Hillside Junior School Weekly Bulletin

Friday 11th November 2022

Message from The Headteacher

"Scientists have become the bearers of the torch of discovery in our quest for knowledge." – Stephen Hawking

This week has been full of awe and wonder. There has certainly been a buzz. A big thank you to Ms Kingston for organising our Science Week. The children had the opportunity to enjoy a very practical and hands-on science workshop in the hall, as well as many activities in their classes. They also had the chance to listen to one of our governors, Dr. Hudson, talk about the connections between all living things. They looked at some of his collection of animal skeletons and discussed their similarities, as well as extract DNA from a strawberry! Once again, a big thank you to Dr. Hudson for all his help. Such enrichment opportunities are a really important part of our wider curriculum offer and are certainly very memorable for the children. This weekend we will be marking Remembrance Sunday by laying a wreath at the cross in Northwood. The school has participated in this event for many years and our team leaders are privileged to represent the whole school community.

Have a good weekend.
Mr A. Davies

Odd Socks Day

It's **'odd socks day'** on **Monday 14th November.** All you need to do is wear odd socks to school! Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

Girls Football Tournament

On Tuesday 8th November, we played a tournament at Hillingdon Leisure Centre. At the tournament Kelsie and Lily-Mae scored two goals each, Eunice made an amazing header and Emymma scored a lucky penalty to bring us to the to semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost 1-0 in the semi-finals. We went on to play another match and Lily-Mae fortunately scored another goal. We came third overall and all received bronze medals. The best thing about the tournament is that we had lots of fun!

Report written by Casia 6JO, Emymma 5R & Maria 6ST

Remembrance Service

On Sunday 13th November the annual Remembrance Day Service will take place at the Northwood War Memorial in Green Lane at 10.30am. Our Team Leaders will be representing the school by laying a wreath. It is an event that we have proudly participated in for a number of years and signifies how much we value our place in the community. We hope you will be able to join us.

Northwood Hills 'Christmas Light Switch On'

On **Saturday 19th November**, the annual switching on of the Christmas lights in Northwood Hills will take place. Hillside Junior will be participating by singing a number of songs. Normally we do not limit the number of children attending, but unfortunately this year we are only allowed to take 40 children. The places have now been filled, but please come along and support us with your families. It is always a lovely community event.

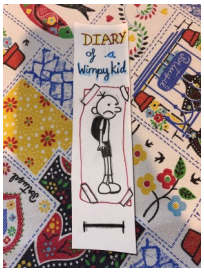
Countdown to Christmas!

Please see below information regarding the events/dates leading up to the end of this term. Please make a note in your diaries of the dates, so you don't miss anything. Thank you.

Be Bright Be Seen Dress-up Day

On Friday 25th November, we will be celebrating **Be Bright Be Seen Day** at Hillside Junior School. As we move into the winter months, it becomes darker at the start and end of the day. The number of road accidents increases during this period, so we urge everyone to think about what they are wearing - **BE BRIGHT BE SEEN!** Children can come to school wearing their brightest colours, this can include reflective and high visibility clothing if they have it. Every child who takes part will receive a reflective gift from the Hillingdon STARS Team for their effort.

Bookmarks for Sale



Bruna A, Amelia and Myna have generously decided to make customised bookmarks for children to raise money for the school and encourage children to read. They will take orders at break time and lunch time. The children will be able to choose the design of their bookmark. The bookmarks will cost £1. The maximum turnaround time from order, to receiving your bookmark will be 1 week. For more information, please see Bruna A, Amelia or Myna in Year 6.

Hillingdon talks | moves | plays
Children's Integrated Therapy Service

NHS Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust

HILLINGDON CHILDREN'S INTEGRATED THERAPY SERVICE
Speech and Language Therapy
Mainstream Schools Team

Parent Workshops – November 2022

You are invited to attend the online Zoom workshops with Speech and Language Therapists from the Mainstream Schools Team.

All these workshops can be joined on the link below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080732546?pwd=dEpBdjkvTzEvZDRleGdGQVpDUFc2QT09
Meeting ID: 850 8073 2546
Passcode: 815175
No pre-booking needed

Speech
Monday 21st November 2022
1:30-2:30pm
The session will:
- Describe the typical pattern of speech sound development
- Describe types of speech sound difficulties
- Give an overview of speech sound therapy activities you can do at home
- Share sources of further information and support

Social Communication
Tuesday 22nd November 2022
1:30-2:30pm
The session will:
- Explain what social communication is
- Describe the kind of difficulties children might have
- Give an overview of strategies and activities that can support your child
- Share sources of further information and support

Stammering
Wednesday 23rd November 2022
1:30-2:30pm
The session will:
- Help you find out more about children's stammering
- Give an overview of useful strategies and activities to support your child
- Share sources of further information and support

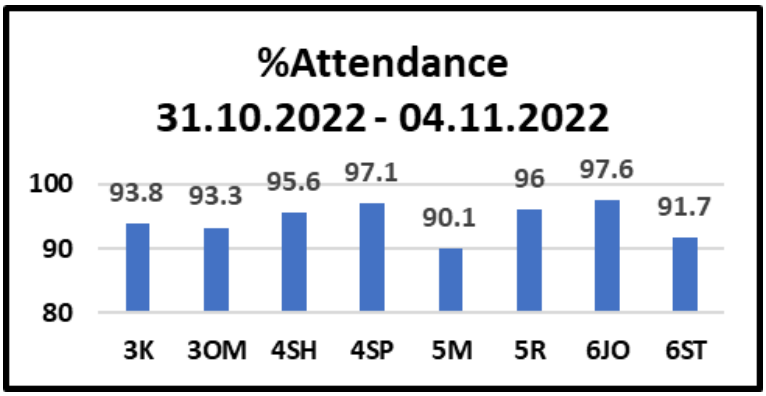
Developmental Language Disorder
Thursday 24th November 2022
1:30-2:30pm
The session will:
- Explain how developmental language disorder presents in children
- Give an overview of strategies and activities that can support your child
- Share sources of further information and support

If you would like the same information delivered to you in a different format or if you require an interpreter to access the information from the workshop in your home language, please contact the CITS service on: 01895 488 200 and we will aim to provide this.

talks

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life. Our attendance target for all pupils at Hillside is 96% or above. Therefore, weekly class attendance figures will be displayed in the newsletter. If a class achieves 100% attendance, they will be awarded a non-uniform day the following week.



ATTENDANCE AWARD

WELL DONE 6JO!

6JO achieved 97.6% attendance before half term!

They enjoyed 10 minutes extra play this week!

Achievements

At Hillside, we have high expectations for our children. To encourage pupils, we offer a range of rewards including achievement certificates and team points. These are awarded for a particular social or academic effort. Well done to our children this week (see below). Keep up the good work! Please see our Good Behaviour Policy for further information.

Year 3	Year 4		Year 5	Year 6
Arsun Minsa Tomas Afonso Carolina Lara Isabelle Kirhad Ava Yanez	Beata Rodrigo Pedro Noor Baryal Micaella Eden	Daria Melissa Mara Amy Hafza	Harry Emima Duarte Soraia Talwasah Daniel M Selina Caitlyn Miguel (6Rs)	Finlay Raha Tymon Miley Justin Miriam Sam Leonardo

Times Table Awards				
Bronze	**Earth**	**Silver**	**Moon**	**Platinum**
Emily 3K Minsa 3K Daisy 3K Iudita 3K Noor 4SH Carolina 3OM Levi 3OM	Ruban 3K Arsun 3K Levi 3OM	Isabelle 3OM	David 3K Isabelle 3OM Harry 5M	George 5M

Class Achievements					
Team Point Winners	**Murray**	**Walk To School**	**6JO**	**Healthy Eating**	**6JO**

Junior School Countdown to Christmas 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you find the information below useful when planning for the last few weeks of term.

Saturday 19th November

Northwood Hills Community Carols and Big Lights Switch on - 3.40pm at Namaste Lounge. Selected Junior School children will be singing carols. All children and their families are welcome to come along and watch. Children that are participating have been notified.

Monday 28th November

In order to make our Christmas Fair a success, we would like to ask parents if they can bring in any of the following items by **Monday 28th November**

- Empty jam jars (clean with labels removed)
- Glitter
- Arts and craft stick-on gems
- Old toys (in good condition)
- Giant marshmallows and bars of dairy milk chocolate

All donations are very much appreciated no matter how big or how small!

Friday 2nd December

Hillside PTA Christmas Fair 3pm-5pm - in the Junior School Hall. Full details are on the flyer below.

Cake Sale (in school) – Please donate biscuits/cupcakes/fairy cakes/slices and bring to the school office in the morning for an 'in school' cake sale. Children can bring a maximum of £1 to school to buy cakes. No large cakes please.

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th December

Please bring a gift for the Surprise Room. All gifts are welcome, although we cannot accept alcohol for the Surprise Room. **Please do not wrap the gift.** If your child does not bring a gift or pay, they will not be able to visit the Surprise Room on Tuesday 13th December to purchase a gift for someone special. Volunteers are needed on the day to help, please click on the link to volunteer and pick the times you can help. https://forms.gle/GauGfutQq6RjpXn49

Monday 5th December
2pm – Cast 1 Christmas Production
7pm – Cast 1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 7th December
2pm – Cast 2 Christmas Production
7pm – Cast Christmas Production

Friday 9th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Children can come into school in non-school uniform wearing their Christmas jumper. Please bring in £1 for Save the Children UK.
Christmas Lunch Day – Make sure you book your child's lunch with HCL via School Grid if they would like a Christmas meal. Children can still have a packed lunch if they prefer.

Tuesday 13th December
Christmas Surprise Room – Children visit the Surprise Room and choose a gift and have it wrapped for someone special. Gifts are £2 each and payment can be made via Schoolgateway Only children who have brought a gift to school and paid £2 will be able to visit the Surprise Room, a record of this will be kept by your child's class teacher. This prevents a shortage of gifts, which has unfortunately happened in the past.

Wednesday 14th December
Carol Service at Emmanuel Church 10am. Parents and Carers welcome.

Friday 16th December
Last day of term. School Finishes at 1:30pm. There will be **no After School Club.**

Hillside Schools' Christmas Surprise Room

If your child would like to visit our Surprise Room to buy a gift for someone special, please follow the instructions below.

Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th December

Please bring to school a gift for the Surprise Room up to the value of £2 and hand it to your child's class teacher. All gifts are welcome, although we cannot accept alcohol.
Please do not wrap your gift.

Friday 9th December

To purchase a gift from the Surprise Room, payment of £2 is to be made via Schoolgateway by Friday 9th December.

Tuesday 13th December

Classes visit the Surprise Room and choose a gift for someone special and have it wrapped.

Please note, only children who have brought a gift to school and paid £2 via Schoolgateway will be able to visit the Surprise Room, a record of this will be kept by your child's class teacher. This prevents a shortage of gifts, which has unfortunately happened in the past.

Volunteers are needed on the day to help in the Surprise Room, please click on the link below to volunteer your help.
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Hillside Schools' Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December

3pm -5pm

Junior School Hall

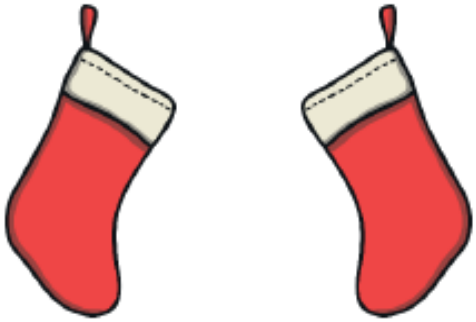
Stalls include:

Bottle Tombola* Chocolate Tombola

Lucky Dip *Toy Stall

Christmas Decorations

and much more!

Everyone is welcome!

Bring the whole family!