



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and Achieving Together

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Pupils – Goodbye and Good Luck!

This week we say a very special good-bye to our Year 6 students. We are very proud of their achievements throughout their time at Hillingdon. It has been a very different end to primary school from the generation of children who have gone before them. On Friday, I had the pleasure of watching them with their teachers laughing, dancing and singing at their assembly practise. They are leaving us with life long friends, happy memories and well prepared as independent and tech-savvy learners ready for the new challenges of secondary school through their hard work and resilience during a difficult period. I wish them much success and happiness in the future. They will always be valued members of our school community and we look forward to their visits in their new school uniform and hearing about their news.

To our parents and carers who have supported their child throughout their time at Hillingdon I would like to say thank-you. A special good-bye to parents whose youngest child is now leaving. You have helped to make our job more enjoyable. We know that success is a team effort between parents/carers, children and staff.

Ms Tanesha Morris - Resilience Award

In March 2020, just before lockdown, we learnt of the sad passing of a very special colleague, Ms Tanesha Morris our Pastoral Care Manager. Ms Morris became seriously ill during her four years at Hillingdon. She decided to leave in November 2018 to spend more time with her husband and three children. It is only now that it has felt like the right moment to share this news publicly, with the agreement of her husband. I know that many parents/carers and children will remember Ms Morris with great affection; her smile, her enthusiasm, her determination to stand up for what was right, her get up and go attitude, her ability to make all our students feel special and included. In memory of Tanesha and her significant contributions to our school we will be presenting a cup to one of our Year 6 students at their Celebration Assembly. It will be awarded for resilience in honour of Ms Morris and her approach to life.



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A Happy Retirement

Mrs Jackie Gill (Higher Level Teaching Assistant for SEND) has decided it is time to retire and spend more time with her husband and family and gain extra time for her many hobbies. This includes her involvement with the Harrow and Hillingdon Geological Society. Generations of Hillingdon children will remember the annual Uxbridge Library Rock Show and Mrs Gill's passion for sharing her knowledge and rock specimens with the children as well as her leadership of our 'Earthwatch' Club. For those who may have missed it, the HHGS Rock Show 2021 (including Mrs Gill's dinosaur and fossils interactive quiz) is still available on line:

<https://www.hhgs.org.uk/RockShowOnline.html>. The Rock Show hopes to return to Uxbridge Library as soon as possible.

Many children and young adults will remember with affection her care and support for their individual needs including teaching life long skills to help their reading and writing.

During her twenty-one years at our school Mrs Gill also became one of the first higher level teaching assistants in Hillingdon Borough; a designation that recognised and valued for the first time the importance of support staff and the positive impact they have on our students' learning and well-being.

Thank-You

Congratulations to Mr Jacobs (Lead Practitioner for Computing) who has been newly promoted. Next year he is taking on a new role based three days a week at John Locke Academy, another Elliot school. He will also continue his role as The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust's Regional Innovations Lead for London and we look forward to continuing to work with him during these two days. A special thank-you to Mr Jacobs, Ms De Montecler and Ms McCallum, our remote learning team, for their hard work in driving forward our remote learning strategy over the last two years.

A special thank-you to the staff who are leaving us this year. Thank-you for being part of the Hillingdon community and giving so much during a difficult time. We wish them all a very happy and successful future and enjoyment in their new jobs and thank them for the many special memories they have provided for our pupils.

Our School Community - Thank-you!

I very much hope we are coming to the end of a very difficult two years as we look forward to a 'normal' academic year. Thank-you to all our children, staff, parents/carers and governors who have worked so hard as a community to make sure that we survived with resilience and optimism. To our families who have experienced loss and difficulties; you are in our thoughts.

We look forward to welcoming the children back in September!

Yours faithfully,



Ann Bowen-Breslin
Principal