

# HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Welcome** to our June Newsletter.

We are rapidly nearing the end of another academic year. A year that has been jam-packed with activities and opportunities for the children of Hillside; the most recent of which are reported below. The next few weeks are also crammed so make sure that you check the 'what's on' section for important dates.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs K Schonau**

## School Council Assembly

The School Council lead an assembly this week. They talked about how to be hygienic in school as this was an issue raised by the children themselves. The children learnt some amazing facts about germs and how to prevent spreading them.



## Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents and families who supported our sports day event. The children enjoyed showcasing their determination and sporting ability. We were lucky that the rain didn't dampen spirits too much during the KS1 sports day. Thank you to the children and spectators for carrying on regardless. Thank you also to the PTFA for providing the opportunity for visitors to purchase refreshments.

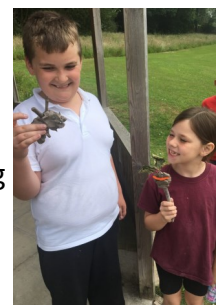
Sadly KS2 have not been so lucky as wet weather conditions lead to the school field becoming slippery and unsafe resulting in their sports day event being cancelled twice. Time and weather permitting, we will try to reschedule before the end of term.

## Potters 'Arf Marathon

A group of Y5 and Y6 pupils gave up their Sunday morning to help Mrs Green and her husband to distribute water to the runners on the Potters 'Arf official water station in Baddeley Green. They did an excellent job and showed great teamwork and support to the runners. Mrs Green would like to thank everyone for their help.



A group of children from Year 3 and 4 have been involved in a weekly club which embraces the outdoors and takes place in our school woodland area. The children have been having lots of fun and have been taking part in activities such as: woodland games, bug hunts, scavenger hunts, shelter building and creating tree guardians and god's eyes.



**Swimming** - This term Years 2, 3 and 4 have had their swimming lessons. The children have worked very hard to practise and improve their swimming style, stroke and breathing techniques which has resulted in many children achieving awards. Well done everyone!



## Nursery's Summer Fun!

Thank you to all the Daddy's, Grandad's and Nannies that came to the Father's Day lunch. It was a lovely afternoon and all the children had a great time, so thank you very much.



This term we are learning all about 'How things move'. We started this by going on our school trip to Manchester airport runway park. It was a fantastic day and we saw lots of planes, big and small. Not only did we see lots of planes, but we got to go into one and sit in the pilot's seat! To follow this, we have been looking at how we move and parts of the body we use to move. Look at what we had to say about moving!



Ella- I can slow walk and use my small legs.



Samuel- I am jumping. I am swinging my arms to make them move.



Evie- I am running really fast and have to use my legs and my arms!

### Reception Mini Beast Fun

Reception have really enjoyed their topic on Mini Beasts. As well as observing the life cycle of the caterpillar and eventually seeing them being released as butterflies, we went on a fantastic snail hunt, where we found lots of snails. We watched the snails make their slimy trails and observed their antennae assessing the surroundings.



### Year 1- Great Fire of London

Year 1 have really been enjoying their topic all about the Great Fire of London. They visited Ford Green Hall to learn about life in 1666 and created Tudor house models as part of their showcase.



### Year 1- Planting

During the healthy eating lessons, a group of Year 1 children planted some onion sets. They have been watching them grow over the past few weeks, and hopefully in September they will be ready to eat.



### Year 1- The Three Billy Goats Gruff

In English, Year 1 have been reading 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. They have been acting out the story. Miss Nelson and Mrs Green have been impressed with their acting abilities. We cannot wait to read their own version of the story over the next couple of weeks.



Year 2 have been learning about fractions in maths.

They were given the task at the end of their unit of baking a class cake! They had to split themselves up into fifths, divide the ingredients up and create the cake. They did an amazing job- the cake tasted delicious!



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their English unit based on the story 'The Enormous Crocodile'. We have used 2D shapes to draw the characters, written descriptions, created Roly Poly birds and written our own alternative stories! Well done.



As part of their multicultural work, Year 2 spent time looking at a variety of different countries and their cultures. We studied Italy, China, Great Britain, Greece and Mexico. We tasted their food, experienced their traditions such as creating a Chinese dragon dance and made our own pinatas!



Year 2 are looking forward to their trip on Monday to Llandudno. We're praying for sunny weather!

### Year 3



During this term a group of Year 3 children have been creating healthy sweet and savoury dishes with Mrs Green and Mrs Huxley at cookery Club. They have baked Banana and Mango muffins, Brazilian Piccadillo with homemade nachos, Apricot and Chocolate Cookies and Corn Crunch Chicken Dippers with chive dip. The pupils have learned lots of new skills and taken samples of each dish home for their families. Mrs Green would also like to say a big thank you to her two Year 6 club helpers Jessica Moss and Mairead Lymer for supporting the pupils during the last year.

### Northwood Athletics—KS2

Well done to all who took part in the town athletics competition. The children had a fantastic day and were a credit to themselves and the school. An extra well done to all of our winners.



### Toplink Festival—Y3 / Y4

Children from Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed being involved in a range of sporting activities at Northwood Stadium, as part of the Change4Life Toplink Festival. Well done to everyone who participated!



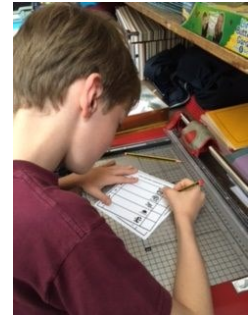
### Year 4 - Lights, Camera, Action

Year 4 had a fantastic time recording a game show using Green Screen technology. We learned what goes on behind the scenes as well as presenting and being an audience. We can't wait to see the finished programme!



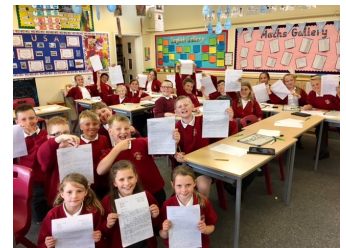
### Year 5's General Election

Year 5 learned all about the general election in June. They thought about what issues were important to them and wrote political speeches to present to KS2 (well done to Matthew for winning!). They then had chance to look at what each party were offering and cast their own vote. After the election, our Chair of Governors and recently appointed MP for Stoke-on-Trent South Jack Brereton came in to do a Q&A with the children. The children now have a much better understanding of politics.



### Y5 Pen Pals

Year 5 have received their first letters from their new pen pals! They have linked up with another school called Hillside from Scotland. They have now started to write their replies.



### Year 6 Residential at Stanley Head OEC

Y6 had an amazing time at Stanley Head and have been sharing their stories of their achievements, of how they have overcome fears and shown courage and determination.

Thank you to all the staff who gave up an incredible amount of their own time to enable this experience to take place and to the children who fully embraced it.



# Hillside Y6 Awards 2017

*'Developing the individual'*



A prestigious awards evening was held in school on Tuesday 20th June 2017 to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 children. Each child received a trophy, a certificate and a photo. We are immensely proud of all the children that won awards for their academic achievements or personal accomplishments at Hillside categorised within the school values.

The awards and deserved winners are as follows:

## Respect

Lewis Cooper  
Sarah Cornes  
Joel Davis  
Reuben Deaville-Knapper  
Lincoln Fenton  
Jessica Moss  
Natasha White

## Determination

Thomas Brown  
Max Hargreaves  
Mairead Lymer  
Ellie Newton  
Elliott Pettitt  
Leon Scott  
Kian Wade  
Alfie Warburton

## Inspiration

Izaak Blurton  
Alice Burton  
Harry Callear  
Kyle Hulme  
Olivia Day  
Jamie Tomkins  
Lauren Wilson  
Hollie-Mae Wiltshaw

## Excellence

Christopher Cornes  
Courtney Firkins  
James Hackney  
Ellie-Mae Hurst  
Charlie Johnson  
Ava Preston  
Michael Richards  
Chloe Salmon

Thank you to the children who attended to perform either in the Choir, Rock Band or the Street Dance Crew - you helped to make the night amazing.

The evening culminated as all those who attended enjoyed canapes and drinks.

We hope that the evening was enjoyed by all. We have received some fantastic feedback from pupils, parents and governors. Thank you to the parents and families who attended and made the night so special. Thank you also to the governors and staff who wanted to be part of the celebrations and congratulate the children on their successes.



### Healthy Eating Sessions

Over the last few weeks Mrs Green has been working with small groups of Year 1 pupils every Monday afternoon to promote the importance of healthy eating. The focus has been on the importance of a healthy breakfast and how to include fruit and vegetables in our diet. They have tasted a variety of fruits including passion fruit, cherries, apricots and mango, created fruit kebabs and designed and made their own healthy breakfast pot.



### Songbirds

Thank you to the children from Year 1 and 2 who performed in the City Songbird concert at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday evening. They behaved (as ever) impeccably and represented Hillside so well. The concert was wonderful and showcased our children's talent and enthusiasm for singing. Well done!



### What's On ..... Dates for your Diary

#### **JULY**

Mon 3rd	Y2 educational visit to Llandudno
Tues 4th	Y5 educational visit to Potteries Museum
Tues 4th	New intake Nursery meeting 4pm
Tues 4th	Y4 Showcase 2pm
Wed 5th	Rock Band take part in Summer Rock Off, Glebe Academy ( <i>refer to letter for full details</i> )
Fri 7th	French Day
Fri 7th	Y6 Olympic Day at Excel Academy
Mon 10th	Poetry Book Launch Assembly
Mon 10th	Y5 Showcase 2pm
Mon 10th	Y6 Endon High School Transition Day 1 of 2 ( <i>any queries should be referred directly to Endon</i> )
Tues 11th	Y6 Endon High School Transition Day 2 of 2 ( <i>any queries should be referred directly to Endon</i> )
Tues 11th	Y4 educational visit to Coombes Valley
Wed 12th	Y2 Showcase 2pm
Thurs 13th	Y6 Excel Academy Transition Day ( <i>any queries should be referred directly to Excel</i> )
Thurs 13th	Whole School 'Move-Up' Day and 'meet the teacher' after school
Fri 14th	Inter-School Games Day
Tues 18th	Northwood Stadium Athletics City Finals
Wed 19th	Y1 Church Visit—RE topic
Thurs 20th	Summer Ball—( <i>refer to letter for full details</i> )
Fri 21st	Y6 Leavers Assembly—2pm
Fri 21st	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer break



#### **SEPTEMBER**

Tues 5th	School re-opens for the autumn term
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*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.*