



HILLINGDON NEWS

Week two of the summer term and we have well and truly got into our stride. The wonderful new displays around the school are testament to the fantastic work the children are producing across the school. We have been particularly impressed with the lovely handwriting and the quality of writing- next time you are in the school make sure you look out for the colourful and vibrant displays. As well as fabulous children we also have incredible LSAs and support staff who have created these masterpieces- thank you! Monday marked our celebration of St. George's Day (read more below) and we focused upon the key messages of bravery and resilience; we can all certainly learn something from the famous legend! Year 1 were out and about in Buckinghamshire this week - they had an excellent time exploring the creative and intriguing world of Roald Dahl. We also had reason to celebrate this week- the Spellathon results were announced, we had success at the tag-rugby and we have been announced as finalists of the Rock Challenge short film competition...what a week!

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The Wonderful World of Roald Dahl

Year 1 had a fantastic time this week visiting the Roald Dahl Children's Gallery. We got to explore underground in Fantastic Mr Fox's tunnel, we used magnifying glasses to investigate the minibeasts inside James' giant peach and we found ourselves upside down in the Twits' living room. We loved looking at all the different books in Matilda's library, luckily nobody had been put in the chokey that day! Our favourite part of the day was being shrunk into the TV so we could swim with the dolphin or stroke the giant teddy bear. It was such a wonderful day and our imaginations were running wild with all the sights and sounds that Roald Dahl created.



Battling the Cold at the Tag-Rugby!

On Wednesday, 20 of our Year 4 and 5 Rugby super-stars travelled to Oak Farm to take part in the District Tag-Rugby Tournament. It was a bitter-cold afternoon, but the sun shone as our two teams readied themselves for some tough competition. Both teams played fantastically and made it through the group stages. There was some excellent tactical play with children spinning, dodging and evading the opposition. Tries were scored and the parents and other HPS supporters went wild! We were thrilled to see both our A and B team make it through to the quarter finals and even happier when they made it through to the semi-finals! The excitement was palpable as both teams were playing at the same time. The supporters were

rushing between the pitches, eager to cheer the children on. Again, our children did us proud. They gave everything to each of the matches, attacking and defending wonderfully, but unfortunately the competition was too tough and both teams were knocked out. During the presentation of the medals, both of our teams received Bronze medals- third place- what a fabulous achievement! We felt like we had won and certainly had the loudest cheer for our 20 amazing athletes!



Super Spellings

Last week we told you all about the excitement surrounding the Spellathon... well this week the winners were announced! The results were absolutely fantastic! All of the teachers have agreed that no matter the result, they are incredibly proud of all of the children who worked hard to learn their spellings. It was very clear who had taken the time to really work hard on learning the tricky words- whether they found spelling easy or hard, they didn't want to let their year group down. The English Team were so impressed that they decided to run a KS1 and KS2 prize. Special mention to Year 4 and Year 2 who won- WELL DONE! They can now look forward to a well-deserved movie afternoon.

Spring into Summer

Transport for London have funded some exciting free 'Spring into Summer' walks this May. The walks, which are all led by an experienced Walk London guide, vary in difficulty, but some are recommended for families. Highlights include an 'Animal I-Spy' walk on Saturday 20th May and a 'Great Fire of London' walk on Sunday 21st May. For more information and to book places on walks, visit: <http://www.walklondon.org.uk>



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we began our animal topic. We learned about jungle animals and became explorers hunting for the hidden animals. We also found out about animal patterns and had a go at creating our own. We looked up information about animals by using fact books and the internet.



Reception - This week we have been looking at St. George and why we celebrate this day. We have been talking about our topic for this term which is 'Water'. Children have been thinking about how we use water: washing hands, watering the plants etc. We also painted pictures of water. What a lovely week we have had!



Year 2 - This week Year 2 have been enjoying reading a story about Tricky the Troll and his quest for a human friend! During English, all boys and girls have planned and have begun writing their very own stories. We are looking forward to sharing with each other our edited and final stories.

During KS1 Celebration Assembly, Alfie Killick in 2A shared his well-written letter to Blue Peter where he mentioned the scientific experiments he has enjoyed watching and attempting with support at home. Miss Maylor shared the results of the Spellathon and everyone in Year 2 is looking forward to enjoying their well-deserved prize!! Well done to all our super spellers for the hard work you put into learning your words and to everyone who supported you at home. Watch this space for details of when we will do our movie afternoon.

Year 3 - To conclude RE week Year 3 have enjoyed creating pop art inspired by the artist Lichtenstein. To create this art work the children had a picture taken of themselves debating a temptation. Then using this picture they used paint and colouring pens to create their own pop art image. These looked spectacular and it was great to see Caitlin presented with a certificate in assembly for her wonderful art.

In maths this week the children have been focusing on different units of measurements involving weight, capacity and length. Using practical examples, they have thought carefully about the different increments and how to measure accurately.



Year 4 - This week, Year 4 completed their final lessons for RE Week. The work produced has been beautiful and thought-provoking. In Literacy, we have now started working on our exciting Poetry unit, and we look forward to writing a variety of imaginative poems on a range of topics! In addition, we would like to say a huge congratulations to our whole year group for winning the KS2 Movie Night, after our achievements regarding the Spellathon. As soon as we

have more details about it, we'll let you know. You've done a wonderful job, Year 4. We are all proud!

Year 6 - Year 6 have worked really hard this week in the build up to their SATs. All of their effort over this year seems to be coming together and they are growing in confidence as we approach the tests. The children spent some time with Mrs Morris and Mrs Chaplin this week discussing how they can be kind to one another and look out for each other during the build up to their tests. It was nice to see the children positively discussing their own strengths and weaknesses and celebrating their differences. Keep it up, not long to go now!

Capturing the Journey

This week we received a telephone call from the Be Your Best Foundation, informing us that Hillingdon Primary has been chosen as a finalist for the Short Film Competition. This competition required us to create a 3 minute film capturing the message behind our performance and highlighting the journey from concept to performance. Mr Jacobs worked alongside some talented Year 6 students to create this film. The children were involved in the filming of key scenes, both in rehearsal and on the day itself, that were edited together to form a wonderful montage. We hope to be able to share this with you once the winners have been announced- it's certainly something to be proud of, particularly as it's the first year we have entered!



NOTICES

Something to Smile About

We have had some lovely news over the past few weeks and know that many parents and children would also like to share in our well-wishes for Ms Brooks and Mr Jones.

Lilly Charlotte Brooks arrived at 5:15am on the 19th April, a whole week later than her due date. She weighed 7lb 9oz and is doing great! Mummy is well too, besotted with her bundle of joy.

Keegan Lee Jones was born on Monday 24th April at 8.44pm, weighing 7lb 3oz. Mr Jones is over the moon and thoroughly enjoying being a new Dad. Keegan is already in his Welsh rugby kit and Dad has hopes for a future rugby career!



As numbers were low, Minecraft club has been changed to Computing Club, which is open to children in Years 3 - 6. In this club children will be able to use the ICT Suite for a range of activities that Mr Jacobs has taught in Computing lessons including: Creating Animation, Editing Film, Website Design, Making Games and more. Minecraft will still be available as part of the club. Please bring your letter back by Thursday 4th May if your child would like to be a part of this exciting club.



A reminder that we are collecting Sainsbury's School Vouchers- please continue to drop them into reception (there's a collection box just inside the door) or hand them to your child's class teacher. The more vouchers we collect, the more PE equipment we will be able to purchase. Thank you so much to everyone who has already brought them in!