story and even created some writing about the main events. Some children have sequenced the pictures of the main events of the story. We also decorated some Easter eggs and were lucky enough to eat Hot Cross Buns on Friday. We thought they were yummy! We all shared stories from the holidays and discussed the different things people do to celebrate Easter. It seems lots of Reception Children went adventuring to find hidden Chocolate Eggs!



Year 1 - As part of RE Week, Year 1 have been exploring the Christian story of Easter. The children have been thinking deeply about the meaning behind the festival and the symbols in the story which are represented in the way that people celebrate. They enjoyed looking at Bibles and making comparisons with other holy books that they are familiar with. The children created their own story maps by drawing pictures and used these to write their own re-telling of the story. We are so impressed with their writing! Year 1 have also been using water colour paints and card to create silhouettes of a scene from the story.

Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been looking at the story of Easter and exploring the question 'How do we know about Easter?' This has led us into looking at the Bible, where we first learn about the story of Easter by those who wrote it many years ago. It also got us discussing other ways in which news spreads. We thought about how people 'spread the word' as in some countries around the

world you may not be allowed to own a Bible.

We have enjoyed some wonderful discussions about the other religions followed among us and the special books used to learn about our special festivals. It was wonderful to hear so many children discussing the importance of listening and learning about each other's beliefs.

Well done to so many of the children for all the wonderful reading you have done over the Easter holidays. It has been a lot of fun to share in the new things you have read. A huge well done to our certificate winners too, on a super first week back to school. There is a lot to look forward to this term, so keep it up!

Year 3 - Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed the beginning of RE Week. Our main focus question was: 'Where does Easter fit into Jesus' life?' As part of this question we discussed the main events of Jesus' life and the different temptations he was subject to. This led the children to think about the everyday temptations that they are open to. They created a 'conscience Alley' to persuade each other to either give in to or say no to their temptations. The children also learnt about the Easter story and thought about its similarities and differences with other religious stories. This opened up a really interesting discussion into why religion is important to some people and what we can learn from the different religious stories.



Year 5 - Year 5 have made a very positive start to the new term. There have been some stand-out stars this week, who have gone above and beyond asking lots of questions in class and being the absolute best they can be. We have been particularly impressed with the in-role writing created in English this week and the children's eagerness to explore the Maths problems this week...keep it up, Year 5!

and the children really enjoyed working with their friends and sampling the different activities on offer.



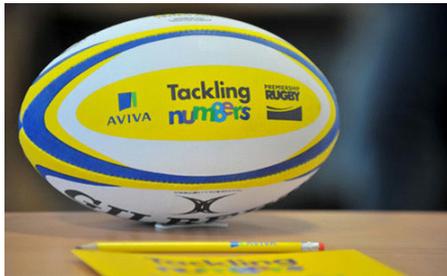
Year 4 - As well as some excellent work for RE week, Year 4 have continued to wow us with creative writing based on Rumpelstiltskin. We have proudly shared some of our writing with the Year 6 teachers, who couldn't believe the quality of writing being produced. The children have developed real confidence over the last term with their editing skills and are now taking ownership of their learning. Well done Year 4!

Year 6 - Year 6 have made a great start to the summer term. They have arrived back at school with an excellent attitude to learning and a real desire to do their best in the run up to our SATs week: just two weeks to go! There was lots of excitement on Friday morning as the children took part in the Spellathon. The chance to win an exclusive movie afternoon in the hall seems to have been an excellent incentive for the children to get practising those tricky Year 5/6 words! Friday afternoon saw the second of the year 6 practical maths afternoons. Weight, coordinates, fractions and percentages were some of the topics covered during the afternoon



Sports News

Last term Year 4 and 5 were battling for a space in the Tag Rugby Squad. Those lucky athletes that made the squad had an intensive training session this Thursday and both Mr Martinez and Mrs Mills were very impressed by the commitment and strength of the players. They are already showing excellent team work and strategic thinking skills. We wish them all good luck for the competition next week!



25 Meters Achieved!

A big WELL DONE to all of our Year 4 children who were able to swim 25 meters in their swimming assessment this year. It has been excellent to see the progression of all of our swimmers, particularly those children who had little experience of swimming prior to this year. We are very proud of the progress each of you have made.

A reminder for children to check the PE Notice Board; we have try-outs coming up for Tennis Competition next month!

A reminder that all clubs provided by external providers must be booked using their online system or through phoning their office. All details can be found on the letter sent out before the holidays.