



HILLINGDON NEWS

We have had a truly terrific week here at Hillingdon Primary School. We had the Great Elliot Bake Off, a visit from the fantastic author- Jennifer Killick, Tag Rugby and Rounders Tournaments, a visit from the Goethe Institute and a whole host of exciting learning activities throughout the school-what a week! Many of our families celebrated Eid on Sunday; we have enjoyed hearing all about the celebrations and would love to have any photos to display on our Celebrations and Festivities board.

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BAKE OFF

“On your marks, get set, BAKE!”

On Tuesday, there was a wonderful sense of excitement in the air, as the children proudly waltzed in with their Showstoppers. The delicious scent of chocolate and vanilla wafted down the corridors, as the baked delights were carefully taken to the children’s classrooms. We could not believe the standard of the cakes baked by the children and were thrilled to see so many families taking part in the event. Children from Reception-Year 6 were involved and it was an absolute honour to transport the year group winners to the final. We had over 40 head teachers with us on the day of the competition and they acted as our judging panel for the year group winners. A huge WELL DONE to all of the children who took part, whether it was designing a cake, baking a cake, or even just eating the cake- it was a fabulous day!

A special well done to the following

children, whose cakes made it to the final round:

- Parath
- Aanayah
- Chiddi
- Shreya
- Inaya
- Shariya
- Charlee
- Jessica
- Renae
- Destiny
- Sai
- Oliver
- Lucie
- Georgina
- Samira
- Divyan



The winners of our Bake Off are the fantastic Georgina and Lucie- from year 6- with their cake: ‘Strawberries and Cream are the Wimbledon Dream’. Entirely made by themselves, their highly original and creative cake included biscuit tennis rackets and sponge tennis balls- incredible!



Jennifer Killick Visits HPS

KS2 were excited to welcome Jennifer- a debut novelist- into Hillingdon Primary this week. An ex-pupil of this very school, she gave an inspiring and engaging assembly about her new book and what it takes to become an author. We couldn’t believe that it took 6.5 years for her book to transform from an idea into a published book. You certainly need a great deal of determination and perseverance to become an author! Some of our children also had workshops where they continued to explore the power of storytelling- it really was a fantastic day, with many of our children feeling inspired to write their own stories. Jennifer’s book will be part of the Summer Reading Challenge at Hillingdon Library- make sure you visit

the library to get your copy! If you would like to purchase your own signed copy, please refer to the flyer that was emailed out earlier in the week- you have until Friday 7th July!



BOOK SWAP

As part of Reading Week, we will be holding another Book Swap. Our first Swap, held earlier this year, was a huge success. This could be a great chance to clear out any unwanted books and swap them for something new and exciting. Bring any books in to your class teacher, who will give you a token in return, which you will be able to use at the Book Swap.



Look what we've been up to:

Nursery - This week has been Pirate Week at nursery. We have dressed up as pirates, made pirate hats, created maps and used salt dough to make coins. Outdoors, we made boats and a few people walked the plank! We ended the week with a treasure hunt searching for pirate gold.



Reception - We have spent a lot of time learning about Eid this week and sharing stories of how we have celebrated. The children loved learning from each other and seeing photos and looking at Henna designs from the celebrations. The children enjoyed designing their own mehndi patterns- what a talented bunch!



Year 1 - : In Maths this week, Year 1 have been learning about the early stages of division. The children have been sharing different quantities between their

friends, making sure they always have equal groups.

In Literacy, the children have been using their imagination to write stories about a boy and his dog. It was lovely to see them putting everything they have learnt during Year 1 into use and creating some lovely and interesting stories for us to read.

We have been rehearsing a special song in our Year 1 song practice and this week we had the opportunity to show all our hard work to our friends in Reception and Year 2. It was a wonderful performance and the children had big smiles whilst they were singing their hearts out.

Year 2 - This week in Year Two, the teachers were overwhelmed with the response to The Great Elliot Bake Off, with so many fantastic cakes made and brought in by our super Year 2s. Check out some of our cakes - they were delicious!

We are all looking forward to Monday when we kick start our Reading Week with a visit from the Oak Farm Library staff. Have you checked out the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge yet? Don't forget to bring along any books you would like to swap on Wednesday!



Year 3 - It has been another busy week in Year 3! In literacy the children have been learning about the key features of leaflets and how they are used. The children then created their very own leaflets on healthy living to fit in with their science topic.

Maths this week has focused on 2D and 3D shapes. The children enjoyed finding the properties of different shapes and creating their very own 3D shapes using nets.

In science this week, the children were enthusiastic (but also became slight queasy) when analysing the results of the egg shell experiment. They have concluded that coke, orange juice and vinegar are not good for our teeth!



Year 4 - This week, Year 4 have been engrossed in their exciting new Science topic, 'Eating and Digestion'. This topic will help the children understand about the diets of different animals, as well as how humans eat and digest food. As part of the lessons this week, the children looked closely at human teeth, exploring the differences between incisors, canines and molars and describing their functions. Using mirrors, the children were able to explore their own, and each others, teeth. Next week, the children will be thinking about what different animals eat, exploring what the terms 'herbivore', 'carnivore' and 'omnivore' mean. The children have also started an art project linked to their Vikings topic. We look forward to sharing some of our completed art with you next week.

Year 5 - Year 5 have enjoyed lots of different activities this week. One of the highlights was a writing workshop with the author Jennifer Killick. As part of the workshop, year 5 were asked to create their own superheroes and villains. They came up with some very creative ideas; including 'Cashman', 'Sapphire' and many more. If you want to find out more about their super powers you may have to wait for their published books!

Year 4 - Year 6 have been putting the final details into their performance of Matilda this week and the show is really starting to come together. Staff and pupils are really excited for friends and family to come and see all of their hard work next week.

There were some fantastic entries from year 6 in the Great Elliot Bake Off on Tuesday. The year 6 team could not believe the hidden baking talents of some of the children! Well done to everybody who participated in the event and thank you parents and carers for supporting the children to take part - it was a great day!

The children have been completing a booklet all about themselves to take with them to their new secondary schools next Tuesday. They have recorded some lovely memories and funny stories; make sure you have a look when they take them home on Monday.

Attendance STARS



KS1	KS2
2M 97.85%	5T 97.73%
2A 96.89%	6O 97.21%



Book Of The Year

Well done to Alfie, Laksh, Shreeya, Thomas, Aadi and Ajwa on their fantastic performance for The Book of the Year Awards this week at the Civic Centre. Mrs Young was very proud of how you managed to learn all your lines so quickly and so well. Congratulations to our Elliot friends John Locke, on their win!



Chess Club

It has been a fabulous term for our chess club players. Every Tuesday, this group of enthusiastic strategists have used their last bits of energy, after a long day at school, to learn skills from how to move every piece for the best plan, to creating a checkmate.

In our last session, we had our end of year Chess Tournament, where I was delighted to see every player applying precisely that knowledge learnt throughout the summer term. I hope this is only the start of a new passion for many of these little big brains. Congratulations to our winner Felix, in 3P. Hussbaan (6D) and Shubb (4J) came second and third respectively.

Well done all!



The Goethe Institut came back to work with Year 4 on the Language Magician game. This is a new resource being developed in partnership with universities across Europe, to help teachers monitor the progress of children learning a Modern Foreign Language. We are very lucky to have been able to take part in the trials and are looking forward to playing again when the game becomes available to schools in 2018. We were very proud of how well our children engaged with the program and were complimented on their wonderful behaviour and 'have-a-go' attitude.

Excitement at the Rounders Tournament

Thursday saw our first entry into the Rounders Tournament- it was an absolutely smashing tournament, held at Ryfield School. The sun from earlier in the week had definitely disappeared and our incredible athletes battled the cold and the wind to sail through the group stages into the quarter finals. Unfortunately, our 'Blueberry' Team were knocked out by St Helens (the eventual winners) but our 'Apple' Team continued to play in the semi-finals, where they were knocked out by Oak Farm (the eventual runners up). A truly terrific effort by all the children, we were very proud of each and every one of them. They were incredibly supportive of one another throughout the tournament, showing excellent sportsmanship.



Year 6 Tag Rugby

Our Sporting week began on Monday at the Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament, held at Whitehall. The children played brilliantly and really developed as the tournament progressed. They made it through to the semi-finals and played valiantly against their opponents- unfortunately they lost out during extra time, but came home victorious in their bronze medals. Well done Year6!



Notice



Thursday 29th June 2017

Following today's visit from local author Jennifer Killick, we have had an overwhelming response from pupils who would like to purchase a copy of the book:

'Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink'

Therefore we are extending the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of the book at a cost of £6.99.

If your child would like to buy a book, please send this in to your child's teacher in a named envelope by Friday 7th July. Please ensure the correct money is given as change cannot be provided.

Jennifer will be returning to the school on Friday 7th July to sign copies for the children.