

## NOTICES:

### Start Date for Autumn Term 2018:

Please note that school will reopen to children in Years 1 to 6 on

**Wednesday 5th September 2018.**

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September will be training days for staff only.

Separate arrangements will be notified to parents of Nursery and Reception pupils.

Term dates for the remainder of 2018/19 will be published in the Spring Term.

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# HILLINGDON NEWS



## Issue 3, 2017-18

The school has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks as children prepared for Children in Need Day and Anti-Bullying Week celebrations. We were privileged to watch two fantastic assemblies and have been impressed by the children's commitment to raising money for others less fortunate than themselves. During Anti-bullying Week children focused on celebrating what makes us all unique and different. We are proud to be an inclusive school where children feel valued and able to be themselves. As this is so important to the school, please speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns about your child's experiences at school and remember that you are welcome to accelerate any particular concern you may have to a senior leader.

## All Different, All Equal

This year's Anti-bullying Week's theme was 'All Different, All Equal'. At Hillingdon Primary School the boys and girls have celebrated what makes them unique through a variety of activities including Circle time, Geography tasks and, in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, evaluative class discussions about the show 'Ugly' presented by the company 'One Day'.



Anti-bullying Workshop 'Ugly'

The week was launched by 4D's superb class assembly. Thank you for your clear messages and wonderful speaking!



Year 4 Anti-Bullying Assembly

Throughout anti-bullying week reception have been spending their circle times looking at ways in which we are different from our friends, for example having a favourite fruit or different hobbies. They have talked about this in their classes

and discussed how, although they might like different things, they are all equal and their likes or dislikes are still valued. The boys and girls in Year 1 and 2 have learnt about the different houses in the local area and the varied views from their windows.



Year 2 Anti-bullying drama work

Most importantly, everyone has talked about the importance of being in a happy and safe school and what to do to keep it that way...

***We say tell your troubles straight away!***



Year 5 Drama based on Pixar's 'For the Birds.'



Anti-bullying Workshop 'Ugly'

## Children in Need

On Friday 10th of November, we were excited to welcome a very special visitor to Hillingdon Primary School - Pudsey Bear!



Pudsey and his helpers came to tell us all about Children in Need and the amazing work that the charity does to help children all over the UK. Pudsey's visit really inspired us to try to raise as much money as we could for this fantastic cause.

Firstly, we set up a stall in the playground so that children and parents could buy Children in Need Merchandise. This was so successful that everything sold out on the first day!

On Friday 17th November we all came to school dressed in spots and gave a donation. We also had the pleasure of watching 4M's fantastic assembly. They thought about what it is that children really need and how we can all help

make sure that children have the positive lives they deserve. They



worked extremely hard, as a class, to learn their parts and their singing sounded beautiful. Well done!

In the afternoon, Year 3 organised a cake sale which was a great success with not a single cake left at the end of the day!



We would like to thank all the people who helped make Children in Need week such an exciting one and all the children and parents who attended our special assembly and donated so generously.



**Together, we raised a total of £1004**, including £658.25 from our cake sale and £345.75 from the Pudsey Merchandise Sale.

***Thank you!!***



**Our Children-in-Need Merchandise Sale Raffle Winners**

## Digital Leaders

We are proud to announce we have appointed our first ever Digital Leaders! This is a group of children who will lead us going forward in the use of technology in education.

Becoming a Digital Leader wasn't easy! All children were required to fill out an application form detailing their strengths and ideas. We received over 60 applications! Then, four from each year group were chosen to come for an interview. The standard of interview was

incredibly high, but after careful consideration our panel of experts decided on two children per year group to represent the school. Their names are:

Sara & Kaaya - Year 6  
Chiddi & Luana - Year 5  
Neil & Shruthi - Year 4  
Heshni & Thomas - Year 3



On Friday Mr Jacobs led our first Digital Leader session in the Conference Room using our new Chromebooks. The Digital Leaders decided on a number of targets they would like to focus on this year, and will be releasing details of these soon.

Look out for upcoming parent workshops, where our Digital Leaders will be presenting to parents on a range of things including the skills we are learning in school and how to stay safe online.





On Monday 6th November Year 6 and 5G were honoured to be asked to take part in some more trialling in the Language Magician project by the Goethe Institut.

5G tested improvements to the version Year 4 tested last year; Year 6 tested the next level, which was much more difficult.

All the children worked very hard playing this fantastic language game, which is being developed by universities across Europe to provide a free resource for teachers to assess progress in modern foreign languages. We have so impressed the Goethe Institut, who are one of the leading partners in developing the resource, that they asked to film Year 6 children at work. This will be used to compile a short film, to train teachers how to use the game in their classrooms. We hope this film will be available for

us to share with parents and carers in the Spring term.

We were very proud of the resilience shown by all our children who have taken part in this project: they have shown great focus when faced with tricky problems.

Here is a link to the demo version for you to try at home.

<https://demo.thelanguagemagician.net/>

## Festival of Lights

Hillingdon Primary School had another fantastic day of fundraising on Friday 20th October where we combined learning about the Festival of Lights with a colourful mufti day, where staff and children dressed brightly in order to raise money for The Elliot Foundation Charity and

Celebration Project, raising money for young refugees in conjunction with the Good Chance Project.

Some wonderful assemblies were delivered by Miss Healey, Mrs Cole and Mr Perryman about the nature of Diwali and how it is celebrated across the community, as well as some exciting work

taught across the school: highlights included drama work in Year Two and comic strip creating in Year 3.

**An amazing £494.09 was raised in total for the cause.** Thank you to parents for all your support.

## Aztecs in Year 5

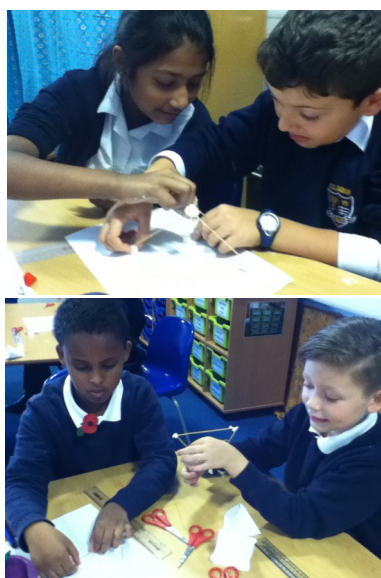
*Written by our Year 5 Journalists*

Year 5 has had an exciting few weeks after half term. We have been studying the ancient Aztecs and their religious beliefs. The children found out some gruesome facts about how they sacrificed each other and ripped out the victim's heart! Apparently, the Aztecs believed that it would be an honour if you were sacrificed! Year 5 had lots of fun drawing their codices which are Aztec books. They really enjoyed tea staining their paper to make it look very historic.

In maths, Year 5 has been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The most exciting part was when we made our own 3D shapes, not with paper but with marshmallows and dried spaghetti! Yum! We all found this a good challenge and at the end we all had sticky, slimy

hands!

This week in science we learnt



how to separate a weird mixture called Alien Soup, using sieves, magnets and funnels.

Inside the Alien Soup were paper



clips, spaghetti, tea leaves and water (of course!). The experiment was lots of fun, however only some groups managed to separate all the materials!

## Awesome Autumn Walks!

Year one have begun to explore the seasons of the year this term as part of the science curriculum. To develop their understanding they all went on an Autumn nature walk in the environmental area.



As the children explored the area they looked out for signs of Autumn such as conkers, pine cones and berries and completed



a checklist of all the things that they spotted that were signs of Autumn. The children particularly enjoyed collecting a range of leaves in a variety of autumnal colours.

We thought about the animals that might live in the environment in the Autumn including: birds, hedgehogs and squirrels and how the space may change throughout the different seasons.



It was lots of fun! We discussed all the things we saw and created a piece of writing about the walk. We are now looking forward to exploring the season of winter in the coming months.

## Sports News!!

During the past four weeks, our sports stars have been very busy attending matches, sport events and important meetings outside the school. Read on to find out what we have been up to!



**In football**, we earned our pass to the next round of the Cup with a solid victory over Cowley St Laurence. The final result was 4-1 with a great performance from every player on the pitch.



The boys' **Packham Cup Football Tournament** Bronze Medalists.



**Our netballers** have crushed every team they have played against so far. Team work and good communication has been the key for their success. Hermitage and West Drayton have been the last two teams which have evidenced our storming start of the season. Let's keep this up!



Marcello and Maddy during the **Sports Ambassadors Conference** at St Bernadette Primary School.



**Our Panathlon Champions!**  
A fabulous result for our boys and girls who were winners of the competition this year. Well done team!



**Our 2017 Girls' Football Team!** A fantastic effort from our female footballers who participated in a very competitive and challenging tournament on 8th November.



## Christmas Fayre 2017 - Help Needed!



Our Christmas Fayre this year will be held on **Thursday 14th December.**

The children will run their own craft stalls however we are looking for parents' support to set up and label the tombola and raffle prizes prior to the day itself and also to run stalls including refreshments, gift wrapping, tombola and raffle on the day.

Please contact Mrs Sher as soon as possible at

[hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk)

on 01895 590087

or via the school office if you would like to help.

We would also love to hear from you if you run a business and are able to sponsor or donate a prize.

Thank you!



### JAN – MAR 2018

## Hillingdon Primary

in conjunction with The Elms Sport in Schools

### AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS, FOOTBALL & DODGEBALL

**OPEN TO:** Please see individual day/sport

**TIMES:** 3.30pm – 4.30pm

**WHERE:** School Playground  
(Please note, in cases of bad weather, the session will take place in a classroom and will be theory based).

**DRESS:** School PE Kit/Weather appropriate sportswear

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment is supplied by The Elms

**OUR STAFF:** All The Elms coaching staff are DBS checked and fully qualified

**Book online:** [elmssportinschools.co.uk](http://elmssportinschools.co.uk)  
Tel: 020 8954 8787 Email: [info@elmssportinschools.co.uk](mailto:info@elmssportinschools.co.uk)

#### TERMS & CONDITIONS

Bookings are taken on a 'first come, first served' basis & full payment must be received **BEFORE** the club commences. A minimum of 8 children must register for the club to go ahead. Refunds will only be given if the session is cancelled by The Elms or the School. In the event of The Elms becoming aware of any breach of Safeguarding Children Policy, we will immediately advise the relevant parents/guardians/teachers/Safeguarding bodies. **PHOTOGRAPHS** may be taken for marketing purposes, please inform The Elms should you NOT wish your child to be included.

MONDAY – TENNIS (YRS 3-6)					TUESDAY – FOOTBALL (YRS 1&2)				
JAN	8	15	22	29	JAN	9	16	23	30
FEB	5	12	19	26	FEB	6	13	20	27
MAR	5	12	19	26	MAR	6	13	20	27

(max 20 children per group)

(max 16 children per group)

#### WEDNESDAY – DODGEBALL (YRS 3-6)

JAN	10	17	24	31
FEB	7	14	21	28
MAR	7	14	21	28

(max 20 children per group)

#### COST

(all prices inclusive of VAT)

£45.00 per 10 week course (Mon)

£49.50 per 11 week course (Tues & Weds)

(equates to £4.50 per session)

#### ULTIMATEPLAYER.ME

Our brand new online coaching and scoring system – inspiring children to strive for and achieve their personal best. Children share and compare their achievements among friends – all in a safe and inclusive environment. Your child will be provided with their own unique code by their coach, in order to register for Ultimate Player. [www.ultimateplayer.me](http://www.ultimateplayer.me)



## Elms Sport After School Activities

The Elms Sports Club are now taking bookings for Spring Term 2018: please book early to avoid disappointment.

The following clubs are being offered subject to parent demand: Tennis, Football and Dodgeball. The clubs will take place on the school playground between 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

For further information and to book online please go to [www.elmssportinschools.co.uk](http://www.elmssportinschools.co.uk)

## Attendance Update



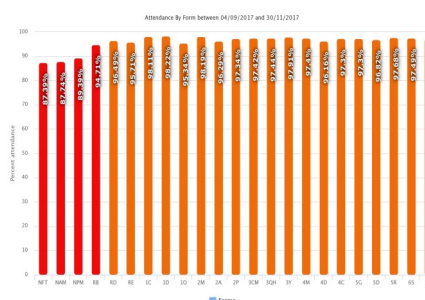
### Attendance Stars

KS1	KS2
1D - 98.2%	3Y - 97.9%

A huge well done to our **Attendance Stars** in KS1 and KS2 for having the highest rates of attendance so far this year.

We recognise that it can be difficult to maintain attendance at this time of year, with so many coughs and colds going round, however attendance is critical to ensuring your child succeeds at school.

Please speak to our Welfare Team about the ways we can support your child to get back to school if he / she feels slightly under the weather.



Attendance to date this academic year by class

## Dates to Remember:

### DECEMBER:

**6/12:** Open Day for Reception 2018

**7/12:** Nursery Christmas Songs

**8/12:** Reception Christmas Songs

**11/12:** School Carol Service at St John's Church

**14/12:** Christmas Fayre

**15/12:** Year 1 Nativity

**19/12:** HPS Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Class Parties

**20/12:** Last day of term. Carol concert in the playground at 14.10, school finishes at 14.40.

### JANUARY:

**Tuesday 02/01:** Children return to school.

Please see term dates sent to parents at the start of the year for a full list of dates.