

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to our April-May Newsletter. Once again it is packed with information about the exciting things that have happened at Hillside and showcases some of the opportunities your children have had. You will also find information regarding events happening in the next half term—it is proving to be a busy one again!

Mrs K Schonau

ParentPay—Dinner Money & Breakfast Club Fees

A big thank you for supporting our cashless system ParentPay. It has been hugely successful however since its introduction late payments have increased. Payments must be made on time. Please log-on each weekend and check if you are up to date with your payments. This will save valuable time for our office staff from chasing overdue payments. Your support with this issue would be appreciated.

Important Reminder: Peanut/Nut Allergies

There are children and staff in school who have a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. It is important that we avoid this food as best we can to prevent serious allergic reactions. We are asking for your help to provide these children with a safe school environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause serious allergic reactions that require emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child for the break time snacks, in their lunchboxes or at any other times.

We appreciate your support of these procedures. Please contact Mrs Schonau if you have any questions.

Nut-Free Zone



Please do not bring any products containing nuts (peanuts or tree nuts) into area.

Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Guy who is returning from her maternity leave. However, we also say farewell and thank you to Miss Walker and wish her lots of luck in her new teaching post.

Science News!

We are pleased to announce that we have very recently been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). Miss McCann, along with all staff at Hillside have worked incredibly hard to achieve this and we are pleased that we have recognition of excellence in science teaching and learning at Hillside.



100% Termly Attendance Assembly

122 children were congratulated in a special assembly for achieving 100% attendance during the Spring term. Well done and thank you to each child and their family. Congratulations to Tinghao for winning the 100% attendance prize.



Reading Rocket Challenge

During the last half term challenge the total number of children reading five times per week rose to its highest amount yet! 90 children achieved this difficult task! We are incredibly proud of all the children who dedicated their time and efforts to reading five times per week.



As always, thank you to parents and carers for your continued support; we couldn't do it without you.

The following table represents the percentage of children who are achieving the Reading Rocket for the last half term in each class:

Class	Percentage of Children Achieving the Reading Rocket
Nursery	38%
Reception	47%
Year 1	36%
Year 2	40%
Year 3	50%
Year 4	40%
Year 5	30%
Year 6	20%

Book Bench

The Book Bench trail continues to run in Stoke-on-Trent up until 20th June. There are over 20 Book Benches to find. Hillside's amazing design can be found at the Potteries Museum in Hanley so why not visit with your child and see first-hand the wonderful design that was created.



Happy Shoesday

We celebrated Walk to School week on Tuesday 21st May with Happy Shoesday. We had some fantastic footwear across the school. Many thanks for everyone's participation.



Rock Stars

Times Tables Rock Stars is continuing to engage and motivate children to learn their times tables. The online programme is being used from Y2 to Y6 and there is a club currently running in school for year three and four children in school.

The leader board for the most correct answers during this term so far is as follows:

1. Lucy (Y5)
2. Zac (Y5)
3. Bella (Y4)
4. Imogen (Y4)
5. Bradley (Y4)
6. Mika (Y4)
7. Morgan (Y4)
8. Cole (Y4)
9. Imogen (Y4)
10. Kamsie (Y4)



Forest Schooling

Year 1 and 2 have made a super start to their forest schooling sessions, showing confidence when working outdoors. We have many more exciting sessions planned next term for everyone to be involved in.



Severn Trent Water

This term, Severn Trent Water visited Hillside to speak about the importance of water. They demonstrated the journey Water takes in the human water cycle and gave some helpful hints in how to save water.



Ice fun in Nursery

The children in Nursery have been exploring ice. They have observed ice over time to see if it melts quicker in water, sugar, salt or on its own. We have also found our favourite toys from the classroom and put them in a water balloon to freeze them. The children were so excited and really enjoyed trying to get their toy free using different tools - Miss Hewitt gave a helping hand and sprinkled some salt on the ice blocks!



Summer One in Year Two

Wow – what a half term we have had so far! We started off our term with a visit from Ellie Harbison – a world class athlete who has inspired us to be our very best! We have really worked on having a ‘Growth Mindset’ and developing a resilient attitude to all that we do. We also had a visit from Mr Gilman who shared stories of his life which was amazing to hear. We are very grateful to him, and we have loved learning all about our city over the past 100 years.



The Human Body—Y3

Year 3 have been learning all about the human body this term. They have learned about the bones in the body, how muscles work and how to keep healthy. The pictures show children putting together a human skeleton and investigating effectiveness of their muscles.



Reception

Reception went on a walk through Baddeley Green. We were looking for a range of features in our local environment and we spotted lots. We learned the difference between a bungalow, semi-detached and detached houses and found 2 post boxes and 3 bus stops. The children walked beautifully and loved pointing out the places that they knew.



Y1 Assembly

Y1 really enjoyed performing their class assembly for so many special people! We hope you learned something and can remember facts about hot and cold places, animals or even humans. What stage stars we have in Year One!



Y3 Shugborough Residential

Year 3s had a fabulous time at Shugborough. They took part in a number of activities including fire lighting, woodland craft, djembe playing, den building, tribal headwear and flag making. The children loved their free time and it was great to see them so happy amongst nature (even when the rain came down!) a huge thank you to parents for ensuring children were well prepared for their night away.



Y4 Building Bridges

This half term the children have enjoyed designing and creating their own bridges to cross the river Mersey. To begin with they researched different types of bridges and their uses. They then looked at different joins and how to make structures stronger. The children applied all they had learnt into designing their own bridges and drawing their plans from different angles. While constructing their bridges, the children used a range of equipment including: saws, hand drills, sandpaper, grips and vices.



Head Lice—We know that this is a difficult problem but as a school we need everyone to be extra vigilant regarding head lice. Please check your child's hair. If you notice any eggs or lice in your child's hair then please treat the lice immediately. You should check your children's hair regularly, ideally once a week. We all need to work together to ensure that as a school we combat this difficult problem. Thank you for your support.

Safety Request—A reminder that children (including older and younger siblings) should not be riding scooters or bikes on the playgrounds before or after school. Please ensure that anyone else who may accompany your child to school is aware of this request.



Year 5 Westport Lake

Year 5 enjoyed a great outdoor trip to Westport Lake, where they were involved in learning about plants and using natural materials in their outdoor artwork.



EYFS Outside area!

We have been very lucky in the Early Years and had a special delivery with lots of new furniture! The children are really enjoying all of the different areas including the maths station, the literacy station, a reading corner and a role play area that is currently a market place.



Y6 Growth Mindset

Having started the term with a growth-mindset assembly delivered by a world-champion athlete, it is clear that the message of the day stuck: hard work pays off! Having completed SATs, they can now breathe a sigh of relief that the tests are behind them. Every child has worked as hard as they possibly could and all the staff of Hillside commend their work-ethic, desire, grit and resolve – they should all be proud of themselves.



Optional Summer Uniform – Summer Term	
Maroon pullover, cardigan or sweatshirt (preferably with school logo)	
White shirt or polo shirt (preferably with school logo)	
Grey trousers or skirt or tailored shorts	
Maroon/Red and white check or striped dress	
Sensible black shoes (not training shoes, sandals or boots)	
White or grey socks	
◆	Please note, for health & safety reasons sandals are not suitable as school wear.
◆	During the warmer weather please also ensure your child has a cap, sun cream and water bottle in school, all clearly labelled with their name.

Parking outside school



We quite often see instances whereby parents are parking on the yellow zig zags outside the school gates, double parking and even parking across the school gates. This is dangerous and will potentially cause an accident. Some drivers are sitting in their parked cars with the engine running when it could be switched off. The emissions cause pollution and we would appreciate it if drivers would switch your engine off when parked. *Please always park safely and considerately.*

Book Donations

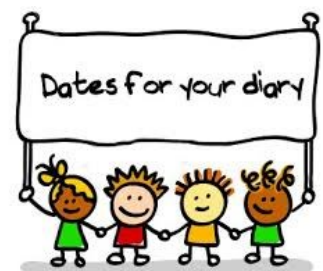


Many thanks to the following pupils and staff who have donated a birthday book to the school library: Ellie D (Y5), Thomas H (Y5), Elias (Y2) and Mr Gilman.

What's On Here are reminders of forthcoming events

JUNE

Tues 4th	School re-opens
Tues 4th	Y4 visit to Coombes Valley Nature Park
Thurs 6th	Reception class visit to Imagine That, Liverpool
Mon 10th	Y6 at 4 night residential visit to Stanley Head OEC
Mon 10th	Y6 Parent Meeting regarding Summer Ball 6.30pm
Mon 10th	PTFA Meeting regarding Summer Fayre 7.00pm
Tues 11th	Y3 visit to Gladstone Pottery Museum
Fri 14th	Nursery Father's Day Lunch
Mon 17th	Science Week—various activities throughout the week
Tues 18th	Y5 visit to Big Bang Event
Wed 19th	Y6 School Nurse Puberty Talk
Tues 25th	Y2 visit to Llandudno
Tues 25th	Y6 visit to Manchester Museum of Science
Fri 28th	Summer Fayre 3.30pm (details to follow)



JULY

Tues 2nd	Y6 Awards Evening (details to follow)		
Tues 2nd	Sporting Showcase	Nursery & Reception	10.00—11.30am
Tues 2nd	Sporting Showcase	Y1 & Y2	1.30—3.00pm
Wed 3rd	Sporting Showcase	Y3 & Y4	10.30—12.00pm
Wed 3rd	Sporting Showcase	Y5 & Y6	1.30—3.00pm
Thurs 4th	Y1 visit to Ford Green Hall		
Fri 5th	School Games Day		
Mon 15th	Singing Stars Concert (details to follow)		
Thurs 18th	Summer Ball (details to follow)		
Fri 19th	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am (details to follow)		
Fri 19th	School closes at 3.15pm for the summer break		

COMMUNICATION:

- These diary dates are sent out monthly on the **newsletter**—please transfer them into your diaries.
- Prior to each event a **letter** will be sent with further details.
- All events are included in the **App calendar**.
- All events are included on the **website calendar**—you can download this from the calendar page. Website address: www.hillsideprimary.org.uk