

Nursery

Last week the Nursery class had their very first music lesson with Mr Hollingshurst. They learned lots of new songs to sing and some of the songs even had special 'actions' which the children really enjoyed performing. Mr Hollingshurst also introduced them to a few unusual instruments that made very strange sounds.



Reception have made a fabulous start to the new term. We have 9 brand new pupils who have joined the pupils from our Nursery and they have all settled in amazingly well. Here we are warming up our hands and fingers ready for writing with 'Dough Disco!'



Year 1: As part of their topic all about the local area, Year 1 enjoyed a walk around Milton. They looked at the different shops and buildings. After, the children enjoyed ordering portions of chips from Milton Chippy and having them with their sandwiches.



Year 2

Thank you to the fantastic response with the brown bags in Year 2- the children enjoyed sharing their 'About Me' items with the class!



As part of our English unit, 'A Piece of Cake', the children in Year 2 followed a recipe to create their own cupcakes. They then went on to write an amazing instructional text. Well done- the cakes were delicious!



Year 3 are enjoying our topic on the Glorious Greeks. We've recounted the tale of Pandora's Box (it was interesting to see who would have opened the box in her shoes too!), tasted Greek food, made pita bread and tzatziki and devised and filmed our own weather reports (with amazing cameramen, weather reporters and script writers!) What a busy start to Year Three!



Year 4 have been finding out about Celtic life by digging for clues. We clearly have some archaeologists for the future!



Year 5 have been studying the Anglo-Saxons this half term. One of their favourite lessons was creating an Anglo-Saxon village. This is the Witan (King's Council) meeting to discuss the fate of two local villages!



Year 6 have had a very busy start to the year. They attended a Safe+Sound event at Hanley Fire Station where they learnt about safety in the home and on the road and the dangers of drugs and alcohol.



In addition, they have prepared exceptionally well for World Peace Day, delivering an assembly to the rest of the school for which they learnt some sign language, a range of prayers and designed some brilliant peace poles. Photos from the assembly and the preparation for it have been sent to the United Nations HQ in London!



Showcases

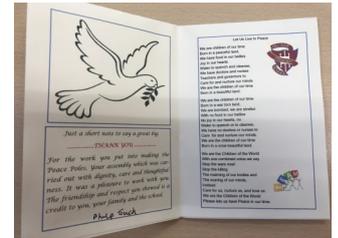
Again this year, your child's class will be showcasing their learning in a number of showcase afternoons. During these afternoons parents/ carers will be invited into school and will see and/or take part in a range of activities allowing the children to 'showcase' their learning.

Teachers are already planning ideas and are very much looking forward to inviting you into their classrooms to share and experience the children's learning.

The dates are shown on the diary sheet at the end of this newsletter and a letter has already been sent out.

International Day of Peace

Hillside Primary joined 360 million people across 250 countries to celebrate International Peace Day. Y6 led our assembly well and we all enjoyed taking part.



Our school football team started the season with superb performances, beating Forest Park 8-0 and Abbey Hulton 2-0. We then had mixed results with our following 2 matches. We are looking forward to our last game on Friday 13th October. Good luck!

Safety

It has been brought to our attention that pupils have been spotted riding bikes/scooters in the middle of the road outside school. We have addressed this in school but a reminder from parents also would be appreciated.

Another reminder to ensure that pupils and their siblings do not ride bikes or scooters across the playgrounds or on the school premises. This has recently nearly caused an accident.

Earrings: Please note earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Plasters cannot be worn to cover them up.

School Gates

Reminder: The gates on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds automatically open at 8:40 in the morning and close at 9:10. In the afternoon they will open at 2:55 and close at 3:35. Pupils arriving before 8:50 when staff go on duty will need to be supervised by an appropriate adult. Doors open at 8:50.

All gates are electric so please do not push them to try to open them more quickly as they will jam. For safety reasons please wait until the gates are fully open before walking through.

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.

What's On Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER

Mon 2nd	PTFA AGM—6.30pm - everyone welcome!
Tues 3rd	Y4 visit to DEWA Centre, Chester
Fri 6th	Y3/4 Paralympics
Mon 9th	Archery Competition at Sneyd Green Primary 4.15-5.30pm
Tues 10th	Class Group Photos
Thurs 12th	Whole school performance by Key Strings
Fri 13th	Art Event at Spode and Wedgwood—selected pupils
Fri 13th	Football Team Matches at Northwood Stadium 3.45pm
Tues 17th	Y3/4 selected pupils 6-a-side football competition—am
Tues 17th	Parent Consultations between 1.30pm—7pm - by appointment only
Thurs 19th	Y5/6 selected pupils 6-a-side football competition—am
Fri 20th	Harvest Assembly Y5
Fri 20th	School closes at 3.15pm for half term break
Mon 30th	School re-opens

NOVEMBER

Tues 7th	Y6 visit to Blists Hill Victorian Town
Wed 8th	Y1/Y2 visit to Odeon Cinema
Thurs 9th	Y4 Showcase 2pm
Tues 14th	Y2 Showcase 2pm
Wed 15th	Y1 visit to Brampton Toy Museum
Thurs 16th	Y5 visit to Potteries Museum
Mon 20th	Y2 visit to Jodrell Bank
Mon 20th	'Be bright, Be seen' Day
Tues 21st	Y3/4/5/6 to Cineworld Hanley —am
Tues 21st	Y6 Showcase 2pm
Wed 22nd	Reception Showcase 2pm
Thurs 23rd	Y1 Showcase 9.15am
Thurs 23rd	Y6 Height & Weight—School Nurse
Mon 27th	Y3 Showcase 2pm



DECEMBER

Fri 1st	Christmas Fayre—3.30pm
Fri 8th	Whole school visit to Mitchell Arts Theatre—Panto 'Babes in the Wood'
Wed 13th	Whole school visit to Milton Church
Wed 13th	Christmas Production—Key Stage 2 9.30am
Thurs 14th	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 9.30am
Thurs 14th	Nativity Performance Rec, Y1, Y2 10.45am
Thurs 14th	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 1.30pm
Thurs 14th	Nativity Performance Rec, Y1, Y2 2.30pm
Thurs 14th	Christmas Production—Key Stage 2 6.30pm
Fri 15th	Nursery visit to Amerton Farm
Mon 18th	School Disco—details to follow
Tues 19th	School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas break

JANUARY

Thurs 4th	School re-opens for the Spring 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.