



# Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October



## Message from the Head teacher

*It is hard to fail but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.*

Theodore Roosevelt

Last week all the year groups thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Go Ape. Despite feeling nervous about climbing, it was wonderful to hear about children who showed a growth mindset and challenged themselves. Building resilience is one of our core values that we strive for in all aspects of what we do at Hillside Junior. Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped to organise and support the trip.

Next Friday, we will be holding another Well-Being Café. The last one was an overwhelming success and we look forward to welcoming you all again. This will take place on One Tree Day which is a new initiative at Hillside. It will be marked with a non-uniform day and a £1 voluntary donation. For every £1 raised, a tree will be planted somewhere in the world. These small steps can really make a difference in an ever-changing world. Our PSHE lessons are used to raise the children's consciousness of these issues.

Enjoy the autumn sun this weekend,

Mr. Davies

## Diary Dates

Just One Tree Day/Non-uniform Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Wellbeing Cafe - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October (3.30pm – 4.15pm)

Parents Evening - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training Day - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Half Term Holiday - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

## Wellbeing Cafe

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm - 4.15pm** we will be holding a 'Wellbeing Café' in the Junior School Hall. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers and children to pop in, have a cup of tea, coffee or squash and a slice of cake or biscuit and spend some quality time connecting with everyone in our school community. While the 'cafe' is open, there will also be an opportunity to play some board games. If you have any spare games that you no longer need/use and all the pieces are there and are willing to donate, we would really appreciate it if they could be brought into school by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**.

## Clubs

We still have some spaces for the following clubs; I got Soul – drama, Speak Like a Native - Spanish, PT Coaching - gymnastics, Spaghetti maths, K-kwon do, Violin and Rock & Pop foundation – Guitar.

Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Please see the list of contacts below, you will need to apply to the clubs directly.

- **Violin/Woodwind** – Please contact Hillingdon Music Service on 01895 558108 - [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music)
- **Drama Club – I Got Soul** – Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ [info@igotsoulofficial.com](mailto:info@igotsoulofficial.com)
- **K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts)** – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at [bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Spanish Club** - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - [www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now](http://www.speaklikeanative.com/book-now)
- **Rock Steady Music School** – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>
- **Spaghetti Maths**- Please book directly with Spaghetti Maths at [www.spaghettimaths.co.uk](http://www.spaghettimaths.co.uk)
- **PT Coaching - Gymnastics** – [www.ptcoaching.co.uk](http://www.ptcoaching.co.uk)

## **School Lunch/ School Grid**

To book school lunches for your child, click on HCL's booking portal, [School Grid](#). If your child has **specific allergies**, please inform 'HCL' as soon as possible, using the following link <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/> Please download the '[School Grid Parent Leaflet](#)' on our school website for all account and booking information. For all other booking information queries, please telephone School Grid on 01506 300 310.

## **Parent Reading Volunteers**

Once again, we are asking for parent (or grandparent) reading volunteers to help us to support children's reading. **Could you spare 10 minutes in the morning? We will give you any training you need.** If you are able to spare some time, please let the school office know.

## **Hillside Curriculum Overview**

Our curriculum overview for 2023-2024 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.

## **Communication**

All school related communication (newsletters, parents' evening bookings and payments) is made using the School Gateway App. Please follow the steps below to download the app.

Apple iPhone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Android phone users, click on the icon to download the app.

**Creating an account is simple and only takes a few minutes:**

1. **Register** using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. **Four-digit PIN.** School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN
3. **Login**, you are ready to go

If you change your email address or mobile number, please let us know so we can update our records. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please visit the [School Gateway](#) site. If you do not have a smart phone, you can login to the online version of School Gateway via the school [website](#) although we do recommend using the app if possible.

## **Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you, or someone you know would be interested, or would like to observe a meeting, please contact Mr Davies for further information.