



HILLINGDON NEWS

This week, it was Year 2's turn to shine and we could not be prouder of their approach to their SATs. They worked wonderfully throughout the week, showing focus and maturity- Well done Year 2!

We were lucky enough to have two class assemblies last week, performed by the fantastic 3P and 3D. The audience left singing the songs and enjoyed learning all about The Saxons.

Year 2 and 4 had their reward afternoon on Friday, after being crowned joint winners of the 'Spellathon'.

The Year 4 children certainly got into the spirit of the afternoon, bringing cushions, pillows and teddies along for the film...they absolutely made the most of it! As we approach the end of term, we are now busy preparing for our summer events. You will have received our summer dates by email, please do read these carefully, as we have a jam-packed final term!

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Maths Mastery at Colham Manor

On Friday, some children were selected from Year 3 and 4 to go on a maths workshop trip at Colham Manor. We were very impressed by all of the children, who represented HPS marvellously.

Here is a recount of the day from Ismail in Year 4:

"I felt very excited when we went to Colham Manor Primary School. Although we had to walk there and back, it was very good and we all had an incredible time.



One of the activities was called a 'Tangram Puzzle Problem'. We didn't understand at first, but then the teacher told us what to do. You had to get to the finish by using all of the same coloured shapes and put them in order to create an animal. You had a sheet with the outline of an animal and you had seven different shapes to use. It was a lot of fun!"



Incredible displays of Gymnastics

The gymnastics unit of work is coming to an end, which can only mean one thing...a chance to show off all we have learnt this year! It has been fantastic to see the children growing in confidence with their strength, coordination, flexibility and vaulting. Whatever the children's starting point, it has been wonderful to see each and every one develop their confidence in gymnastics. Well done to all!



Crazy Chemicals!

This week, the KS2 Scientists thoroughly enjoyed exploring chemical reactions in FizzPop. They examined the chemical properties of different liquids and tested whether they were acidic or alkaline. The KS1 group were exploring the properties of light and made some beautiful bracelets, which change colour when in direct light.



Spellathon Winners!

Year 2 celebrated our Spellathon win with popcorn, squash and 'The Emperor's New Groove'. We laughed our socks off and also learnt how to speak to squirrels!



Notice:

Sports Kit Amnesty

Please could we ask that you return all School Sports Kit in a timely manner, if your son/daughter takes part in a competition or tournament. We are thrilled to have such a large number of children representing HPS at different Sports fixtures, but it is vital that all kit is returned promptly. If you have any kit from this year or previous years, please can you return it to the Community Room ASAP.

Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we continued learning about farm animals. We drew animals, practised cutting them out and made fields and shelters for the animals from bricks.



Reception - This week we have been learning how to tell the time in Maths, and we also talked about half past. We have a fire station in Reception and children pretending to be fire fighters putting out fires. We also made pasta faces showing different emotions.



Year 1 - As part of their Castles, Kings and Queens topic, year 1 have been learning about the current and historical Royal Family. They have learnt lots of information about Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle and the Tower of London. They can even name the different

features of a castle and what their uses are! They were really interested in Queen Elizabeth II, the Beefeaters and the Crown Jewels. Yesterday they used their creative and fine motor skills to create their own crowns - aren't they beautiful!



Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been showing our teachers how brilliant we are at persevering and being resilient during the challenges we have faced in our SATS tests.

We have had enormous fun auditioning and beginning to rehearse songs for our Year 2 Concert - details will follow soon! A special well done to a few boys and girls across the year, who have brought in their book reviews of books they have recently read and enjoyed from the library.

We hope you have fantastic family fun this week with your 'challenge' homework - we teachers are planning to dance like no one is watching!

Year 3 - In literacy this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing and performing persuasive speeches. There was a big debate amongst the classes as to whether fidget spinners should be allowed in school. The children used some fantastic persuasive language and would make marvellous politicians! In maths the children have focused on perimeter this week. They have enjoyed doing practical tasks to work out the measurements of different shapes. Well done to all the children in 3D and 3P for performing in their class assemblies on Friday.

Year 5 - One of the highlights for year 5 this week, has been learning a variety of Japanese phrases! Year 5 can now say hello (before and after 10am!) and goodbye, and have memorised the numbers from 1-10.

Alongside this, pupils have been working hard in English - writing a balanced argument for why they may or may not like to sail around the world. Next week, year 5 will be focusing on handwriting in all their lessons, with the hope of many being given a pen licence certificate by the end of the week.

Get practising over the weekend, Year 5!

Year 6 - Year 6 have enjoyed creating a piece of descriptive writing this week, based on J K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. They have been inspired by one particular scene where children at Hogwarts have to confront their 'boggart' (their greatest fear) before using a spell to turn their boggart into something funny. They have had lots of fun thinking of their fears and have made the teachers laugh with their original, and sometimes bonkers, ideas for how to destroy their boggart with laughter! In the afternoons this week, they have been focusing on science and have been researching a habitat of their choice. They have then used this information to create a new species that might live in their habitat. This creativity will be used next week in another exciting piece of writing and a piece of art work.

Notice:

Year 6 were thrilled to find out Mrs Sands had become a Nana last week, and very thankful that Harper waited until after the SATs to make her arrival. Mum and baby are doing well and Mrs Sands is besotted with her princess



Reminder – Holiday Dates

Date, Time & Venue	Event
Friday 31 st March	Last Day Of The Spring Term <i>School finishes at 2.40pm.</i>
Monday 17th April	Bank Holiday – Easter Monday <i>The school will be closed.</i>
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils Return to School <i>First day of the Summer term.</i>
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday – May Day <i>The school will be closed.</i>
Friday 26th May	Teacher Training Day <i>School closed to children.</i>
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd June	Half Term Week <i>Pupils return to school on Tuesday 6th June</i>
Monday 5th June	Teacher Training Day <i>School closed to children.</i>
Friday 21 st July 2016	Last Day Of The Summer Term <i>School finishes at 2.40pm.</i>