



HILLINGDON NEWS

The school has enjoyed the beautiful sunny spells this week. We particularly liked seeing the Year 4 children dressed as Vikings- their outfits were fabulous! It was excellent to see the teachers joining in with the fun - although we didn't envy the fur boots in the blazing sun! The children looked beautifully smart on Tuesday and the school photographs went without a hitch- thank you to everyone who helped to organise or helped with the running of the day. The children have worked wonderfully over this half term and we wish them, and all of our families, a wonderful May Half Term holiday - we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6th June.

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Vikings Assemble!

On Wednesday, Year 4 enjoyed their long-awaited Viking Day! We were visited by Erik Erikson, a very knowledgeable Viking, who taught us all about his people's clothes, artefacts and way of life. In the afternoon, the children learned about crime and punishment during the era, even creating their own cruel punishments for each other. They then crafted their own Viking coins and composed and performed some threatening battle chants! A fantastic time was had by all and we were so impressed by the huge effort that everybody made with their costumes.



Sizzling in the Sunshine

On Thursday, 2QS, 1K, 5G and 3D were lucky enough to be involved in special cricket taster sessions. Year 1 and 2 learnt the basic skills to succeed in Cricket and our coach, Suk Bhupal, thought we could even have some future cricket stars in our midst! Year 3 and 5 were able to play a match on the field; there were some fantastic batting skills displayed. We had a fantastic afternoon!



Preparing for Tag Rugby

The Year 6 children have been preparing for the next Tag Rugby Competition, which is taking place on Monday 26th June. Our Year 5 children worked so hard at developing Rugby's core values of self-discipline, respect, sportsmanship and resilience; we hope Year 6 can repeat this success. The children enjoyed the after-school session and have begun to take on board the associated skills and tactics



On the 25th May, Maddy and Kaaya in year 5 (5G) experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity. They went to The Hyde School in London, Brent Cross, and participated in the children's parliament for the Elliot Foundation. It was such a good meeting that they even brought back some ideas for our school, such as Border Terriers and solar powered energy! Kaaya and Maddy will be attending the Houses of Parliament on 3rd July. Wait for the July newsletter to hear more about that!

Look what we've been up to:

Reception - This week in Reception our challenges were from another age! Our castle theme challenges led us to build our own castle, and play imaginatively in it. We designed our castles and built models using junk modelling materials. The King and the Queen were leading the battle and a troop of girl knights were fighting the 'naughty' dragon. The sunshine was with us throughout the week and we enjoyed playing outside.



Year 2 - This week in Year Two we have been enjoying lots of outdoor learning in the sunshine. Our focus text is 'Handa's Basket'. We attempted to balance a bean bag on our head and command one another to walk accurately with it, as Handa does with her basket of fruit. This was far trickier than it looked!

In maths we have been mastering all the different ways we can subtract a 2-digit number from a 2-digit number. Why not ask us the ways in which we can do this?

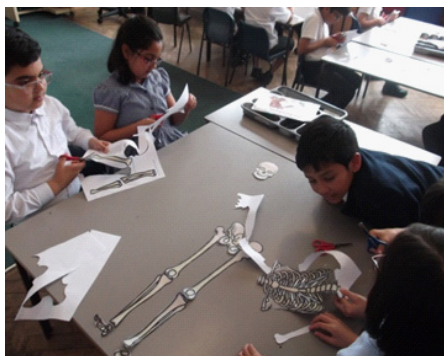
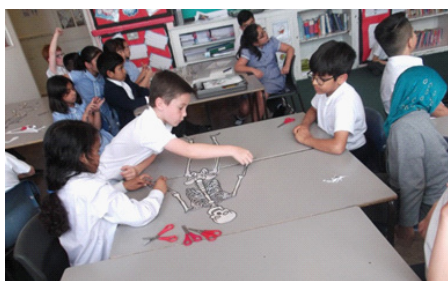
Letters were sent home this week inviting you to watch one of our upcoming shows 'Pirates vs Mermaids' - be sure to get your ticket order in for after half term, because we think it will be a sell-out!

Over the half term break please help us practise our lines and the words to the

songs (videos can be found on YouTube). This will help us to be ready to start rehearsals when we return on Tuesday 6th June - see you then!

Year 3 - In Science this week the children have really enjoyed learning about the different bones we have in our body. One exciting activity involved the children putting parts of a skeleton together and discussing their different functions.

Literacy this week has focused on formal and informal writing. This involved the children discussing the different phrases associated with formal and informal talk. They then created their very own end of year report; they were all very modest! The Year 3 team wish you all a lovely half term break, and remember...keep reading!



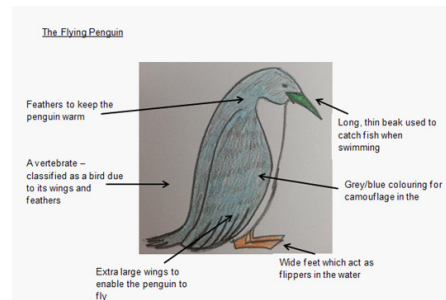
Year 5 - Year 5 have enjoyed the sunshine this week! As preparation for sports day, along with studying measure and speed in Maths, year 5 timed themselves running the 100m. They then compared their times to Usain Bolt and other world record holders! We had some interesting times!

During the afternoons we planned and designed our Japanese board games. They are looking very entertaining!

We are continuing to focus on handwriting after half term, so year 5 should spend some time over the holidays practising their joined writing.

Year 6 - Year 6 have been busy investigating and researching different habitats and species for their Non-Chronological Reports. We certainly have

some very imaginative children, who have created some interesting new creatures! We have all been very impressed by their use of descriptive language and the way they have interwoven factual information into the reports. The children are excited to show you their writing portfolios at Parents Evening next term. The children were sent home with song lyrics for the Year 6 production; please encourage the children to learn the lines! All songs can be listened to on YouTube.



Reminder – Holiday Dates

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

