



Hillside Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

Week 21 – 29th January 2021

Message from Mr. Davies

What a week of contrast – we woke up to snow on Sunday and end the week with spring-like weather. When we spoke to Year 3 via Zoom on Monday, there were certainly many stories. The snow had given everyone a much-needed boost. Concerning Zoom, all year groups will be receiving a Zoom invitation today for next week. The idea of these meetings is not live teaching but an opportunity for the children to see their friends on the screen and for the class teachers to address any misconceptions regarding the work. We had a fabulous response from Year 3, so please look out for those email invites.

On Tuesday, the Prime Minister announced a provisional date of the 8th March for schools to return. He did stress this was the earliest. We do appreciate the difficulty of juggling home life, work expectations and home schooling, so once again we would like to say thank you for all the hard work and effort. As a leadership team, we have decided not to send out the interim reports this term, as it would be difficult to accurately represent the children solely based on home learning. However, we will continue with the parents' evenings and this will give the class teachers an opportunity to discuss the academic year so far. These will be held via a new system that is similar to Zoom. More details will follow shortly.

We have seen an excellent response to our "Learning Heroes" challenge. Quite a number of children have reached bronze and will be receiving an email from the office to confirm this. Unfortunately, we cannot post the badges, but they will be waiting at school and will be given out when the children return.

Finally, I look forward to seeing the wildlife photos from this week. I know Mrs Jenkins has a very different challenge ready for next week. Enjoy!

I would like to wish you a safe and restful weekend.

Take care.

Mr. Davies

The BIG Question



Thank you to everyone who posted a reply to last week's **BIG Question** on our Hillside Google Jamboard. The response was overwhelming. If you missed the discussion, you can still view the Jamboard online or see the attachment to this newsletter.

Next week's BIG Question is: Are there any positive effects of Corona-virus?

Please spend time thinking about and discussing this week's 'BIG Question' with your children at home and be ready with your responses. The next video and Google Jamboard will be ready for you to engage with on Monday, please find them in your daily task list on Google Classroom.

Weekly Challenge

This week's challenge is to build the tallest tower you can out of whatever you have at home, e.g. Lego, Duplo, recycling materials, sticks, cushions, teddy bears!

The more creative, the better! **Take a photo before it topples!**

Please upload your pictures to your Google Classroom stream for your teachers to see.



Family First Magazine



Please click [here](#) to view the Family First Magazine, full of information to help keep children happy, learning and entertained at home during lockdown.

HCL Catering



HCL is our new hot lunch provider. The meals have been excellent and children and staff are really enjoying the food.

Parents were sent an account activation email in December.

Please could you login to your account to ensure everything is working correctly and report any issues to the School Office. Although the majority of pupils are not currently attending school, we want the system to be fully operational for when school re-opens. Thank you.

Are you yearning for a holiday from real life?

An escape from the pressures of social media, scary news, traffic jams and zoom?

If you would like to step into a different world and live a simpler life, then we would like to hear from you.

A major TV channel is looking for men, women and children of all ages who would like a break from the ordinary, for a number of months in 2021, for a brand-new series.

If you are interested in finding out more, please email us with your name, age and a contact number and tell us briefly why you would like to live a simpler life.



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Northwood Gymnastics

Northwood Gymnastics are offering live online gym sessions for adults and children. Click [here](#) for further information and how to book

Learning Heroes

We have been busy counting your learning hero points. We are so proud of your achievements so far. **Many children have achieved their bronze badge and are well on their way to silver.** Mr Francis is already looking at table tennis resources for the playground. **Keep working. Let's make this whole thermometer go red!**

