



HILLINGDON NEWS

A big welcome back after the sun-filled May half-term break. As always, it has been lovely to hear the stories of adventures and time spent with family and friends, from our children. As the sun is beginning to make more of an appearance, please be reminded that children should be coming to school with a plastic bottle of water. You are also advised to apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school, particularly if they are likely to be outside for PE.

There are many things to look forward to this term; we have the Year 2 production, Year 6 productions, Sports Day as well as many other exciting trips, events and learning activities within the classroom. We hope to see many parents, family and friends in the lead up to the summer break, to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements happening within the school.

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Come Rain or Shine!

On Thursday, our Year 2 and Year 4 children ventured to Ryefield Primary to represent our school in the SHSSN Olympic and Paralympic Festival. Despite the grey clouds, our children were all smiles as they took part in the different activities. We were thrilled to see the children participating so confidently and throwing themselves into each of the stations. They most certainly showed resilience and determination - rising to each of the challenges. We were lucky enough to be

treated to a dance performance at the end of each event; we have certainly got some talented performers! Well done to all of the children who took part; you were an absolute credit to the school.



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - The children quickly settled back into nursery routines. They enjoyed our new seaside role-play area and this lead to discussions about holidays and trips to the beach. One particularly popular activity was making collages of fish. We created fish with numerous colours, patterns and designs.



Reception - This week, we have had a visit from a librarian from Oak Farm Library who told us about what to do in a library, showed us what a library card looked like and even told us some brilliant stories.

We also learnt how to measure and we

practised by measuring our friends. It was lots of fun!



Year 1 - This week has been a busy week in Year 1! In Maths the children have been learning about money and the value of different coins and notes. They especially enjoyed looking at the new, dodecagon, £1 coin! In Science the children were exploring different materials and metals and using large magnets to test which were magnetic and which were not - it was so much fun! A huge thank you to all the families who have donated recycling materials for our castle-building project.

The children have all made detailed plans of what they will use to create each different section of their castle and some have even started creating them! We look forward to showing you the finished products.



Year 2 - This week in Year 2 we have been busy practising our lines and stage positions for our upcoming show and choosing who the winners of the front cover design are...watch this space!

What an exciting morning we had on Thursday at Ryefield Primary School! The weather was kind and the rain stayed away as we enjoyed the many activities on offer. A favourite with the children were the giant parachute games; we had to hold on really tightly as the wind was fierce - this just made it all the more fun! A huge thank you to all the parents who came to take part and cheer us on.

Now that we are days away from our production it is really important that we know all our lines by heart. This includes the songs and all the fun actions to dance along to. Thank you to all the parents and carers supporting at home with this.

As always, well done to all those super readers reading 5 times a week - keep it up!

Year 3 - In literacy this week the children have all entered a competition based on Jacqueline Wilson's new book 'Wave Me Goodbye'. They have used their imagination and creativity to write a letter about an experience they have had away from home. After drafting and editing the letters we will post them to the competition to see if any of our children can win the £100 book token! During science this week we have started our new topic on teeth. We have discussed our initial thoughts on the topic and have begun to think about the different types of teeth we have. Next week we will look at the importance of

keeping them clean!

All the children have now been signed up to an online resource called 'Read Theory'. Type this into Google and then use the password and username provided to your child to log on. This is a fantastic resource to help improve their comprehension skills.

Year 4 - This week, Year 4 have been reflecting on their fantastic Viking Day. The children and teachers have been discussing their favourite parts. Some children really enjoyed handling the unique artefacts that Eric Ericsson brought along with him. Other children thoroughly enjoyed being given the chance to dress up as a Viking warrior. Mr Jones' favourite part of the day was the battle chant 'shout off'.

"My class were so loud and fierce with their battle chant. I was unfortunately not with my class at this point as I had to attend a meeting. However, I could hear their shouts echoing through the new building. It filled me with great pride, hearing my class chanting my name and I know they must have struck a lot of fear into the other classes on the playground."

On Thursday, Year 4 attended a sports festival which was held at Ryefield Primary School. The children were presented with the opportunity to participate in a range of different sporting events, working alongside children from other schools in the area. The children were enthusiastic throughout, despite the wet conditions, and conducted themselves admirably.

Year 5 - This week, Year 5 have enjoyed getting back to school to continue with their Japanese board games. They have designed, presented and shared their

ideas to the rest of the class. As a result, groups have started to think about what would make their game sell in a shop and for what price!

Throughout the week, we have continued to look at Kensuke's Kingdom in our literacy lessons. We are beginning to discover a little bit more about who this Kensuke character is and his impact on the story. Year 5 look forward to hearing the rest of the story unravel; it may be a bumpy ride!

Year 6 - Year 6 have been busy investigating and researching different habitats and species for their Non-Chronological Reports. We certainly have **Year 5** - This **Year 6** - Year 6 have made a great start to their final half term at Hillingdon Primary School. The children have been working in small groups this week to create a research project about an area of Ancient Greek life. In their groups they are producing a large poster to display the facts that they have discovered and they will present this information to teach the rest of the class. The children have shown real enthusiasm towards the project and are being very creative with their presentation ideas. They have also begun working on an autobiographical project that they will take with them to show their new teachers at their transition day at their new secondary school.

There has been much excitement about the upcoming rehearsals for the year 6 show. Auditions began this week and the children should know their parts next week. Please encourage your children to keep practising the songs for the show, at home.

Notices

We have more baby news! Mrs Strange had a lovely baby boy back at the beginning of May. Toby Alexander Owen was born on 5th May at 6.17 am weighing 6lb 8oz. Mum and baby are doing excellently.



Sport News

Above are some pictures of our Sports Ambassadors in action. Sydney and Zaheeb, both in Year 6, have been working hard to spread the joy of Sport. They are role models to the rest of the school - helping to organise lunch time activities and supporting with other sports events. You will see our Sports Ambassadors at work during our up-coming Sports Days.

