

NOTICES

Reminder Home Learning:

During school closure pupils can access work that has been set by their teachers through Google Classroom or the [Early Years Website](#) (for pupils in Nursery and Reception.) KS1 and KS2 pupils can also find a copy of the latest version of 'First News,' in their classrooms. First News is a magazine that aims to present current events and politics in a child-friendly format, alongside news on entertainment, sport and computer games.

The Elliot Foundation's Home Learning Support Site also provides links to other online learning platforms, along with helpful tips and guidance to support parents:

<https://sites.google.com/elliottfoundation.co.uk/home-learning/home#h.iv26mrdamtuj>

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HILLINGDON NEWS



Spring Term 2 2019-20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now started the summer term but it is a start like no other as most of our pupils are learning at home. We are missing them all and look forward to when they can return to school but know that at this point it is important that they remain at home and we do 'our bit' to support in this difficult situation. We are thinking of all our families and hope very much that you are safe and well. We are still here to support and if you have any difficulties the school email is being monitored carefully; you can send messages to staff who will then be in contact. The staff are working very hard and are constantly improving our home learning. A letter will be sent out next week to update parents on our home learning offer. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as a reminder of all the exciting activities that took place during the spring term. Take care, Ann Bowen-Breslin (Principal)

World Book Week at Hillingdon Primary

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on the 5th March, in fact we enjoyed celebrating it so much that we extended our celebrations across the entire week!

We began with an exciting whole school assembly, which went over all the exciting activities we had planned and discussed the key theme for the year: 'sharing a story'. As part of the assembly, each of the classes were presented with a gift-wrapped Quentin Blake book which then formed the focus for the week's literacy and art work.

On Tuesday we had our annual teacher 'read-around'; this exciting event meant that each class had a different teacher who read them their favourite story. It was a great opportunity for staff and children to work with new people and to share their love of reading.



As well as this, on Wednesday the children took part in a 'buddy read' where different year groups swapped over to share a story with a child of a different age.

Thursday was the main event, where all the children dressed in their pyjamas to celebrate World Book Day. We had a brilliant whole school assembly where all the children shared their favourite book and brought in a photo of them sharing a story during the week.

To finish off the week, we had our eagerly awaited Book Swap. This proved to be a great way of engaging children in new books and genres and parents enjoyed the chance to have a bit of a clear out too!



Thank you so much to everyone who took part and overall, across the school, we managed to share 6670 stories!

Year 5 Victorian Day

Earlier this term, Year 5 had an amazing 'real life experience' discovering what it would have been like to be a Victorian child in a Victorian classroom.

Donning waistcoats, caps, pinafores and long dresses the children looked brilliant as they entered their classrooms for the morning's role play. They were greeted by desks in rows, sparsely decorated walls, and slates and chalks.



The children experienced what life would be like during a morning in a Victorian school. This included arithmetic, chanting times tables, rote learning poetry and drawing with charcoal. Oh, and we mustn't forget the punishments!

Everyone entered into the role play with good humour and all thoroughly agreed that we are so glad we do not live in Victorian times!



Reception's Teddy Bear's Picnic

In Reception, we absolutely loved World Book Week. As part of our celebration of reading and listening to stories, the children enjoyed coming to school dressed up in their pyjamas and brought in their favourite bedtime cuddly toy.

We read lots of stories throughout the week, including sharing a book



with our Year 6 friends, 'stop drop and read' and our daily '3pm reads'.

To end the exciting week, parents were invited to join all of Reception to share a special story with them. This was accompanied by some yummy cookies and a very calm, relaxing atmosphere!

Year 3's Library Visit

Last half term the year 3 children visited Oak Farm Library.

Staff at the library had prepared a really interesting activity for the children to discover something intriguing about Roman life! The boys and girls, who were in groups of four or five, were able to handle replica Roman objects and research some facts about these. Once they had found as many facts as they could, they shared two with the rest of the group...It was fascinating fact finding!

The boys and girls' behaviour, engagement with the chosen topic

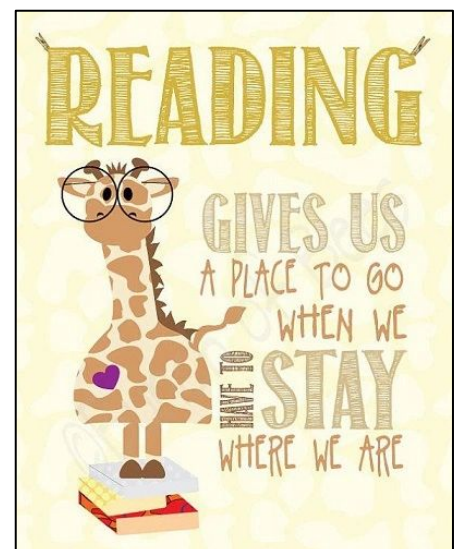
of Romans and attitude was superb! The librarian mentioned that they represented Hillingdon Primary School beautifully and did us proud!

Well done year 3! A huge thank you to all of the parents who were able to help and to the Oak Farm library staff for their fantastic work with us!

If you are missing being able to pop into your local library to pick up something new to read, Amazon Audible are offering free audio books for children whilst schools are closed. Find out more at:

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

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PSHE Week: Change Starts With Us!

Throughout the Spring term, we have been continuing with our theme of 'Change Starts with Us'.

Each year group focused on an inspirational person who made a difference to the world because they spoke and / or took action about something they strongly believed in or felt passionate about.

Some of the inspirational people were from the past, and others are

still with us and continuing to bring about change. They included Nelson Mandela, J.K. Rowling, Greta Thunberg, David Attenborough, Mary Anning and Irena Sendler.



After researching their inspirational person, pupils took some time to reflect on what changes they could make in their own lives.

Why don't you ask your child about the changes they came up with and maybe discuss whether there are any other people that inspire them to make a difference?

Year 4 Trip to The Tate Britain

In February, the Year 4 classes went on a school trip to the Tate Britain Art Gallery in London.

When the children were in Year 3, they were fortunate to be part of a large art project by artist Steve McQueen, simply named 'Steve McQueen Year 3.' Steve McQueen is a Turner prize winning artist and Oscar winning film maker.



Award winning artist Steve McQueen with some of the class photos.

Year 3 classes all around London were photographed and these photos were displayed in a great exhibition at The Tate Gallery. You may also have seen some of his photos displayed around London on billboards. The aim of this art work was for the artist to display the diversity of the capital, offer a glimpse of the capital's future and show a hopeful portrait of a generation to come.

The children traveled by coach and had a guided tour of the Tate by the gallery staff. We were not lucky enough to meet Steve McQueen, but we watched a video message from him before going to find our class photos.



Listening to Steve McQueen's video message



Pupils with the HPS photos in the Duveen gallery

There were thousands of photos displayed in the beautiful Duveen gallery.

Once we had found our photos, we completed some gallery activities and looked at a range of other photos. The vast range of different schools, uniforms, teachers and children just within London was captivating.



We had some time at the end of the visit to have a look at some of the other artists' work exhibited, from 16th century portraits to 20th century modern paintings. To find out more, why don't you visit the Tate Britain website to view some of their online collections: <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain>

They also have a great kids section where pupils can discover more about different types of art and artists, take part in online games and learn how to create their own pieces of art, such as friendship bracelets and chocolate paintings:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

Year 6 Journey to Junior Citizens!

On Friday 13th March, the Year 6 pupils of Hillingdon Primary School travelled to Brunel University for the Junior Citizen event. This is an annual event held in the Borough of Hillingdon for Year 6 pupils and it gives all children the opportunity to learn how to be a good citizen and how to be safe in the community.

The children had the opportunity to receive workshops from many different organisations including: London Fire Brigade, Metropolitan Police, RNLI, TfL and many others. In the workshops with these organisations, the children spent their afternoon gaining new knowledge about road safety, water safety, how to be safe online, knife crime and how to travel on public transport independently.

Overall the experience was hugely beneficial for all the children who were buzzing with the knowledge they had gained during the walk back to school.



Travelling safely on the Tube with TfL



Learning how to combat knife crime with the Metropolitan Police



Keeping safe in water with RNLI



Fire safety with London Fire Brigade

They 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, so thank you Brunel University for hosting.

Year 4 Assembly

The Year 4 children had been preparing and practising their class assembly for weeks and they finally performed to all the children and staff members in the last week of school.

The assembly was based on our PSHE topic, 'A Change Starts With Us,' using the Steve McQueen artwork and message that our children are our future.

Year 4 pupils acted out the stories of three inspirational people; Nelson Mandela, Greta Thunberg and J.K. Rowling, as well as the life story of Steve McQueen. They demonstrated the struggles people go through, and gave a clear message that we should never give up if we want to make the world a better place.



Sports News

Swimming Champions!

Thursday 12th March was a momentous day for the Hillingdon primary swimming team. All swimmers were ready to compete, eager to earn a medal in their races.



The team put in a fantastic effort, winning 5 out of the 8 finals, putting us the overall winners of the competition! The team won the individual, relay and overall trophies which they were over the moon about. Well done team - a truly inspirational performance!

Boys Netball Rally

The boys Netball team played extremely well at their rally. Having won 2 out of 3 games in the group stages they progressed through to the semi finals. With some fantastic netball on display, the team fought their way into the final which proved to be a very tight game. Unfortunately our boys narrowly lost, however they were awarded the silver medal, of which they should all be very proud.



Girls and Mixed Netball Rallies



The girls and mixed netball teams competed extremely well in their respective rallies, playing some great netball. Whilst they did not bring home any medals, all netball players should be very proud of their performances and how they continued to improve throughout the tournaments.

Fundraising

Scholastic Book Fair

Lots of our families took advantage of our Scholastic Book Fair last month to purchase some new reading material for their children. We achieved sales totalling £504.37 for which the school was rewarded with £126 to spend on new books for our class libraries. Thank you for these very valuable resources in the school.

Mothers' Day Gift Sale

Despite the difficult circumstances, many children bought gifts for their loved ones at our school sale and we are pleased to report that we raised £329. We hope that those who received gifts from school enjoyed them and that all had a wonderful Mothers' Day? If your child was unable to collect your gift, these have been saved for you and will be given out when school reopens.



Safer Internet Day

This year Safer Internet Day fell on February 11th and we celebrated this important day with some exciting activities. There were special assemblies and workshops held across the school, and teachers also delivered lessons in their classes to discuss how children can stay safe in an ever-changing online environment.

Safer Internet Day 2020 Tuesday 11 February

#Free to be...
 ...creative
 ...kind
 ...honest
 ...yourself
 ...respectful
 ...happy
 ...ourselves online

Let's create an internet where we are free to be ourselves

Free ME Exploring Identity online

UK Safer Internet Centres
 #SaferInternetDay
 saferinternetday.org.uk

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Children followed this up by developing real-life scenarios which might come up in their life, and offering advice to other children on how best to act in the appropriate way.

Thank-you to our Key Workers

The school has been providing essential childcare for our key workers during this difficult time. The children of our key workers compiled a very special message for all key workers and those of us at home. You can click [here](#) to hear what they have to say.



Free School Meals Reminder

You will all have received a letter from the school on Friday regarding changes to Free School Meal eligibility and the provision of supermarket vouchers for children eligible for Free School Meals. We understand that during these unprecedented times our families' situations may change, even if only temporarily, and this may place unexpected financial worries on parents. Please review the letter if you feel that your circumstances have changed since the start of the current crisis and make sure that you register for Free School Meals if you think you may now be eligible.

The letter contains links to two different forms to complete subject to your circumstances: the [Free School Meals Application](#) or [Temporary Application for Families with no Recourse to Public Funds](#). Also, please don't forget that there is currently no provision for supermarket vouchers for KS1 and Early Years children entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. Families must be eligible for Free School Meals to be entitled to the weekly vouchers and must register through the appropriate link above.

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to send an email to hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk and a member of our Operations Team will call to provide assistance.

