

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 Games Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that Hillside have achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



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. Imogen (Year 5)
2. Mika (Year 4)
3. Imogen (Year 4)
4. Zac (Year 5)
5. Cole (Year 4)
6. Bradley (Year 4)
7. Daniel (Year 5)
8. Bella (Year 4)
9. Lucy (Year 5)
10. Albie (Year 2)

Festival in a Factory

On Thursday 7th June and Friday 8th June, five children from Year 3 and Year 5 attended the annual 'Festival in a Factory' event at Emma Bridgewater Factory. The children in Year 5 received a motivational talk from the multi-award-winning, bestselling writer and children's Laureate, Lauren Child. Lauren Child is the inventive and creative mind behind beloved children's book characters Clarice Bean, Ruby Redfort and Charlie and Lola. The children listened intently to Lauren's inspiration for writing, how she became a writer and her process for writing an award-winning story. The children in year 3 were inspired by the poet Matt Windle, who is a spoken word poet who delivers workshops, performances & boxercise classes to schools across the country whilst simultaneously fighting as a professional boxer in the evening.

The children were full of enthusiasm when they returned and were great ambassadors for the school. Well done!



Bank Holiday Change—May 2020

The early May Bank Holiday in 2020 will move from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. Please ensure that you note this on next year's holiday list.

Nursery's Visit to Manchester Airport

Nursery had the most amazing day at Manchester Airport as part of their topic learning about transport and travel. The children were able to watch the aeroplanes landing and taking off, and then they were taught about lots of different roles of people that work at the airport and tried on their uniforms. They were most excited about being able to sit in the cockpit and pretend to fly the plane either as the pilot or the captain. What a fantastic experience!



Reception have been learning about Minibeasts this half term. This week we are learning all about bees and what they make. After finding out about how honey is made, we made honey sandwiches. They were yummy!



Year 1 have been enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London and have been busy creating their own Tudor houses! They have learned London's Burning and sang it brilliantly as a round - what a challenge! They found out lots of interesting facts about the fire and how it spread so quickly and understand this would not happen in the same way today - see if they can tell you what the differences today are! During Science week they loved comparing lots of different materials and testing whether or not they floated or sank. Izaak also amazed us with an explosive mint and coke experiment and thank you to everyone for the effort put in to their amazing science outfits!



Year 2 had a fantastic time in Llandudno! We travelled on the Great Orme, ate an ice cream, played on the beach and watched a Punch and Judy show. The children were impeccably behaved throughout, well done!



As part of our English lessons, we have been reading a condensed version of Alice in Wonderland. The children have produced some fantastic writing, in addition to baking some delicious jam tarts!

Year 3 have been getting stuck in to some practical work recently! The children have been learning about litres and millilitres in maths. They were estimating different amounts of water and checking their answers in a measuring jug. In the photo, the children were learning about rocks in science. They were describing the similarities and differences between the rocks and grouping them.



Year 6 have had a busy month: they started it off going to Stanley Head for a week residential, where they threw themselves into every activity and overcame many fears and challenges.



The Year 6 staff would like to extend a thank you to the children, who were exemplary during the week and, despite the poor weather, made the most of the opportunity.

They also visited the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester, where they took part in a 'Wonder of Light' and 'Circuit City' workshop.



Year 3 Times Table Rock Stars Club

A huge well done to the children who have attended the year 3 Times Table Rock Stars Club. You have shown great commitment by turning up early to school every Wednesday morning and your baseline scores have all improved. Keep up the good work!



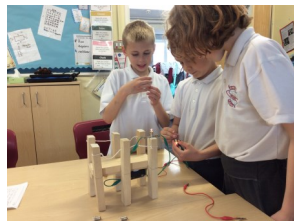
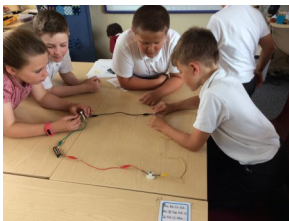
Book Bench

The book bench has been on tour for over two months now and has been visited by many of our children and staff. We are expecting the bench to be delivered back to school at the beginning of July and its new home will be in the library where children can enjoy using it whilst reading in this area.



Electrical circuits in Year 4

In science, the Year 4 children have enjoyed learning about electrical circuits. Miss Nelson was impressed with their team work when creating their own circuits. They were able to name the different parts and showed good problem solving skills when working out why a bulb had not turned on. They then were able to apply what they had learnt when adding lights to the bridges they had made earlier in the term.



Northwood Athletics Competition

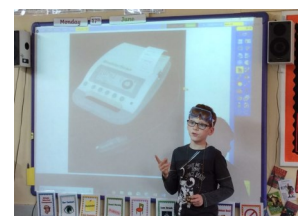
A big well done to our budding athletes from Years 4 and 5. The children displayed a range of our school values and were a credit to Hillside, as they competed in extremely adverse weather conditions. We had some winners who will now be going on to represent Hanley Town in the City finals. Congratulations!



Hillside Science Week 2019

Last week, Hillside held their Science Week. There were many successful events and activities throughout the week to involve and engage pupils in a Science and STEM. On Monday children came dressed as a 'scientist' and also had the opportunity to demonstrate a science share to their class. Tuesday was Year 5's science visit. On Wednesday, all pupils were set the task of a QR code quiz trail, where they had to learn about and answer questions on famous scientists, using the iPads. On Thursday, children were engaged in science lessons in class and we finished the week on Friday with a STEM careers fair, where Year 2-6 children had the opportunity to meet, talk with and ask questions to parents and family members who use STEM in their jobs.

Miss McCann would like to thank everyone who helped to make the week a success and inspire our children to be the next generation of scientists.



Year 5 Big Bang Science Fair

Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful day at Staffordshire University, experiencing the local Big Bang Science Fair. There were plenty of exhibitors, offering a wealth of hands on exploration, which the children really got involved with. In addition, they watched two shows, which were both very engaging and encouraged audience participation.



Book Club

The children made use of the bus that was recently delivered and enjoyed having their discussions in a different learning environment.



Potters 'arf Water Station

Thank you to the children who volunteered their time to support Mrs Green at the Baddeley Green Water Station for this event. They were absolutely brilliant helpers, who ensured water was readily available and they gave lots of encouragement too. Fantastic ambassadors for Hillside. Well done!

Well done also to staff, parents and families who ran or walked the Potters' arf.



Reading Rocket Challenge

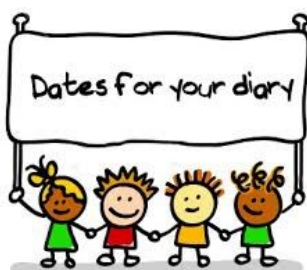
This half term's Reading Rocket began on Monday 3rd June and will end on Sunday 14th July. The Reading Rocket will end a week earlier than the end of the term to ensure there is time to award prizes, give the children their extra break and to send congratulation letters home. We hope the children are embracing the challenge that has been set and are reading often in order to achieve the Reading Rocket and to improve their reading habits.



What's On Here are reminders of forthcoming events

JULY

Tues 2nd	Y6 Literacy Workshop at Excel Academy		
Tues 2nd	Y6 Awards Evening		
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 8th	Transition / Move-up whole school all week		
Mon 15th	Singing Stars Concert		
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

Full details for specific events will be provided 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.