

## NOTICES:

### Contact Information:

Please don't forget to update the school office if you have moved or changed telephone number over the holidays. It's important we have the correct information in case we need to contact you in an emergency. You can call the school, pop in to reception or send us an email to update us at: [hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk](mailto:hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk)

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# HILLINGDON NEWS



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**Welcome back!** We hope you enjoy reading our first newsletter of the school year. We are only in week five and already so much has happened as the children get used to their new teachers, classrooms and routines. You will see from the photographs how much they are enjoying their learning and we have already won our first football match. We are delighted that so many of the children have kept up with their reading during the summer holidays. Reading really is the key to success. Keep up the reading boys and girls!

## Summer Reading Challenge

On Friday 22nd September we had a special visitor, Nathan, from Oak Farm Library. He came to celebrate with those of us who participated in the Summer Reading Challenge.

We heard some wonderful statistics about how well we had done as a school within the borough, with our completing challengers recorded as the highest! We were also delighted with the improved uptake of those who took part this year, compared to last year - this was our best year yet!

A huge well done to 3Y and 2M who won special prizes for having the most children take part. All classes had at least 1/3 of the children taking part and our overall winners were 3Y, who had a whopping 21 children (2/3 of a class) taking part.

As we know, the library is not just for the Summer Reading Challenge! There are many events coming up over the next few weeks around Hillingdon, including Harry Potter Day and a Dr Who special event.



We are thrilled to see so many Hillingdon Primary pupils passionate about reading - anything and everything! Well done to everyone on a super reading Summer!

## Meet the Teachers

Over the past couple of weeks we have enjoyed welcoming parents into the school to meet their children's new class teachers and learn more about what the children will be learning throughout the year.

On Tuesday 19th September we held our Meet the Teacher event for specialist teachers. Parents met with Mr Martinez of PE, Ms Devons of German and Mr Jacobs of Computing, in the small hall to hear about the exciting things happening this year in those

subjects.

Mr Jacobs enjoyed explaining how children are being introduced to the ICT Suite in Year 1, moving on to having their own Google email in Year 3 and further developing their online design and coding.

Our specialist teachers thoroughly enjoyed meeting parents. Lots of interesting questions were asked. If you have further questions regarding PE, German or Computing lessons then feel free to catch our specialist teachers on the playground - they will be glad to help.

## Nursery News

In Nursery, we have had a busy start to the school year, welcoming our new children and their families. Some children have settled in quickly while others are still adjusting to a new environment and leaving the familiar care of their parents.

The focus of our teaching has been on learning each other's names and becoming familiar with nursery rules and routines.



Additionally, for the first time, this year some of our children are remaining at nursery all day. We have been very impressed at how well this group are managing with a full day at school.



## Reception News

In Reception, we have been settling into our new classes and making new friends. We have had lots of fun painting pictures of ourselves and sharing news about our families.

This week, Reception started their first Read, Write Inc. phonics lessons and the children have impressed their teachers with how well they can write and



remember the sounds they've learnt so far.

The children have also enjoyed receiving stamps in their 'passports' this week as part of their challenges in the afternoon, and are beginning to explore all the areas in their environment as a result. Well done Reception!



Years 1-6 have had great fun in school celebrating European Day of Languages this year, by learning some Disney songs in the language the characters SHOULD be speaking, if we look at where the stories are set! Can your child sing you some of their year group's song?

From Beauty and the Beast: Be our Guest in English and French: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXLgmqHpBkU>

From Moanna: We know the way in both English, Samoan and some Tokelauan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oexzNG8me4I>

From The Little Mermaid: Under the sea in Danish:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uca7FSaEMn0>

From Frozen: Let it go in Norwegian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RYrvECmSao>

From the Lion King: Circle of life in Zulu:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IqOuVj1wO14>

From Aladdin: A whole new world in Arabic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWMnrYvGaiQ>



We also had a lunchtime quiz, matching English words which have been 'borrowed' from other languages, with the original words and their meanings.

Ms Devons is going to have fun marking all 100 entries!!

## Year 1's Bear Hunt

At the beginning of term, Year 1 read 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt,' by Michael Rosen. They thoroughly enjoyed acting out the story, learning the words and creating artwork for display.



They also started the Mathematics Mastery programme; learning to use practical resources to support them. They have learnt about doubles and halves and how to find more or less.

## Exciting Start to Year 2!

What an exciting start we have had to the school year! Year 2 have been demonstrating their love of reading by completing lots of fun and creative activities relating to our chosen author, David Walliams. The children have become book reviewers, commenting on their favourite part of our chosen book 'The Queen's Orangutan,' whilst creating their own imaginative animals who could do as fine a job as the Queen's butler.

During the afternoons, the children have become enthralled by the historic events and

personal accounts from the 'Great Fire of London' and have imagined what it must have been like to eyewitness the historical events. We were also delighted to have some of the Hillingdon Fire Brigade officers visiting us one afternoon with their fire engine! The children learned about some of the common dangers and triggers of fires in homes and were able to hear what fire officers do besides putting out fires.

In our 'Humans and Animals' topic, the children have been examining the life-cycles of humans and frogs. They have been thinking scientifically to investigate and answer questions about the relationship between a



person's height and their shoe size.

The children have had a jam-packed and fun-filled start to the year and we have so many more exciting things to come, including our first library trips! If you are able to volunteer as a parent helper, please let your child's teacher know.

## Year 3 News



Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new school year and are all settling into the new KS2 routines

brilliantly. The teachers were particularly impressed with how many children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge over the holidays – Big Congratulations to 3Y, who were the overall winners in Key Stage 2!

In class, we have been sharing the book 'The Magic Faraway Tree,' by Enid Blyton. The children have been really excited to discover what magical land we

will be reading about next. They have invented their own imaginary lands and described them beautifully, using fantastic adjectives.

As well as all the fabulous writing, children have been getting creative in the afternoons too, exploring light and dark by sketching trees with charcoal and creating some lovely tree silhouette pictures using collage.

## Year 4 News

Year 4 have had an enjoyable and successful start to the year. It is lovely to see the children ready to learn and keen to meet their new targets.

We launched our topic of 'Brazil' with a Samba workshop outside, where the children took part in a musical performance. They are

beginning to delve more into the topic and have demonstrated their inquisitive nature!

In English, we have read 'The Marble Crusher,' by Michael Morpurgo and created our own narratives using ideas from our reading. Year 4 have come up with lots of imaginative writing, including creating their own crushing machine! Year 4 staff

hope that we continue to have a fantastic year and build on our achievements together.





## Year 5 Harry Potter Fans

Year 5 have had an amazing start to the year, with some great practical work using our new Maths resources; our materials topic in Science is now in full swing; and we've produced some fantastic work

based on our British significant author, JK Rowling.

This week we will be turning our hand to art, painting feathers to construct a giant owl to accompany our lovely writing about animal patronuses (animal spirit guardians as Harry Potter fans will know!) It's been lots of fun!



## Year 6 News

With great power comes great responsibility! As the children are now at the top of the school, we expect them to set a great example to the younger children. This includes behaving sensibly at all times, wearing their uniforms smartly and being prepared. Year 6 staff are pleased that the children have made a fantastic start towards meeting these expectations. We have been very impressed by their work ethic, particularly in

Literacy. The children have enjoyed exploring the work of C.S Lewis, producing incredible pieces of writing recounting Lucy's first steps into the land of Narnia. The children even got to venture through the wardrobe themselves!



## Sporting Success!

**Bronze Ambassadors:** Our 2017/18 Bronze Ambassadors have been introduced in Celebration Assembly. Maddy (6J) and Marcello (6S) will play a very important role this year, helping and supporting the PE team and promoting physical activity and sports across the school. Their first duty will be attending the Bronze Ambassadors Conference at St. Bernadette's School on 11th October. We wish them luck!



An almost brand new team had the challenging task of maintaining the high standards set by last year's football team.

And they could not have done it better!

Hillingdon won 2-1 in a very lively match, with some impressive interventions from our two fantastic goalkeepers.

Well done, team!



## Attendance Stars

We aim for 100% attendance for all pupils, however we understand this is not always possible and as a result our Local Governing Body set a target of 96% attendance for every child.



Every day counts and school success begins with attendance. Please support your child by ensuring they are in school on time, every day.

Each week we celebrate the class with the best attendance - who will it be next week?

KS1	KS2
2M: 98.8%	5R: 98.5%
2P: 98.5%	4D: 97.95%

## School Meals

Following the initial teething problems, The Pantry school meals are now being enjoyed by children and staff. I would like to thank parents for their co-operation with ensuring they have ordered meals online. The Pantry are working on some limitations with the software, and we hope to have these rectified soon.

A few tips and reminders:

- School meals are charged at £2.10 per meal.
- All children are required to order meals, including those eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals.
- Meals must be ordered by 9am each morning. You have the

option to order for one week / month / term in advance.

- Please ensure that meals are cancelled if your child is absent or bringing a packed lunch as meals ordered may be charged.



- Halal meat option is available. Please ensure that you enter this in the notes section of dietary requirements.

- The menu is available on the school website: <http://www.hillingdon.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Lunch&pid=28>

- Please ensure you speak to your child regarding their meal choices so they know what has been ordered.



Thank you for your patience and continued support with the school meals service. We will continue to monitor this service to ensure that children receive quality meals and the service is value for money.

If you have any queries please speak to The Pantry directly on 0208 813 7040.



All ParentPay school meals' credits have now been transferred to The Pantry accounts or directly refunded from Taylor Shaw. If you have any queries regarding ParentPay refunds please email Mrs Sher at

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

Please can you ensure that you retain your existing ParentPay logins as we will soon be introducing online payments for other school activities including breakfast club, after school clubs and trips.

Many parents have requested the online payments facility. Online payments have many advantages including convenience to parents, a clear audit trail and more efficient administrative procedures.

Further information will be provided relating to online payments in the near future.

## Dates to Remember

### OCTOBER

- 4/10:** Walk to School Day
- 5/10:** Special Lunch for 'Book to Film' writing event
- w/b 9/10:** Assessment week
- 13/10:** Year 6 PGL Assembly
- w/b 16/10:** Year 1 Parents' Maths Workshop
- 31/10:** Year 6 Deadline for Applying for Secondary School

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

### NOVEMBER

- 1/11:** School Photos
- 2/11:** School Photos
- 3/11:** Year 1 Autumn Walk
- 7/11:** Open Day (Reception 2018)
- 8/11:** Year 1 Autumn Walk
- 10/11:** Year 1 Autumn Walk
- w/b 13/11:** Anti-bullying Week
- w/b 13/11:** Nursery & Reception shared learning sessions
- 13/11:** 4D Special Assembly
- 14/11:** Year 5 PGL Meeting
- 17/11:** 4M Special Assembly
- 17/11:** Children in Need Fundraising Event & Year 3 Cake Sale
- w/b 20/11:** Parent Consultation Week
- w/b 20/11:** H-Factor Auditions