



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February



Message from the Head teacher

This week Year 4 travelled back in time as they attended a Roman Day workshop. The school was awash with togas and gladiatorial outfits. The children had a fabulous day, and special praise goes to the school staff and parent volunteers who helped to run the different activities.

In achievement assembly this week, quite a number of times table badges were awarded. This fabulous achievement partly reflected the impact of the recently launched Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS). The children have certainly taken to the different challenges and especially the opportunity to beat their teacher!

Independence and responsibility are key qualities that we strive to develop at Hillside Junior. Ownership of homework and uniform are examples of this. I am very pleased to see the recent improvement in PE kits – thank you for your continued support.

Have a good weekend.

Mr.Davies

Non - Uniform Day

On Friday 9th February, we will be having a non - uniform day in school to help support the Hillingdon food bank. Children should come to school wearing their own clothes, and if possible, bring an item of food to donate. Please see the attached flyer for a list of suggested food items. Food donations should be handed to the class teacher.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th February – Year 4 times table workshop & Year 6 SATs workshop

Friday 9th February – Non-uniform Day

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 19th February – Term starts

Jewellery

We are seeing increasing numbers of children wearing items of jewellery to school. Please be reminded that Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of small plain gold/silver studs for pierced ears. These must be removed by the child for all P.E /games lessons, unless newly pierced, when they must be completely taped over by the pupil.

Hair

Please remember that children's hair must be tied back at all times once it reaches shoulder length.

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.

Science Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Science Week with your children in the week beginning 26th February. Our theme this year is 'Time' and we already have lots of exciting activities and workshops planned for your children to be involved in. However, it would be lovely for the children to hear from someone with first-hand experience in science. If you have a background related to science in any way, or you feel you have something which would contribute to our learning, please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you. You can email office@hillsidejuniorschool.org or pop into the school office.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs that still have available spaces. If you require any further help, please speak with Ms Evans in the school office.

PSD Basketball Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

Guitar – Please contact the Rock & Pop Foundation on 01252 368330 – www.rockandpopfoundation.com

Drama Club – I Got Soul – Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ info@igotsouofficial.com

K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts) – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk

Portuguese Classes – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - www.e-portugues.co.uk

Spanish Club - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - www.speaklikeanative.com/booknow

Rock Steady Music School – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Piano Lessons- Please contact Matthew Deane at matthewdeane7@gmail.com

Dance Club - Please book via the '[School Gateway App](#)'

Art Club – Please book directly with artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com

Rhythm Vision Music – Please book directly with rhythmvisionmusic.com

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.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Your support is needed! Any offers of help are very much appreciated. Money raised makes a huge difference in helping to fund projects such as new library books and iPads.

Please join the PTA WhatsApp group by following the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ISajJUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



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.

