

NOTICES:

Early Summer Term

Dates:

Please keep an eye out for the Early Summer Term dates that will be emailed to parents before / during the Easter holiday.

HILLINGDON NEWS



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It has been another really exciting term at Hillingdon Primary School with lots to celebrate! The whole school loved participating in all of the exciting events to celebrate World Book Day, from taking part in poetry workshops with poet Kate Williams, to enjoying a whole school 'readaround'. There were also some very imaginative costumes to be seen around school too – thank you to all pupils and parents and carers who helped make this such an enjoyable week.

There have also been lots of fantastic sporting successes this term; too many here to mention! Read all about them on page 6.

We would like to wish all our children and their families a very happy Easter holiday and we look forward to another exciting term. See you all back in school on Monday 16th April.

World Book Day

World Book Day is always a date in the calendar that the whole school looks forward to and this year was no different! Almost thwarted by the snow, we popped our wellingtons on under our costumes, threw warm coats over our shoulders and wore our beaming smiles all the way in to school.

Class 3Y weren't put off by the bad weather. They introduced World Book Day with a wonderful assembly. Through using the book 'Don't Read This,' they delivered a clear message encouraging everyone to get reading and enjoy reading. As well as acting and singing the children shared their favourite books and showed off some of their costumes of favourite characters. The reason for 'World Book Day' was explained and everyone agreed that the children were certainly inspired to 'Gotta Keep Reading!'



This year's World Book Day theme was poetry and each year group looked at famous poets, exploring a range of texts,

learning poems by heart and creating our own!

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Welsh poet Kate Williams, who joined us for two days of engaging workshops all about dragons. She gave us some clues to look out for hidden dragons and how to look after them should we ever meet one!

In Year 2 the children were each cut a slice of rich chocolate cake and were asked to describe how it made them feel watching it and longing to take a bite! Once allowed to taste it the children described it as 'a slice of heaven', 'like swimming in a chocolate mud bath' and Miss Maylor's favourite evaluation question: can all lessons have chocolate cake?!

In Year 3 children learned 'The Dragon Who Ate Our School', off by heart using pictures and actions. This exciting poem tells the story of a naughty dragon - why not ask the children to recite it for you at home?

Our celebrations didn't end there: continue reading to find out more about our Book Week events.



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MORE BOOK WEEK FUN ...

Readaround

What excitement!

At 2pm on Tuesday 27th February, the whole school was in the hall, waiting to hear their names read out.

31 members of staff had volunteered to read different books, all over the school, to mixed groups of children. It was fantastic to see the engrossed faces of children listening to new stories and then taking part in an



Playing 'Twinkle, Twinkle,' after listening to 'Five Minutes Peace.'

exciting activity based on the book, ranging from playing a

musical instrument, drawing a new city or being dramatic.

Book Swap

Once again we had a fantastic response to the call for books for the book swap - what a great opportunity to find something new to read, and have a bit of a clear out at home.

Make sure you start sorting now for another book swap next term. We especially need books for the older children, please.

German Poetry

Your children in KS2 may well have been telling you all about the most famous German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. We have been studying one of his poems for Book Week, called Der Zauberlehrling, which you might know as the Sorcerer's

Apprentice. The section in the Disney film Fantasia was inspired by this poem and some music written by a French composer called Paul Dukas. Ms Devons has been incredibly impressed at how well some children have been able to learn verses, in 250 year old German!

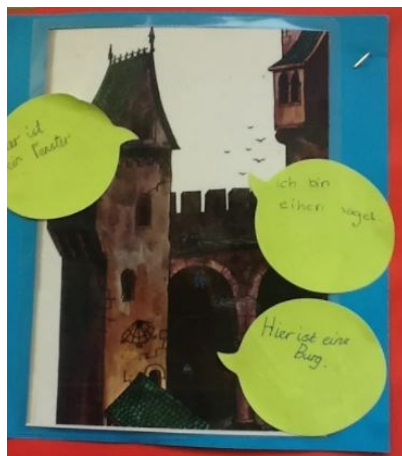


A taster of our fantastic German poetry work and display

World Book Day Fun



3CM as their favourite characters



3QH's Superheroes!



1D all dressed up for World Book Day



Our Matildas in 3QH

Nursery News ... World Book Day & Snow Fun!!



All Dressed Up!!



Enjoying the Snow!



Shared Learning

Earlier this term we were pleased to welcome our parents, grandparents, siblings and friends into the nursery.

We wanted to show them what we enjoy doing and how we learn in nursery. They read us our favourite stories, helped us to build models and made many play dough shapes with us.

Even though it was very cold outside, they joined us in the garden for a search of hidden numbers and letters. Some of us enjoyed running around the garden playing a traffic light game where we ran, walked or stopped according to the colour that the traffic warden showed us.

We wanted to show our friends and visitors how confident and

imaginative we are so we organised a puppet show for them. We asked everyone to join in with singing our favourite nursery rhymes. During our group times we demonstrated how we learn letter sounds in a variety of fun, hands on activities.

We would like to thank all of our visitors for joining us and sharing our learning.



Reception's Teddy Bear's Picnic

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Reception had a teddy bear reading afternoon with our parents and carers!

We invited them into school to sit with us to look through and read a selection of stories. We all wore our pyjamas and brought our favourite teddy bears – including the teachers!

As a special treat we enjoyed a delicious biscuit – as it was a picnic after all! It was lovely to see all of the parents and carers attend and to see them not only reading to their own children but to other children as well.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and thought it was a wonderful way of spending some quality reading time with the children in the classroom setting.



Year 2 Maths Mastery

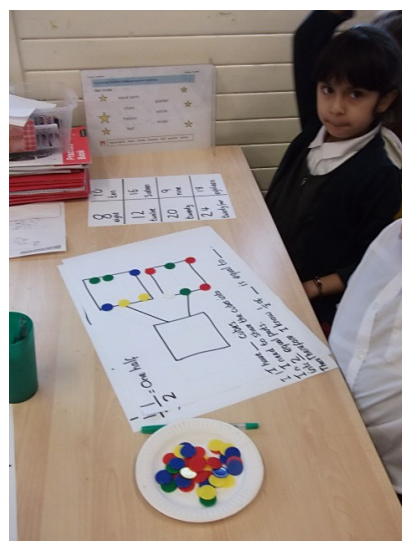


In Year 2, the boys and girls have continued to use the Ark Maths Mastery programme to achieve learning objectives in topics such as fractions, money and time.

They have enjoyed using and applying maths strategies such as 'Make 10' and reasoning techniques such as 'If I know ... then I know' which have helped pupils with being successful in achieving learning objectives and criteria. Through consistent effort and with the support of staff and great resources, the children are becoming more resilient and able to persist in achieving their goals. Each lesson is packed with new



learning, use of the correct mathematical language and celebrations of all successes.



Well done boys and girls for your continued effort and achievements!

Year 6 Journey to Junior Citizens!

By education editor: Aanayah 6J

On Wednesday 7th March, the Year 6 pupils of Hillingdon Primary School were welcomed by the LFB [London Fire Brigade] at Brunel University, for the Junior Citizen event. This is an annual event in the Borough for Year 6 pupils. It demonstrates how to be a good Citizen and how to be safe in the community.

The children travelled to Brunel University by the U2 bus. People on the bus were impressed with their behaviour. After the short bus ride, the pupils arrived at Brunel University. They were escorted into a big hall and were

split into groups of 10. Each went to different rooms for each activity. The activity included: drugs, fire brigade, knife crime, cyber bullying, bus safety, water safety and bike safety.



Mrs Sands, HLTA, remarked that: 'I was really impressed with the behaviour of the children at the event'.

The pupils' most momentous

scenario was the knife crime workshop. They were shocked when the P.C.O [Police Community Officer] stated that a young student, just 2 years older than them, had brought a large knife to school to protect himself. After this conversation the Year 6 pupils agreed to never bring a knife into school and to keep it safe-in the kitchen!

Overall the experience was hugely beneficial. The children left Brunel University with a smile on their faces and ready to be good citizens within the community. Events like this, are essential in helping year 6 make the transition from Year 6 to secondary school .

Thank you Brunel University!

Soaring for Safety

By education editor: Asveni

Hillingdon Primary visit Brunel to prepare for secondary

Last Wednesday, sixty-four year six children from Hillingdon Primary School were lucky enough to visit the annual Junior Citizens event at Brunel University. It has been operating since 1991 and is designed to encourage children to be law-abiding citizens. At this exciting event, the students participate in eight activities to help them stay safe and make the transition from primary to secondary school – often a daunting prospect!

As soon as the children arrived, they were escorted into the main hall and a guide (volunteers) welcomed and announced their participation in the eight activities. Each group of 16 children had a scoresheet; for each activity, they received a score based on their behaviour, their engagement and their conduct.

One of the most beneficial and relevant workshops was on knife

crime. All the children were surprised when Police Officer Judy Collins said they were liable to go to prison at the age of ten. They also had a shock when they discovered how many years you could spend in prison for carrying a knife! Anoosh, aged 11, a pupil from HPS, stated "I never knew you could get into prison being so young. I'll never commit a crime in my life."

Another of the educational workshops was about bus safety. The children learnt the significance of being a reasonable distance away from the kerb. They were provided with an example of an incident in which an abandoned bag was on a seat next to them. Unfortunately, these situations take part in our borough; therefore the children need to know what action they need to take. Their attitude when dealing with this situation was exemplary. Policeman David Smith remarked "The kids from HPS were amazing. Our team loved that they respected us and listened very carefully."

The students also used this

period of time to associate with the borough's authorities. Some of the pupils hadn't met any of the heroes who help us in our day-to-day life before so it was a brilliant opportunity for them to ask any questions they had in mind. "It was lovely seeing the kids socialising with the important adults in our borough." quoted Mr James, a teacher at HPS.



Events like the Junior Citizens help support the children in our borough to make the transition from primary to secondary school. If you would like to sign your school up for Junior Citizens, go to:

<http://www.juniorcitizenstrust.org.uk/cms/>

Sports News

What a fantastic term for our sports superstars: not only have our existing teams gone from strength to strength but we're trying new sports and getting active.

Mixed Netball League and Rally



Winners!

Our mixed netball team has been the most consistent squad that HPS can remember. They played every game as if it were the final and managed to keep the trophy in our cabinet after 10 games undefeated. Our 8 superstars have not only won the league but also the mixed rally. HPS came up against some stiff competition on their way to the final; some very strong teams such as St. Bernadette, Cherry Lane and Oak Farm. Hermitage was winning 4-1 by the end of the second quarter, when our team came back to win the game 7-6 and the overall tournament.

Table Tennis Tournament

At HPS we are always up for trying new sports and activities. This time, it was table tennis.



Always up for a new experience

Our mixed team had a very fun evening at Oak Wood Secondary School, where they had an

opportunity to meet other children and practise the sport. What's next?

Dance taster session

Our Y1 and Y4 children had the opportunity to enjoy a street dance taster session during PE this term. The workshops were incredibly engaging and motivating with all of the children practising their "tutting" and "locking".



Let's get moving!

The rest of KS2 also had an opportunity to get involved with the sessions at Lunch. The queue for the workshops went around the whole playground! Adam (from the school games organisation) couldn't believe how popular the sessions were. He commented on the "amazing talent and confidence" of the children.

Swimming Gala

Our swimming team had a great time at the Swimming Gala



Swimming Stars

competition on 15th March.

Our medley relay team worked really hard to secure second place and Malika (6S) and Rhys (6J) came 1st and 2nd in the individual events. Well done team!

Change4Life club:



Getting active at lunchtime

The children have been enjoying the Change4Life club, which has been running on a Friday afternoon. Our Bronze Sport Ambassadors (Marcello and Maddy) are leading this exciting project and it has been wonderful to see such a range of children excited by getting active and fit. Well done all!

Football League Champions

It has been a long time since our school has won this title. However, our football stars have worked really hard this year to put HPS's name on the trophy list again.



Well done team!!

Run a Mile

As part of Sport Relief week, our KS2 children faced the challenge of running a mile on the playground: a whopping 15 laps! Everyone completed the challenge, whether running, speed walking or walking. The music and encouragement from teachers and classmates helped to motivate everyone to keep going. Well done boys and girls!



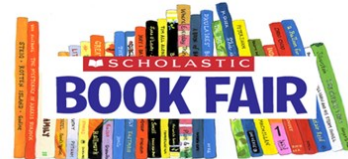
Running a Mile

Book Fair

We would like to thank all the families who attended the Book Fair. There were some great resources in the Book Fair for all age groups. We achieved sales

totaling **£1029.15**. This has helped the school with rewards of **£617.37** to spend on new books in school.

Thank you for these very valuable resources in the school.

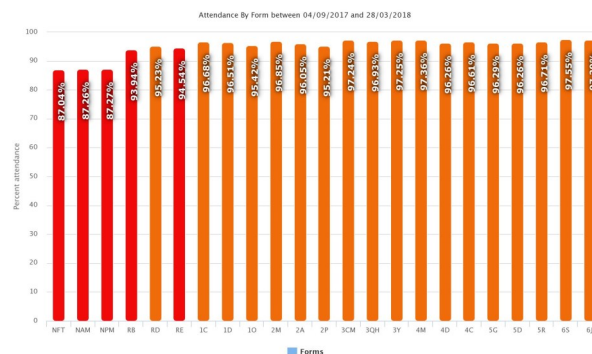


Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting us during the recent bad weather and for getting your children into school. Hopefully the big chill is behind us and Spring will soon be here.

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
2M - 96.8%	6S - 97.5%
1C - 6.7%	4M - 97.4%
1D - 96.5%	6J - 97.3%

A big congratulations to our attendance stars who are above our Governors' 96% attendance target. Keep it up!



Attendance by Class to Date

Diary Dates:

APRIL:

Monday 16/04: Children return to school

Monday 16/04: Primary School Offer Day

Week beginning 16/04: RE Week

Friday 20/04: HPS Spellathon

Monday 23/04: St George's Day

Wednesday 25/04: Y4 & 5 District Tag Rugby Competition

MAY:

Week beginning 30/04: Nursery & Reception Shared Learning Sessions

Monday 07/05: Bank Holiday - School closed

Wednesday 09/05: Y3 Pedestrian Training

Thursday 10/05: Y4 Pedestrian Training

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