



HILLINGDON NEWS

We began the week by discussing 'Growth Mindset' and the importance of a positive outlook. In assembly we looked at Gerald the Giraffe, a gangly giraffe who couldn't dance. Although the other animals laugh at him, he doesn't let that get him down and perseveres...you'll be pleased to know that by the end of the story he can dance! With the start of the SATS the same day, it seemed an important time to remind the children that determination and perseverance are crucial in the journey towards success. We had the Tennis Tournament on Wednesday, where some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children represented the school for the first time. It was Year 6's time to shine this week and we couldn't be prouder of them- their attitude and positive approach to the SATS was fantastic.

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Breakfast Club Prepping Children for SATS

Our Year 6 children had their very own Breakfast Club this week. It was a chance for the children to calm any nerves and chat with their friends over a breakfast snack. We were very impressed by the year group and their determination to succeed. We were very pleased to see them supporting one another and approaching each day with enthusiasm. Well done to each and every member of the team- staff and children- for all of their hard work!



Terrific Performance at the Tennis!

We had a beautifully sunny day this Wednesday for the Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament. We had two teams, made up of two boys and two girls, who travelled down to Dr Triplett's Tennis Centre to compete in the Borough Tournament. The tournament began with a fantastic demonstration from the event organisers, where the children were taught how to score their own games and were given the opportunity to ask any questions. There was a fun and friendly atmosphere and the children had time to talk with children from the other schools and develop their tennis skills. Our super-

stars played brilliantly, with each of them improving through the tournament. Our A team made it through to the quarter finals, but after a very close match were unfortunately knocked out. Well done to all of the children who represented HPS- there were some truly terrific serves, returns and overall impressive shots throughout!



Loving Extra-Curricular Clubs!

Our extra-curricular clubs are now in full swing and it is a pleasure to go around and see the exciting things that are happening all over the school. Our group of Cricketers (pictured above) were working hard on their fielding skills, whilst up-stairs our Scientists were busy making slime (KS1) and exploring air resistance (KS2).



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we started to learn about farm animals. We thought about what they looked like and how they sounded. The children enjoyed matching baby animals to their mothers and learning the name of the young animals. 'Old MacDonald' was sung many times throughout the week!

Reception - We have had lots of fun planting seeds and building obstacle courses this week. The children are really excited to see their seeds turn into plants. I wonder whose will grow the tallest?



Year 1 - This week Year 1 have been responding to literacy texts with performing arts! Some have used the story of Handa's Hat to inspire dance whilst others were creating group drama pieces based on Roald Dahl's story of The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me.

Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been revising our knowledge of place value and fractions of number and shape, ready to show off our learning next week in our SATS tests.

We have enjoyed reading texts about a little dog who ran away from home. At first he was excited about an adventure until he realised he missed his owner! This helped us to talk about our own feelings and make predictions about what would happen next in the story...

Well done to all our certificate winners this week, we are so proud of you! A special mention to all children who wrote fantastic, informative fact files about Tim Peake, we so enjoyed reading your work. Well done to all children reading regularly

at home and coming in with their class recommendations - we are building quite a collection! We all enjoyed Miss Maylor and Mrs Ancillotti's drama in assembly reminding us about eating a good breakfast and getting a good sleep in before coming to school, so that we are ready to do our best and persevere in our challenges. In case you're wondering... the dog made it back to her owner - phew!

Year 3 - This week in maths the Year 3 children have been focusing on time. They have been learning the analogue time to the nearest 5 minutes and have been changing analogue times to digital. Keep testing their time skills at home! In literacy the children have been learning and writing play scripts. They have thought about the key features of a play script and have applied this knowledge to create their very own!

A huge well done to all the children in 3J who performed their class show brilliantly. It was a joy to watch them show off their speaking, acting and singing skills. Everyone was very proud of them. We look forward to 3P and 3D's class performances next Friday.



Year 6 - This week, Year 4 have been continuing to explore their exciting Viking topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Viking warfare, designing some outstanding warrior costumes and building their own longship models.

The children are looking forward to their movie afternoon next Friday. This is a reward for their fantastic results in the recent Spellathon. Mr Jones was overjoyed to return to school to here of their fantastic efforts and can't wait to join them to celebrate their success.

Year 5 - This week, year 5 started their new topic on Japan. We explored where Japan is located and how that looks different on maps and atlases from different countries. As part of this topic, we began reading Kensuke's Kingdom and debated whether we would want to set sail around the world. There was lots of interesting discussion, with some surprise reasons for and against!

St Georges Day

It was lovely to see so many of our children proudly wearing their Cub, Scout, Rainbow, Brownie and Guide uniforms as part of our St. George's Day celebrations. It was certainly a talking point in the playground, with the children showing one another their badges and excitedly sharing stories of camps and other activities.

