

Hillside Junior School Newsletter



Friday 7th June 2024

Message from the Head teacher

As a sports fan, I was very sad to hear about the passing of Rob Burrow this week. He had suffered with MND since 2019. In a recent interview he talked about facing adversity and making each day count. These were inspirational words from someone who, during his struggles, epitomised the values that we strive so much for at Hillside Junior.

In our assembly this week, I talked to the children about the "stress bucket" and we discussed different ways to cope when faced with difficult situations. Keep your SELF in mind was the key message, with a focus on sleep, exercise, leisure and food. In the assembly, I also emphasised the importance of talking to someone about how they feel or if there is something they are worried about either in or out of school. In each classroom there is a 'worry box' in which a child can write down something that is worrying them and the teacher will then discuss it with them.

If you are concerned about something you have seen or heard, please do not hesitate to speak one of the school's designated safeguarding leads who are Mr.Davies, Ms. O'Connor and Mrs. Mason.

Have a good weekend,

Mr.Davies

Diary Dates

- Thursday 6th June Year 6 Residential meeting for parents and children
- Monday 17th June Year 5 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- Monday 17th June Year 4 trip to St Paul's Cathedral
- Monday 17th June Friday 21st June Sports Week
- Thursday 20th June Class photos (NO PE KITS, FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN)
- Monday 24th Wednesday 26th June Year 6 Residential Trip
- Tuesday 2nd July Hillingdon Transition Day
- Thursday 4th July Sports DAY AT St John's
- Friday 5th July Summer fair

Mrs O'Sullivan

We would like to congratulate Mrs O'Sullivan on the birth of her beautiful baby girl. We wish them both well and extend our best wishes to the rest of the family.

PTA School Disco

A special thanks to all those involved in arranging the school disco, it was a huge success and raised a total £1115.

Parking

Polite reminder - **PLEASE DO NOT** block driveways, park on yellow lines, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out. Please park considerably.

School Lunch/ School Grid

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

<u>Clubs</u>

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

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 <u>School Gateway</u> site. If you do not have a smart

Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2023-2024 is available on the school website. Please click <u>here</u> to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.

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

