



Hillside Junior School Bulletin



Friday 21st July 2023

Message from The Headteacher

This year has been a very rewarding and eventful year. The various enrichment activities that have taken place at different stages of the year have very much highlighted the values and attributes that we strive for the children to develop during their time at Hillside Junior School.

On the sporting field, we have continued to offer a multitude of activities. I would like to thank all the members of staff who have coached the children through all types of weather. This culminated in great success at the district sports, where the children returned with a whole range of medals.

The recent concerts, underlined how much we value music at the school. We continue to provide weekly lessons to all children as well facilitating individual and group sessions. The introduction of "Rock Steady" on a Friday has been very popular. If your children are interested in learning an instrument, please contact the school office for more information.

Our wider curriculum offer has also included non-sporting activities such as debating, Spanish, Spaghetti Maths and drama. Next term we are very excited to expand this further, with the introduction of Nutrition Ninjas.

Years 5 and 6 both enjoyed successful residential trips and once again I would like to thank all the staff who gave up their time. Plans are already afoot for next year.

We continue to value our part in the local community and we have participated in a number of events. These include the Northwood Hills Christmas Lights switch-on, Remembrance Sunday and the visit of the choir to the local library.

As we look forward to next year, there will be a renewed focus on good attendance and punctuality. Lessons will start at 8.40am and it is essential that the children are in class and ready to learn.

The uniform policy has also been sent to all parents. As the year has progressed, there has been a growing trend of children wearing trainers. We have high expectations around uniform and the children are expected to wear shoes. On PE days, the children can continue to wear their kits to school. We have intentionally kept our PE uniform simple. Cycle shorts are not allowed. During winter, track suits can be worn but they must be plain black.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff for their dedication and hard work this year. I would like to extend that to other members of the school community. Whilst there have been challenges this year, I was especially encouraged with the support for the summer fair. Over £3000 was raised across the two schools, with the Portuguese food stall contributing just over £1000. I would also like to extend my thanks to the parents who have tirelessly run the ice cream stall after school, they raised nearly £1000.

As Year 6 embark on their new journey at secondary school, I would encourage them to follow their goals and aspirations and continue to "be the best that they can be".
Have a good summer break and stay safe.

Mr A. Davies