

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our March Newsletter.

We have had another fun-filled busy term, which included a variety of themed weeks and events and look forward to next week's Easter themed activities too.

The children have all worked very hard this term. Well done! Myself and the staff are extremely proud of them.

Please take a look at our new website at www.hillsideprimary.org.uk and note that we have a new school email address office@hillsideprimary.org.uk

Mrs K Schonau

Mathletics Leader Board



Mathletics is continuing to support children with their maths learning this term. The children were challenged to see which class could achieve the most activity points this half term. The leading classes are:

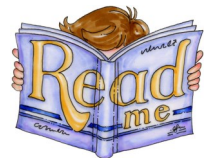
- ◆ Year 3
- ◆ Year 1
- ◆ Year 6

Let's see if any of the other classes can overtake them during the next half term.

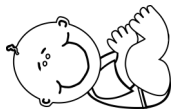
Reading Challenge

There is one week left of this half terms reading challenge. Well done to those children who have taken up the challenge; it is so lovely to see such enthusiastic and motivated readers in school. The prize will be drawn in the final celebration assembly of the half term so remember to keep reading diaries up to date for your child to be in with a chance of winning. When checking reading diaries the teachers are looking for the yellow reading diary to have been signed five times per week on five different days- this can include Saturday and Sunday as well as weekdays.

Children in nursery have also been challenged to read three times per week now that they are all receiving a reading book and will be in with a chance of winning a prize for all of their hard work too.



Next week we will be saying farewell to Mrs Wainwright as she embarks on her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet baby Wainwright.



We will be welcoming back Mrs Rushton on Monday who will be working with the children in Y6 and Y2 and resuming her SENCo role.

Important information regarding five pound notes

Just a few months ago the 'new and improved' five pound notes were released into circulation. On 5th May 2017 the *old* fashioned cotton paper notes will no longer be legal tender. We therefore will not be accepting the old notes when this comes into effect and will return any of the old notes to anyone who sends them in and will require another form of payment.



Book Donations

Many thanks to the following pupils who have donated a birthday book this month — Olly Rhodes, Lennon Handley, Ifechi Akubue, Evelyn Winkle, Liam Hughes and Amy Hitchins.



Nursery—Learning About Easter

In Nursery we have been learning about the true meaning of Easter. We read the Easter story and all made a stain glass cross for the Culture corner. This is what the children said:



Isaac Swift- “A friend of Jesus was bad and went and told somebody for gold”

Evelyn Winkle- “ Everybody was crying because Jesus had died on the cross”

Reception P.E.

Reception have been trying out some new sports over the last few weeks. First they tried archery and were fantastic at it! Next they tried the bubbles, some children even attempted a forward roll inside the bubble. Finally , we finished with a very popular football session to perfect those kicking skills.



Year 1 Superhero Day

Year 1 are having lots of fun. The costumes look amazing and we hope today’s activities inspire some creative superhero stories next week.



Y2 Fitzy Festival

Y2 had a fantastic time at Fitzy Festival at Excel Academy. They enjoyed lots of exciting sporting activities and everyone had great fun.



Year 4—Liverpool Visit

Year 4 had a wonderful day in Liverpool, experiencing the museum, learning about how Liverpool grew into a successful city and enjoying a cruise on a ‘ferry across the Mersey’. In addition, we also had a photo with the Beatles (statues) and discovered the amazing Lambananas, a creature native to Liverpool!



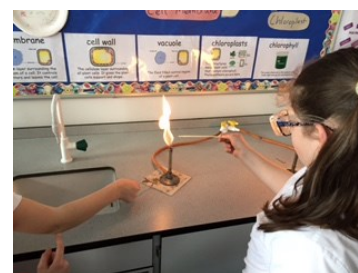
Y5 Showcase

This term, Year 5 took part in their showcase. They showed their guests how to code, considered life on Mars and produced a group piece of art based on Jackson Pollock. Thank you to all who attended.



Y6 Science

Year 6 have been preparing hard for SATs recently, however, we took some time out to visit Excel where we utilised their amazing science facilities. All of Year 6 gained their 'Bunsen Burner Licenses' and explored the wonders of fire in an afternoon workshop. They watched the reaction when fire is mixed with alcohol and even set Mr Frost's hands on fire by covering them in (methane filled) bubbly water and applying a flame (he did survive un-harmed!)



The Big Pedal—Bike It Breakfast

Again, Hillside are participating in The Big Pedal, a nationwide competition which encourages children (and adults) to be more active by cycling or scooting to school over a two week period. Our bike it breakfast was a fantastic success, with more than 150 children arriving to school on wheels to enjoy a breakfast – our thank you for the determination and hard work everyone has shown during the competition. We are currently in first place across all of the West Midlands region, with the final results due out on Monday.



Sun Protection

Our pupils will be spending more time outside during the summer term and hopefully we will enjoy a lovely summer. It is important to protect our children from sun damage therefore can you please ensure that you put high factor sun protector on your child before he/she comes to school in a morning. Children will also need hats to protect their heads. Water bottles are another essential piece of equipment, which can be replenished with chilled water from the water coolers in school.



Reminder: Sandals are not appropriate footwear for school.

Science Spectacular

As part of Science week, four children attended the Science Spectacular at the Civic Centre in Stoke where they experienced a range of ICT related science activities. A fun afternoon was enjoyed by all.



Silly Science

Every child in school thoroughly enjoyed being a part of a day of 'Silly Science' workshops presented by Professor Nitrate, as a finale to our Science week. There was lots of audience participation and awe and wonder as the mad scientist demonstrated some weird and wonderful experiments and investigations!



Bikes & Scooters on the Playground

Reminder: We ask that you ensure your children, including younger siblings, do not ride their bikes or scooters on the playground.

Please pass this message on to any other relative or friend who may drop off or collect your children from school.



Mother's Day Assembly

The children in Nursery did a fantastic job in their Assembly. They all worked incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. They enjoyed sharing lunch with their Mummy's and they would like to say a big thank you to everyone for coming!





Thumbs up to our Mummy's

We have a new school App

Please visit the App Stores to find our new school App. The App is available on both Android and IOS platforms.

It is free to download and will further help to keep you up to date with news and events from around school.

Please delete our old app and replace it with the new one to keep up to date with our news.

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Y3 Residential Visit to Shugborough OEC

Y3 had a great time during their overnight visit. On their first day they had a great time making flags for their tribes and learnt how to light fires then toasted yummy marshmallows! Here they are singing Ed Sheeran around the campfire. They had their hot chocolate and delicious cake baked by Miss Thurland before bedding down for the night.



Red Nose Day 'Hillside's Got Talent' Contest

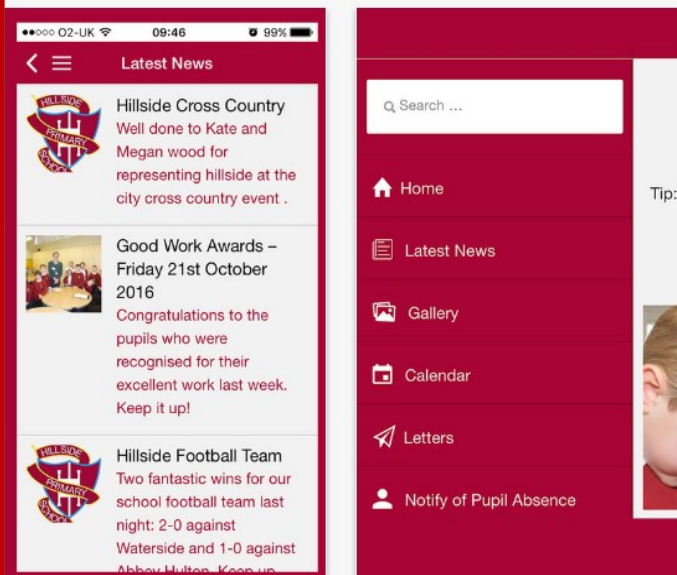
What a fantastic morning we have had. 9 acts performed this morning including children from nursery to Year 6. They were all absolutely fantastic- showing great courage and talent. We are proud of each and every one of you! Our winners were Millie Y1 and Reuben Y6.

Thanks to everyone for your donation— we raised £215 for the appeal.



Hillside Rock

Hillside Rock performed at the MOPSO awards held at St Paul's. They were as fantastic as ever- well done to Sophie, Georgia, Faith, Zac and Ava!



Persistent Latecomers

We have children who are regular latecomers. Lateness causes disruption for all children and means a rushed, unsettled start to the day. It is important that all children are in school on time. Learning begins at 9am.



Emergency Contact Numbers and Addresses

Please inform the office as soon as any changes are made so that we have up to date information. Mobile telephone numbers for the main contact are particularly important as we continue to use the messaging service as a means of communication. It is important that you keep your details up to date.



Dates for your Diary

APRIL

Mon 3rd 'Inspire to Compete Wheelchair Basketball' at Sneyd Green Primary 4.15pm
Tues 4th Parent Consultations 1.30-7pm
Thurs 6th Y3 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thurs 6th PTFA School Disco—Infants 5.30-6.15 & Juniors 6.30-7.30
Fri 7th School closes at 3.15pm for end of term break
Tues 25th School re-opens for the Summer Term

MAY

Mon 1st School closed for Bank Holiday
Mon 8th—Thurs 11th SATs Week
Fri 12th Y6 trip to Alton Towers
Thurs 18th Y6 visit to Manchester Museum of Science and Industry
Thurs 25th School closes at 3.15pm for half term break

JUNE

Mon 5th School re-opens
Thurs 8th Nursery Graduation / Y6 leavers photos
Mon 12th Y6 residential trip to Stanley Head—4 nights
Fri 30th Summer Fayre 3.30pm

JULY

Thurs 13th Excel Academy—Y6 Transition Day (*any queries should be referred directly to Excel*)
Fri 14th Sports Day—Infants am—Juniors pm—*further details to follow*
Fri 21st School closes at 3.15pm for the summer break



Details for specific events will follow in a separate letter. Occasionally dates/times may need to be changed so please keep an eye on the newsletters and other correspondence from the school.

Holidays—September 2017 to July 2018

Please see attached list of holidays for the next academic year for your information.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017:

School opens: Tuesday 5th September
Half-term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October inclusive
School opens: Monday 30th October
School closes: Tuesday 19th December at 3.15pm for the Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2018:

School opens: Thursday 4th January
Half-term: Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February inclusive
School closes: Thursday 29th March at 3.15pm for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 2018:

School opens: Monday 16th April
May Day closure: Monday 7th May
School closes: Thursday 24th May at 3.15pm for half-term break
Half-term: Friday 25th May to Friday 1st June inclusive
School closes: Friday 20th July at 3.15 pm for the summer holiday

Please note that the following staff training days are included in the above closure dates.

Monday 4th September 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Thursday 12th April 2018
Friday 13th April 2018
Friday 25th May 2018