



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024



Message from the Head teacher

Autumn 2 is one of the busiest, but also one of the most exciting, half terms. Christmas is a magical time of year and the Northwood Hills lights very much launch the festive season. We look forward to participating in this community wide event.

This Sunday 10th November, the school will be represented at the annual Remembrance Day parade in Northwood. It is a privilege to be part of this event. A number of our team leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of both the Infant and Junior schools. We will also commemorate the 11th November with a moment of remembrance in school. This is particularly poignant when we reflect on the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine.

The school will also be marking anti-bullying week. In our summer parental survey, there were many positive responses, however some concerns were shared. As a school, we work very hard to deal with issues as quickly and effectively as possible. Whilst respecting the anonymity of the surveys, I was also keen to follow up less favourable feedback. Only one parent came forward. I would encourage all parents who have concerns about a school issue to make an appointment to speak to myself or another member of the SLT. It is imperative that through effective communication we can attempt to solve ongoing issues.

Have a good weekend.

Mr.Davies

Attendance (Weeks 7 and 8)

3R	3S	4M	4S	5KS	5OS	6JO	6MT
96.4%	97.1%	90.7%	99.3%	97.6%	100%	98.1%	100%

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Congratulations to 5OS and 6MT (achieving 100%) who were our attendance winners in week 7. 4S and 6JO were winners in week 8. The children will be told the winning class for this week in the next Achievement Assembly. We also award the class with the least number of late marks. Congratulations to 4M and 3S who were winners of the HERO award

Diary Dates

Tuesday 12th November – 6MT trip to Rock Up

Tuesday 19th November – 4M trip to Rock Up

Thursday 21st November – 5KS trip to Rock Up

Monday 25th November – 6JO trip to Rock Up

Tuesday 26th November – 4S trip to Rock Up

Wednesday 27th November – 5OS trip to Rock Up

Tuesday 3rd December – Year 6 Height and Weight checks

Friday 6th December – Rock Steady performance at 08.50am

Monday 9th December – Cast 1 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 2 Christmas production at 7pm

Tuesday 10th December – Cast 2 Christmas production at 2pm & Cast 1 Christmas production at 7pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch and Christmas fair

Thursday 19th December – Carol service at Emmanuel Church 10.00 – 11.30am

Friday 20th December – **School finishes at 1.30pm (there will be no after school club)**

Arrival to school

Polite reminder that children **should not** be arriving on the school site before 08.30am. Before this time, children are unsupervised and therefore this causes a potential safeguarding risk.

If children are arriving before 08.30am, they MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Clubs

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

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

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

Aveea STEM Club - Please book directly with <https://www.aveea.org/>

Drama Club –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/>

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

Fence 43 - Please book directly with <https://app.outclass.io/classes/fGFpBnPXMuXsUy9TECu>

Remembrance at Emmanuel Church

Our Year 6 students had the opportunity to visit Emmanuel Church as part of their Remembrance studies. This experience offered a meaningful way for the children to learn about the importance of Remembrance and to reflect on those who sacrificed their lives during the World Wars.

The church was beautifully set up with silhouettes symbolising individuals from our community who lost their lives in these conflicts, creating a poignant and immersive atmosphere. Students engaged in two research activities that encouraged them to delve deeper into the significance of Remembrance and understand its impact on our community.

Additionally, the children were fortunate to listen to an active member of the United States Navy, who shared insights into the importance of military service and the value of remembering those who have served. The session was both informative and inspiring, providing the children with a unique perspective on Remembrance from someone actively involved in the forces.

To conclude their visit, the children participated in an arts and crafts activity, making their own poppies as a symbol of respect and remembrance. These poppies will be displayed in our school as a reminder of the importance of honouring those who came before us.

Overall, this visit was a valuable and moving experience for our Year 6 students, deepening their understanding of Remembrance and reinforcing the importance of reflection and respect for past sacrifices.



Uniform

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- white shirt (not polo shirts)
- school tie (red/grey)
- red sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- grey or black trousers, trouser shorts, pinafore or skirt
- black leather type shoes (**NOT** trainers)
- In the Summer term a red gingham dress may be worn

PE KIT

- red shorts (not Bermuda or cycling shorts)
- white t-shirt with school logo
- black or white Trainers

As the weather is now colder, please ensure children are attending school wearing weather appropriate clothing and footwear.

PE Days

Please see PE days below, children should come to school wearing their PE kits on those days.

Tuesdays – Year 4

Wednesdays – Year 6

Thursdays – Year 3

Fridays – Year 5

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.

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.

Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2024-2025 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) 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:

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

