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Hot Weather:

As the warm weather approaches please don't forget to send your child into school with a water bottle and sun hat every day.

We would also recommend applying sun-screen and giving any anti-histamine medication to your children in the morning before they come into school, so they are all set for the day.

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HILLINGDON NEWS



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Welcome back to the start of the last half term of the academic year.

We hope everyone had a wonderful half term break?

We have lots of exciting events to look forward to over the next few weeks including our Sports Days; Year 2 show and Graduation Assembly; Year 6 show and leavers events; the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge; and our own Parliament Week; not to mention a number of fantastic class trips.

Before we look ahead however, we would like to invite you to look back over some of the great experiences and achievements that took place just before the May break: we had more parents join us in Early Years to share in their children's learning and enjoyed some fabulous visits from road safety experts and dance specialists! Keep reading to find out more.

Pedestrian Training



Practising crossing the road safely



On Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10 May, our Year 3 and 4 children were lucky enough to take part in some Pedestrian Safety Training. To begin, they had a safety talk from one of the experts. They were taught how to cross the road safely and were given some useful tips about how to keep themselves safe when crossing the road. They also learnt about the importance of wearing a seat belt in a car and wearing a helmet on a bicycle and had the opportunity to ask any questions that concerned them about staying safe on the roads.

In small groups the children then left school and went outside to Nicholls Avenue to practise crossing the road and to find out more. They all crossed the road safely, keeping an eye out for hazards and they learnt a rhyme to remind them of everything they had been taught. In chorus they called,

"Stop, look and listen, before you cross the street! Use your eyes, use your ears, before you use your feet!"

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and behaved fantastically: they were great role models for Hillingdon Primary School.

Shared Learning

Nursery

The children were very excited to welcome their families during this term's shared learning sessions. Mums, dads and a few other relatives very quickly joined the children in their play, and the children happily chatted to them about activities they enjoy doing in the nursery.

Nursery staff had set up small challenges around the nursery for the children and adults to participate in, such as searching for and counting animal pictures in the garden, and estimating how many balls were in a jar and counting them afterwards.

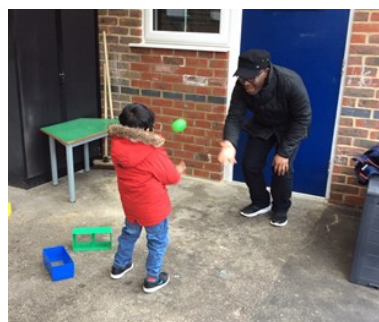


At the end of each session, parents were invited to participate in group times and could see how their children learn through various activities which included recognising numbers and letter sounds.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend on this occasion.



Children made cakes from playdough and built towers using various construction kits.



Reception

Reception were also very excited to have their parents and carers join them in the afternoon for a shared learning session focusing on independent challenges.

The children took their parents into all of the different classrooms, outside into the playground and into the learning corridor to explore the different activities all based around the jungle.

With their parents and carers the

children made animal masks using different materials such as feathers and sequins; went on a jungle hunt in the outside and learning corridor areas where they looked for different animals and ticked them off a list; and made a list of things that they would need if they were going to take a trip to the jungle. The children also had lots of mini challenges such as animal acting, safari badge making, jungle patterns and jungle animal colouring.

The children and staff really

enjoyed having the parents and carers join them, especially when it came to completing challenges that the children found tricky.

This was the final shared learning session of the year. Staff hope that parents and carers have found the sessions helped to gain a deeper insight into how the children learn in Early Years and also that they enjoyed joining their children as much as everyone in Reception enjoyed having them there.

More Shared Learning in Reception



The children loved sharing their learning with their parents and carers: thank you again to everyone who was able to join us.

Dance Workshops

Just before our half term break we were delighted to welcome back the Perform for Schools Company. They delivered exciting dance workshops across the school based on the theme of 'Fairytales and Legends', but with a modern twist!

The children explored how emotions can be expressed through movements, as well as learning a high-energy 30 minute dance routine! Take a look at the fantastic pictures showing some of our children in Years 1, 2 and 4 getting to grips with the routine.



Children told the story of Snow White using hip-hop moves such as the body pop, stanky leg, helicopter, dougie and the shuffle!

Why not see how many they remember and if you can join in too!

Additionally, if your child loved the story of Snow White, why not

check out some more fantastic titles such as Cinderella, Clever Hans, The Boy who Cried Wolf and The White Witch!

Sports News

Take a look below at some of our fantastic sports superstars:



Harvey (5M) competed against 60 other dancers to be awarded second place in a nationwide street dance competition! What an incredible achievement.



A fantastic achievement also for our Tennis Team who secured second place in the Borough Tennis Tournament with some amazing rallies in the final. This is the third time that HPS has competed in the tournament but the first time we have made it through to the final: hopefully a sign of great things to come!



Breakfast Club held a Table Tennis World Cup Tournament during their table tennis sessions with each child representing a different country.

Did you know, the table tennis world cup was held this year in London? We may have some future stars amongst our own pupils!



Well done to our Year 4/5 Tag Rugby team who were bronze champions in the district tournament.

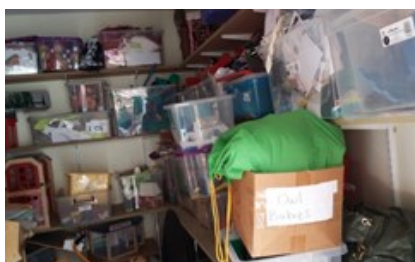


An athletics taster session delivered by SHSSN (South Hillingdon School Sports Network) provided a perfect opportunity for our Year 1 children to experience some new athletics activities.

Nursery Refurbishment

This term our nursery has exciting news! Hillingdon Primary successfully obtained a grant from the London Borough of Hillingdon to develop the nursery in order to support the 30 hour full time provision. This grant was used to refurbish a store room to create a new quiet room for all nursery children. See our before and after pictures opposite.

We have opened our new room this term and it has been a fantastic addition to the nursery setting. Currently the room is being used for our small group activities; some parents have already joined in with these



Before ...



And after. What a difference!

activities during Shared Learning sessions. The children are benefiting from a calm and small environment, helping them to develop their concentration and focus on an activity. The opening of the room has also improved the home time period, when children are waiting for their parents to come and pick them up.

In September nursery foresee the room also being used to good effect by the full-time children, providing the option of a quiet space for an afternoon nap for any children that may need it.

Safeguarding Information for Parents

Our children's safety and well-being is of paramount importance for all at Hillingdon Primary. From the celebration of national events such as Anti-bullying Week and Safer Internet Day, to activities such as Pedestrian Training and safety workshops, we plan a wide range of activities to inform and empower our children to help them stay safe.

As much as possible, we try to share this information with our parents and carers, however we appreciate that it can be difficult for busy parents to get into school to attend events such as our Safer Internet Evening. We would

therefore like to take this opportunity to signpost you to a few online resources that are available to support parents to keep their children safe.

The Anti-bullying Alliance have an interactive online information tool for parents and carers that provides advice and guidance on building your child's self-confidence and self-esteem, looking out for the signs of bullying and strategies for dealing with concerns and cyber-bullying. The tool can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents/interactive-anti-bullying-tool-parents>

The NSPCC website is also a

great place to find a range of information and advice to help you keep your children safe whether they're at home, out and about or online. Please visit their website as detailed below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>

Finally, please don't forget that our doors are always open at school. If you have any concerns about your own or another child please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our Pastoral Care team (Mrs Morris and Mrs Chaplin) who will be more than happy to help. Serious concerns can also be accelerated to a member of the senior leadership team if preferred.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

JUNE:

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th: Year 2 Shows

Monday 18th: Year 6 Trip to National Gallery

Monday 18th (EY& KS1) & Tuesday 19th (KS2):

Book People Book Fair

Friday 22nd: Year 3 Father's Day Reading Breakfast

Tuesday 26th: KS2 Sports Day

Wednesday 27th: KS1 & Reception Sports Days

Thursday 28th: Nursery Sports Day

JULY:

Monday 2nd: Year 4 Trip to Science Museum

Tuesday 3rd: Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 4th & Friday 6th: Year 6 Show

Friday 6th: Reception trip to Ruislip Lido

Please see the Summer Term dates sent for a full list of dates and event details.