



HILLINGDON NEWS

It has certainly been a busy week at HPS - we have had lots of exciting trips, clubs and training sessions taking place. Although we have all been busy in our year groups, we took time out on Monday morning to come together as a whole school community. We had a special assembly about Peace and Unity, discussing the importance of togetherness and respecting each other's differences. We looked at the humble bee and decided we could learn a lot from the way they unite and work together. There may be many awful things happening around the world, but here at Hillingdon Primary we stand together. Hopefully you will have heard about 'The Great British Bake Off'; stay tuned for further information about a fundraising event that will be happening on June 27th around the theme of Peace.

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Book of the Year

This week, six children from year 6 took part in the Hillingdon Book of the Year competition at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge. This is an annual event where the children in year 6 have to read six different books, discuss them, compare them, choose their favourite and finally create a 5-minute performance all about that book to show at the event. The children involved have been working on this project since before Christmas, when

they started a weekly book club (led by Mrs Davidson) to read and discuss the books. Since half term they have worked tirelessly on their performance and they represented the school beautifully on Thursday. Mrs Davidson couldn't have been more proud! Unfortunately they weren't crowned the winners but they all agreed it had been a fantastic experience and expressed their disappointment that book club had come to an end! For anybody who's interested, the children chose Beetle Boy by M.G.Leonard as

their book of the year. If you've not read it already, they would highly recommend it for your summer holiday reading list!



Attendance STARS

School attendance is critical for success and we would like to congratulate all of those children who have managed 100% attendance during this half term. We recognise that it can be hard during the winter months with various coughs and colds, but would like to reiterate the importance of maintaining good attendance. The more children are in school, the more they learn and the more likely they are to do well.

Attendance figures for this week are:



KS1	KS2
RZ 99.33%	6O 100%
2M 99.00%	5G 99.03%



Well done to 6O - it is wonderful to see class groups achieving 100%. Let's all aim for this next week.

Fun at the Farm

This week Year 2 visited the Urban Farm in Hounslow. We particularly enjoyed petting the rabbit and feeding the pigs some crunchy carrots.

The owl show was fantastic; the owl keeper whistled and the bird knew to fly

over our heads. We tried very hard not to scream!

The exotic talk included a hairy tarantula, a very heavy boa constrictor and a fascinating stick insect, which many of us were brave enough to hold.

What a fantastic day we had! Thank you to all the parents who came to support us.



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week we continued our seaside theme. We wrote letters and numbers in the sand, fished for sea creatures and made sea-themed cards for our dads. On top of this, we practised hard for our sports day.



Reception - We have had a busy week in Reception this week. During PE we have been practising for Sports Day. We have some super athletes! We have also been exploring technology by using the iPad to take photos of our friends pulling silly faces...it was a real giggle.



Year 1 - This week Year 1 have been working extremely hard in all areas of their learning. We have finished our maths topic surrounding money where we now know how to work out how much change should be given to us when

buying items from a shop. In our topic Castles we have finalised the building of our own castles and have reinforced the structures with paper mache, which was particularly fun!

This week has also been an important week for us as we have completed our phonics screening, for which everyone worked tremendously hard. Words cannot describe how proud we are of all of you!

Year 3 - This week the children enjoyed learning more about teeth. They have examined the different types of teeth and learnt the different parts of a tooth.

A large part of this week has been focused on test revision techniques and recapping key topics taught. This is to support the children with their end of year assessments next week. They will have maths tests on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Then a Reading test on Wednesday and a SPAG test on Friday. The children have all worked extremely hard this year, so these tests are a chance for them to show off all they have learnt!

Year 4 - This week, Year 4 have been continuing to reflect on their fantastic Viking Day and completing their fantastic recounts. They have continued to focus on the use of subordinating conjunctions and throughout the week have been looking at how they could improve their work- the suggestions have been outstanding. The Year 4 adults have been super-impressed with the outcomes of this writing, as the standard has been astronomically high! You have made us all incredibly proud.

Within Science, pupils have started to look at the Digestive System and have been exploring the wide variety of processes related to it. Some of them have demonstrated this brilliantly using a pair of tights, orange juice, water and many other intriguing objects. It has been a terribly messy topic so far!

Year 5 - At the start of the week, we were fortunate to have some visitors from the Japanese Society, who came into our classroom to carry out a variety of workshops. We learnt so much about Japanese culture, including Japanese food; the super speedy bullet train and what traditional Japanese houses look like. The year 5 teachers were particularly impressed with schools in Japan, where children are always expected to tidy the classrooms, corridors and even toilets! If

the cleaning isn't done in time, they have to stay late!

One of the best parts of our workshop was learning how to write using calligraphy. Year 5 were lucky enough to use calligraphy pens and practise three different symbols.

As year 5 look to next week and their final year 5 assessments, we hope they will spend some time over the weekend thinking about this year and all the things they have learnt. We wish them well next week and hope they will do their best!



Year 6 - Year 6 have been getting stuck in to their rehearsals for Matilda this week. The classrooms have been filled with singing and it's fair to say that the children and staff have gone home this week with at least one of the numbers stuck in their head! It has been great to see so many children put themselves forward for solo lines in the songs; the staff have been really impressed by the confidence and commitment that the children have demonstrated. There is still a long way to go, however, so please encourage your child to keep practising the songs at home!

The children have continued to learn about Greece this week, focusing this time on modern Greece and its geographical features. They have studied the location of Greece on a map of Europe and have made comparisons between the capital cities of Athens and London.

Sport News

Our Year 6 Tag Rugby team have been working hard during training sessions. There has been a big improvement from the first session and it has been great to see them begin to work as a team and play tactically.

Deciding who will make the final team for the tournament on June 26th, is certainly going to be tough!



Notices

To support Book Week, we will be running another book swap event in school on Wednesday 5th July. Remember to bring in your old (but good condition) books before then and you can collect up to 3 vouchers for new second-hand books. Lots more books for older children are especially needed. Happy Reading!

THE GREAT ELLIOT BAKE OFF

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ON YOUR MARKS,
GET SET,
BAKE!

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FANCY YOURSELF AS A BUDDING CHEF? WANT TO TAKE PART IN A FANTASTIC CHARITY EVENT?

TUESDAY JUNE 27TH

HELP SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE

We will be hosting a fantastic charity event to support the Elliot Foundations's theme of Peace. A huge number of Elliot schools will be taking part, with the winner going on to represent Hillingdon Primary at the final.

Get creative in the kitchen - it may be a double chocolate mud cake or perhaps a selection of red velvet cupcakes... What wizardry could you cook up?

WE ARE ENCOURAGING ALL CHILDREN TO TAKE PART AND TO BRING IN A 'BAKED DELIGHT' ON THE TUESDAY MORNING. WE HAVE A SPECIAL PANEL OF JUDGES COMING, JUST LIKE THE REAL BAKE OFF!

CAN YOU CREATE A SHOW STOPPER?