



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May



Message from the Head teacher

Being able to reflect and develop greater responsibility are two of the cornerstones of our school values. It is vital that our children are able to identify areas of strength but also show resilience in those subjects they find more difficult. These are life skills that we hope that they can continue to develop beyond their time at Hillside. This is certainly highlighted in the weekly achievement assembly in which so many of these core values are celebrated. I saw this first hand on a recent Year 3 trip. The children were a credit to the school both in behaviour and in the manner with which they approached the workshop activities.

As a school, self-evaluation with the willingness to improve are vitally important. I had a very limited response to my email last week asking for feedback to some of the questions on the recent questionnaire. All our staff are very approachable and we aim to deal with problems as quickly as possible. Thank you to all the family members who visited our science exhibition this week and to Miss Kingston who organised the event. There has certainly been a buzz around science especially with nine baby chicks in residence for the last 10 days.

Enjoy the long weekend

Mr.Davies

Diary Dates

Monday 6th May – May Day Holiday (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)

Friday 10th May – NO ART CLUB TODAY

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th SATs week

Friday 17th May – Year 6 trip to Chessington

Friday 24th May – Year 5 Residential trip to HMS Belfast

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.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs running for the summer term, please speak with Ms Evans in the office if you need any help.

PSD Multi-sports Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

PSD Football 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@igotsoulofficial.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/book-now

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

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

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

