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HILLINGDON NEWS



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As another half term draws to a close we can take time to reflect on what a fantastic community of children we have here at Hillingdon Primary School. From the hard working attitudes and mature approach to the end of Key Stage tests seen in Year 2 and 6, to the wonderfully diverse and entertaining talents on display at our Hillingdon's Got Talent show at the end of the Spring term, we are extremely proud of them all!

This is also an opportunity to thank our parents and carers for their donations that have enabled us to continue to provide a range of exciting extra-curricular activities and events for our children, including the Ducklings in Reception and the Key Stage 1 Safer Internet workshops which you can read more about in this newsletter.

All that remains is to wish everyone a lovely half term break.

Please don't forget that Monday 4th June is a teacher training day, and children return to school on Tuesday 5th June.

RE Week

This term began with a focus on RE week, providing an opportunity for all of the children to learn about what other people believe and discuss their own beliefs based on the themes that arise from the Christian festival of Easter.

Each year group was given a 'big question' to consider throughout the week, ranging from, 'What is the Easter story,' in Reception to, 'Why is forgiveness important at Easter,' in Year 5.

questions.' In these interactive sessions, Reverend Alan helped the children reflect on the meaning of Easter and the significance of this time of year to Christians, as well as its wider themes. The children very much enjoyed acting out the scenes from Easter Week and using the exciting props Reverend Alan brought in to make Easter Week alive.

We would like to say a big thank you to Reverend Alan: we hope to see him again very soon!



Reverend Alan very kindly came in to deliver some exciting assemblies throughout the school based on our 'big



Acting out the Easter Story with Reverend Alan

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Welcome to New Staff!

We would like to welcome Mr Clarke to the site team. Mr Clarke joined us in April 2018 and will be working alongside Mr Smith as the Assistant Site Manager. You will see Mr Clarke early in the mornings around school, and he also

helps out at lunchtime.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Byrne who has joined us as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 5.

Please say hello to both if you see them around the school and give them a warm Hillingdon Primary welcome.

Talent Show Stars

An amazing array of talent shone in 'Hillingdon's got Talent' on Friday 23rd March. The brilliant Mrs Davidson organised this fabulous spectacle of dance, singing, gymnastics and comedy, amongst other acts, with a little help from Year 6 hosts Kaaya and Maddy.

The children and adults alike were thoroughly entertained by the varied and confident performances from Year 1 to Year 6.

Each class had voted for its most popular act and these children performed for the whole school! Please see below for a list of our performers and their talents.

The event was a huge success, forming a wonderful start to our Sport Relief Day and importantly, was a testament to the talent and enthusiasm of all of the performers, as well as the many more who auditioned for the event. A fantastic moment for HPS, we are proud of you all!

Class	Performers	Act
1C	John-James, Elizabeth, Dylan, Abdul	Hula hoopers
1D	Nanki, Hannah, Aarya and Arjun	Dancing
1O	Sadaf	Gymnastics
2A	Kayla	Gymnastic routine
2M	Malak	Karate
2P	Raees	Ukelele
3CM	Shaan, Freddie, Lewis	Comedy
3QH	Kavita, Henny, Sarah, Richa & Paris	Dance
3Y	Aiza, Mia, Sophie, Ilaria	Violin and dancers
4C	Angel, Semas, Sameer, Sujay and Abdiaziz	Dance/acrobatics
4D	Veer	Playing the dohl
4M	Brandon, Ravi and Dwij	Singing 'When I was Your Man'
5D	Jake	Dancing
5G	Isha	Singing
5R	Atina	Singing 'Scars to your Beautiful'
6	Lana and Selena	Dancing
6	Alex Carr	Stand up comedy



Hillingdon's Got Talent!!



Year 6 Dancers



Magnificent Martial Arts



Playing the Dohl



Singing Sensation!



Hula-Hooping Heroes

Reception News ...

Ducklings

To start off our New Life topic, Reception had an extra special delivery...of duck eggs! We were able to watch them hatch and luckily enough the exciting moment was caught on video which was sent to the whole school!

When the eggs first arrived in their special incubator we predicted which egg we thought would hatch first and this year it was egg number 3!



After a couple of days, when they were big enough to walk on their own, we were able to take the ducklings out of their play-pen and let them explore – they had their own paddling pool so that they could have a swim and an open area with some hay for them to run about in. They were so popular that we even had visitors from the other years groups in the school!



During this time we were also lucky enough to be able to hold

them and a picture of this was given to our family on an Easter card.



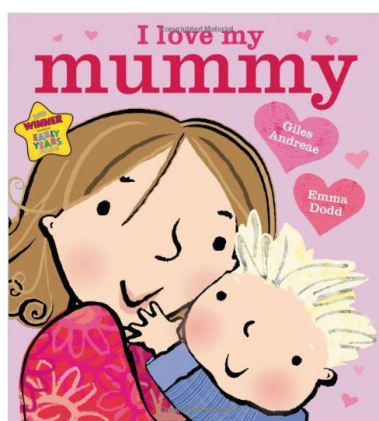
We were very sad to see the ducklings go but we know that they are being well looked after with lots of space to run around and grow.



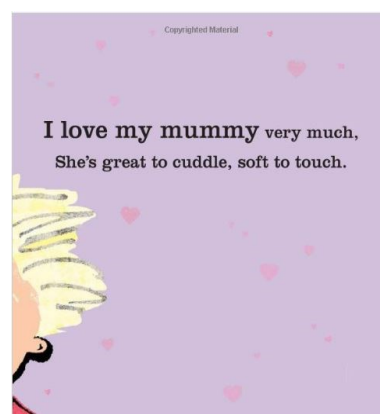
Mothers' Day Assembly

As part of our Mothers' Day celebrations each Reception class performed their own assembly. These were huge successes – our mummies were so proud that some of them even cried!

Our assembly didn't just come together overnight though. They were based around the book, 'I love My Mummy,' by Giles Andrea. We worked hard at home to learn our lines and equally hard in school to practice saying them in the large hall with the microphone.



As a thank you to our mummies for everything that they do for us we made them a beautiful Mother's Day card and gave them a flower as a gift.



We all enjoyed performing our Mother's Day assembly to our mummies and were so pleased that they all loved it.

KS1 Safer Internet Workshops ...

Year 1

During the second half of last term, Year 1 learnt all about how to be safe online.

We had a fantastic workshop by 'One Day' where the children discussed the online games and websites they use at home. This was a lot of fun as the children were able to act out different scenarios and learnt how to respond if someone is unkind online.

Stories such as The Three Little Pigs were acted out by the children, as characters of an online game.

The children learnt the cues 'tell - block - report and stay safe' as a reminder of what to do if someone is ever unkind online. We also discussed who the children could tell if they have a problem online and agreed that they should tell their adults at home or a teacher at school who could help them.



Year 1 Workshops

Year 2

In Year 2 the children really enjoyed taking part in the active, engaging activities that took place in the workshops for Safer Internet day run by the company 'One Day'.

Each class were led in an effective role play activity that saw the main character 'Captain Digi' being supported by the children with keeping safe when playing games online.

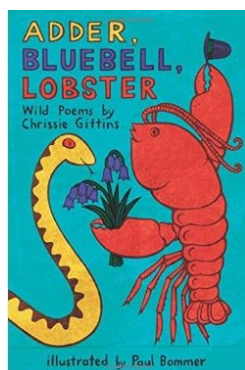
Remember the message...

'Tell - Block - Report' and stay safe!



World Poetry Day

To celebrate World Poetry Day on 21st March, Year 1 read a selection of poems from an anthology called,



'Adder, Bluebell, Lobster: Wild Poems,' by Chrissie Gittins.

Chrissie Gittins was very unhappy that over 100 nature words had been removed from the Oxford English Dictionary and created an anthology to help restore these words again.

The children enjoyed listening to and reading lots of these poems, particularly ones entitled, 'Hamster and Parsnip,' and were inspired by Chrissie Gittins' anthology to write their very own poems, all with a nature theme.

1C wrote poems about animals, 1D wrote poems about flowers and 1O wrote poems about fruit and vegetables and they were very proud of their fabulous adjectives and rhyming words.

The children also had lots of fun creating handprint art work to illustrate their wonderful poems and create a fantastic new corridor display.

Going Back in Time

Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Verulamium Museum to find out more about the Romans. There were plenty of different activities to explore and lots to see. The children had the chance to hold and look at lots of different articles which really helped make the topic come alive.



Some even got to dress up in costumes and felt like real Romans!



One of the most spectacular sights was the floor totally made out of decorative mosaics. It was amazing!



Sport Relief Assembly



In the lead up to Sports Relief week, 4C presented a Sports Relief assembly on Friday 16 March.

During the assembly, the class showed off some of their sporting talents with gymnastic routines, karate moves, hula-hoop spinning and even a running race! The talents were a great way to get the rest of the school ready for the talent show, held the following week.

The children also explained why Sports Relief is so important, played videos of the different British and overseas talents with organisations and people that benefit from the money we raise for Sports Relief and explained what our school was going to be doing during Sports Relief Week. 4C finished the assembly off by singing and dancing to the official Sports Relief song, which they did with great gusto and enthusiasm.

Well done 4C, you really stepped it up and gave it all you'd got!

Eggstravanza!

We ended the Spring Term with a very exciting Easter Egg Raffle. There was a wide range of Easter Eggs, kindly donated by school staff. Children were eagerly holding on to their raffle tickets and particularly enjoyed

the special eggs they won with gifts and activities.

Thank you to all parents that took part in this fundraising event. We raised a fantastic £534 which will be put towards extra curricular activities for the children.



Attendance

As the weather improves and there are fewer coughs and colds circulating, so we have noticed a general improvement in attendance across the school. The summer term provides a great opportunity for all of us to make that final push to drive up individual attendance so that we can meet our target of a minimum of 96% attendance for every child.

As always, we are keen to celebrate great attendance and our key stage superstars are shown opposite.

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
2MS - 97.02%	4M - 97.62%
1C - 96.89%	6S - 97.60%
1D - 96.31%	6J - 97.39%

Thank you to all of our parents and other adults who support us by getting their children in to school on time, every day. Good

attendance is key to your child's success at school and sets them on the right path for the future.

News from Oak Farm Library

Drama Games for Half-Term

Our regular half-term activity returns this spring, with a special Drama and Improv Games Workshop on Wednesday, May 30th aimed at children aged 7 to 11.

Running from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, this promises to be an afternoon of exciting drama and improvisation activities to get kids' imaginations working. The session ties-into the National Curriculum and is great for developing speaking and listening skills, but more importantly: lots of fun! There's no need to be a budding actor, anyone who enjoys playing games that involve speaking and movement will get something out of this workshop.

Children's Book Club

Our library now has its own Children's Book Club for young readers aged 7 to 10. The club reads a new book each school term, meeting over the course of nine weeks on a Wednesday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm.

Group members take it in turns to read out loud every session and take part in fun games and activities linked to the book they're reading.

Our current club is very nearly full for the summer term (starting May 16th), but any parents who are interested can contact us by email to have their child's name added to the waiting list. If we have enough interest we will be happy to set-up a second club.

Code Club is Back!

Oak Farm Library's next six-week Code Club programme will run every Monday at 4.15pm to 5.15 pm, starting on June 4th.

Code Clubs let children aged 9 and above get creative and share their ideas, learning how to code along the way. Every week, members work on a project using a simple programming language called Scratch and gradually learn about coding concepts, so they can build their knowledge one step at a time.

Previous Code Clubs have booked up fast, so we suggest parents book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

For further information and to book places please call 01895 556242 or email oakfarm-library@hillingdon.gov.uk.

Diary Dates:

MAY:

Friday 25th: Training day - school closed.

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June: **HALF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSED**

JUNE:

Monday 4th: Training day - school closed

Wednesday 6th - 13th: Assessment week

Thursday 7th: Year 2 and 4 Sports Festival

Friday 8th: Year 5 trip to HOAC

Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th: Year 2 Shows

Monday 18th: Year 6 Trip

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

Book People Book Fair

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

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