

## NOTICES:

### Admissions:

We have determined our Admission arrangements for the academic year 2019-20. Please visit the Admission Page on the school website for details:

<http://www.hillingdon.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=13>

### School Term Dates 2018-19

Term dates for the new academic year were published on 15th January.

# HILLINGDON NEWS



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The energy has been electric this term, as our digital leaders enthusiastically rehearsed their Google presentation to the whole school and went on to deliver a superbly confident performance to adults from all over the country, at the Bett Show! Interactive workshops and the Year five children, delivered an incredibly important message to the whole school around the theme 'Create, Connect, Share and Respect' to mark Safer Internet Day. The magnificent Basketball team won their tournament and are going on to represent HPS at the London Youth games. And if that is not enough, we put on our dancing shoes to dance the night away, at our amazing disco and went back in time to the strict Victorian days. What a fantastic term so far!!

## Safer Internet Day

During the first week of February the school celebrated Safer Internet Day, with the theme: **Create, Connect and Share Respect.**

The topic was launched by Year 5 who worked very hard to deliver two brilliant assemblies focusing on being kind online and how to deal with issues with friends when group chats go awry. The children worked diligently to learn their lines and deliver this very important message to their audiences. They were fantastically supported by the adults involved, especially Mrs Davidson, who helped create the script and a wonderful video of the children's views on situations online.

In special assemblies held by Mr Jacobs for KS1 and KS2, children were reminded that 'online speak' is different to 'face-to-face speak' but should be treated with the same level of respect. Teachers then engaged their classes in activities to promote class discussion and a better understanding of online safety.

To bring an excellent end to a very informative week, KS2 children were treated to a superb performance by One Day Creative, who delivered an interactive show to children in KS2 called 'Level Up.' The performance was a series of games which the characters played through and covered a range of key issues including pop-ups, cookies, inappropriate content and in-app purchases. The performance was thoroughly enjoyed, and One Day Creative will be back in the near future to share more of their workshops with KS1.



Learning about the dangers of in-app purchases



Children enjoying the 'Level Up,' performance

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## Digital Leaders at the BETT Show

On Friday 26th January, the Digital Leaders of Hillingdon Primary School visited the British Educational Training and Technology Show (BETT) at the Excel Centre in East London. The show is an opportunity for technological businesses to share new ideas and information with educators. After an excellent presentation at the Elliot Foundation Digital Leader Event at Brunel University, Hillingdon's Digital Leaders were excited to have been invited by Google to deliver a presentation at their Google Training Centre at BETT.



In the weeks building up to the event, the eight Digital Leaders met with Mr Jacobs, Head of Computing at Hillingdon Primary School, to decide on exactly what they wanted to say. All children agreed they loved using Google both in the classroom and at home, and hoped for a future where such cloud technologies were a core part of everyday schooling. Together they decided to call their presentation: ***A Vision of the Future; Imagined by Children.***

The children began writing, editing and redrafting what they wanted to say, and started practicing how they wanted to say it. By performing their presentation at school assemblies, they gained confidence in talking to an audience, and by the morning of

the 26th, they were ready.

The Digital Leaders met at Hillingdon train station and travelled to the show with staff from school. The BETT show runs from Wednesday to Saturday, but Friday is known to be the busiest day. By the time the children went on at 11am, a large crowd had gathered. In the audience were school leaders, business managers, Google employees, computing teachers and other members of the general public.

If the children were nervous, they didn't show it. They delivered their presentation with confidence and enthusiasm well above their years. Maddy, Hillingdon's School Representative, introduced the Digital Leaders and explained who they were, and why their voices should be heard. Luana opened the presentation by describing a future that is both uncertain and exciting. Chiddi spoke of his brother Kodi, now in Nursery, and pondered on what kind of world he will inherit when he turns 18 in the year 2031.

Sara demonstrated how new technology has made huge changes in the way we travel and how we communicate, and how she feels there is still a way to go until schools fully incorporate new technology into the classroom. Kaaya spoke of her frustration when the learning ended at the end of a lesson and she wanted to learn more, and how she worked around this by doing her own research at home. She hoped for a future where school learning and home learning were united.

Shruthi spoke about how using Google Docs for her writing meant work doesn't stay in books at school and instead lives on the 'cloud', meaning her family can share in her school work whenever they want. Neil spoke about how he wished more writing could be completed on Google to avoid using so much paper.

Thomas shared how he loves learning things from YouTube where he can learn at his own pace, and how he wished this approach can happen in school. Heshni told him it can, if teachers use videos stored on Google Sites to deliver lessons. Finally, Chiddi and Luana closed the presentation by stating that instead of being taught knowledge, they want to be taught the skills to learn knowledge.



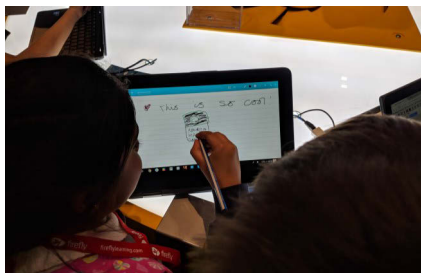
**Presentation completed! Phew!**

The response to the presentation was outstanding. Many teachers and school staff wanted to learn more about the children's ideas and made requests for visits to the school. Google staff commented on how powerful it was to have the children speak independently without any adult supporting. Hillingdon Primary School are very proud of the children. They truly are Digital Leaders!

*We hope to be able to share the children's presentation with parents and the school community in the near future, and will notify you when this is available on our school website.*



## More from the BETT Show:



A new way to write?



What a crowd!



A well earned lunch!



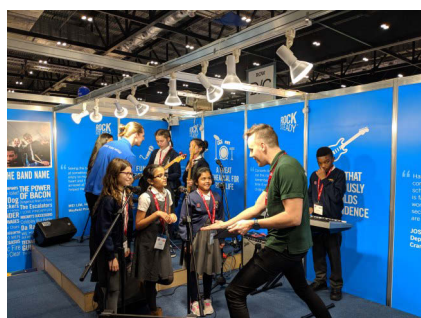
Learning about Adobe



HPS on Google Street View!



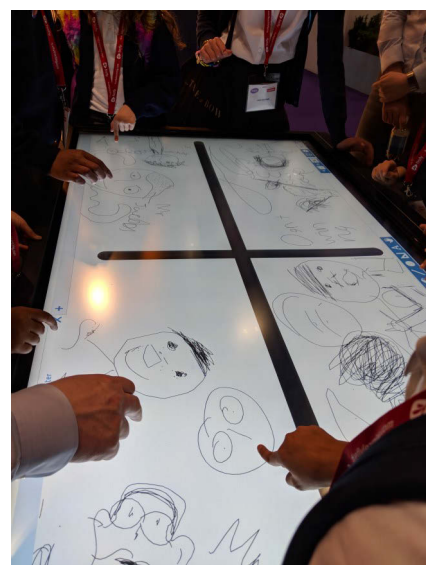
Minecraft!



The children enjoying their first experience of being in a band!



The wonders of augmented reality



Drawing Mr Jacobs on the interactive table



## Sports News

### Basketball 3x3 tournament

We are off to the London Youth Games! We are incredibly pleased to announce that our basketball team will be representing the London Borough of Hillingdon in the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace in June, after winning the 3v3 Tournament at Uxbridge College.

We took two teams to the tournament, and both Hillingdon A and B came top of their groups so were guaranteed a position in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, for our B team, they had to face a strong Whiteheath team and they didn't make it through.

Hillingdon A beat Dr. Triplett's in the quarter-final and St. Swithun Wells in the semi-final, with an incredible performance. Finally, it was Hillingdon A's turn to take on the Whiteheath team and they won!

We are now looking forward to seeing how our basketball stars do in the London Youth Games.



**We're off to the London Youth Games**

Well done team!

### District Handball Tournament

Still buzzing from the basketball tournament result, our handball stars set themselves the target of improving on previous years' successes at the District Handball Tournament.

We're proud to announce that the children certainly achieved their goal; earning a well deserved first place and another trophy for our school.



**Handball Superstars!!**

The last time Hillingdon Primary won the Handball Tournament was in the year 2000: what a result!!

## Victorian Day

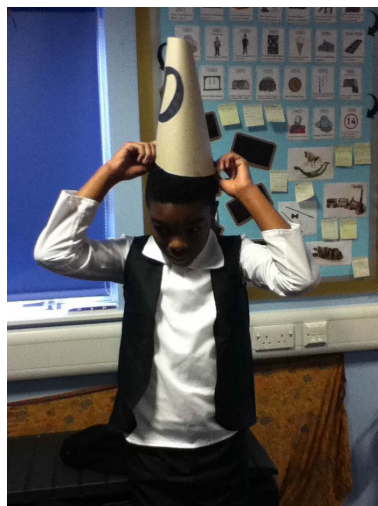
Year 5 were put through their paces before half term, with their much-anticipated Victorian Day.

The children were asked to dress as Victorian children and role play, with their eager teachers, life in a Victorian school.



Lessons like drill, technical drawing, arithmetic and memorisation were taught and any mischievous pupils were punished using the cane or the

dundee's hat amongst many others!



The children had a wonderful experience, bringing their learning in topic to life.



## Attendance Update - Data Facts

Our newsletter frequently includes reminders to parents of the importance of getting their children in to school, on time and ready to learn every day.

Governors have set a target of at least 96% attendance across the school. What many parents may not realise, is how that figure equates to actual days of learning missed.

Did you know, that a child with 96% attendance will have missed 7 days of school during that academic year? Times that by the number of years in primary education and that equates to them being absent for 10 weeks of learning - almost a term!

A child with an average of 90% attendance will miss 12 days a year: equivalent to 17 weeks of learning

throughout their time at primary school - almost half a year!

Children who are absent from school are at a disadvantage as they have to catch up with their peers. Attendance is key to success at school and we hope that you will continue to support us in our drive to improve our children's attendance.

As always, we would like to say a huge well done to our class

Attendance Stars in KS1 and KS2 for having the highest rates of attendance so far this academic year.

Keep it up!

★ Attendance Stars	
KS1	KS2
1C - 96.7%	6S - 97.52%
2M - 96.68%	3CM - 97.33%
1D - 96.58%	4M - 97.33%

## Kidchella - What a Success!

The children finished the last half term with a glamorous school disco. There was so much excitement as the hall was prepared for a night of fun games and dancing with DJ Fil from Discoz. The children looked very smart in their disco outfits, particularly those that chose to dress in the festival spirit. We were amazed by some of the



Kidchella Festival:  
Ready to Dance!

moves on display - we definitely have some talent in KS1 dance. Watch this space!!

We had a huge turnout of children and would like to thank parents and school staff for supporting this activity: in particular, the KS2 parents who stayed to supervise the KS2 Disco. It is through events such as these that it becomes even more apparent what a strong community and partnership we have with parents, which will only serve to benefit our children.

The disco raised a whopping **£1,337** for the school which was wonderful. The funds will be used to enhance children's learning through extra curricular activities such as workshops and special visitor events.



## Cashless School:

ParentPay

Following the success of the roll-out of ParentPay, the School has now decided to become cashless for all major school activities, including clubs, donations and trips with immediate effect.

We have been trialling online payments for the last term and have had a positive response from parents. As well as many advantages to parents,

our administration processes have been more effective ensuring we have a clear audit trail.

The school will no longer accept cash or cheque therefore if you have not yet registered on ParentPay please do so as all upcoming trips will need to be paid using ParentPay. Please contact the school office for your link code if you have lost/misplaced it.

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school cashless.

## Dates to Remember:

### MARCH:

**Week beginning 19/03:** Assessment Week & Parent Consultations (see term dates letter)

**Wednesday 21/03:** World Poetry Day

**Friday 23/03:** Talent Show Finale for Sport Relief

**Thursday 29/03:** School closes at 2.40pm for Easter Holidays

*Please see the latest Spring term dates sent to parents at the end of the autumn term for a full list of dates and event details.*