



# Hillside Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin

Week 23 – 12th February 2021

### Message from the Headteacher

*“Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They are what makes the instrument stretch – what makes you go beyond the norm.”*

The break next week is most welcome for all of us. This half term has been challenging but so many children have exemplified our core values. I have seen wonderful resilience and resourcefulness. The weekly challenges have shown how creative Hillside Junior pupils can be. This week marked Safer Internet Day. Please click [here](#) to view a virtual assembly. I would encourage all parents/carers to sit and watch the clip together with their children. I am proud of the responsibility shown by the majority of our children when they are online. However, it is important to be continually mindful of the benefits and dangers of the Internet.

Next week is a real opportunity for the children to reduce their screen time and have quality time experiencing other activities they enjoy. I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout these challenging times and wish you a restful time next week.

Best wishes  
Mr Davies

### Bedrock Award for Hillside Junior School

We had some amazing news this week. **Bedrock** contacted us as Hillside Junior School ranks 2nd place amongst all primary schools, placing us in the **TOP 3 primary schools** for student engagement on Bedrock, with 123% of our students meeting expectations. Our certificate is below. **Well done to all our pupils for their hard work, it is such a fantastic achievement!**



### The Weekly Challenge

The Weekly Challenge will resume after half term.

## The BIG Question

**Next week's BIG Question is: *Are mistakes always bad?***

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 on Tuesday 23rd February.



## February Half Term Road Safety Competitions

The School Travel and Road Safety Team (STARS) at the London Borough of Hillingdon are running two Road Safety Competitions for both KS1 and KS2 over the February Half term. Please click on the links below for further details. **Winners will be contacted and announced in March!**

### [KS1 Road Safety Story Book Competition \(Early Years & Years 1 & 2\)](#)

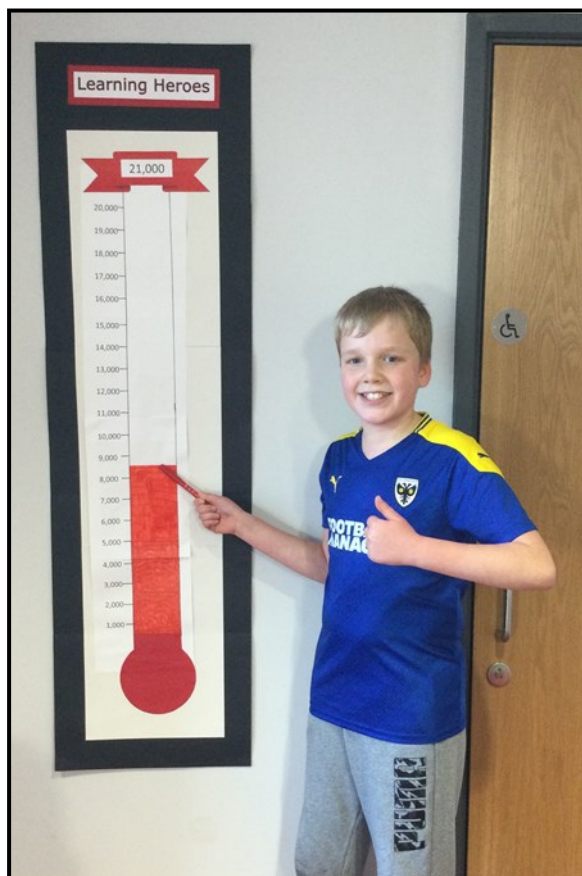
We have asked the children to **draw pictures** to go with the pages of our **new road safety book** called "**Captain Safety!**". They can enter drawings for as many pages as they like.

### [KS2 Road Safety Invention Design Competition \(Years 3-6\)](#)

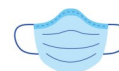
We have asked the children to come up with a new "**Road Safety Invention**" which could make our roads safer. We would like them to draw the design as well as explain how the road safety invention would work and how it makes our roads safer.

## Learning Heroes

We are now at the end of week 4 of the 'Learning Hero Challenge.' **Many children have their bronze badge and some have even achieved their silver badge. After half term keep working hard, so the whole thermometer goes red!**



## Reporting Covid Cases During Half Term



If a member of your household develops symptoms, or tests positive, during half term, please email [office@hillsidejunior.org](mailto:office@hillsidejunior.org). You will need to tell us who in the household has symptoms or has tested positive, the date the symptoms started or the date you had the positive test. Thank you.



## Diary Dates

**Monday 15th—Friday 19th February — Half Term**  
School is closed

**Monday 22nd February—Staff Training Day**  
School is closed

From Monday 8th March - Possible return to school. At the moment, children are expected back to school from this day however should there be a **change of date following government announcements, we will inform you.**

**Monday 1st March - National Offer Day** for all Local Authorities (LAs) for children moving up to secondary school in September 2021. Each LA will let its residents know which school has been offered for their child. Each LA will have different deadlines and things for you to do.