



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th March



Message from the Head teacher

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." (Walt Disney)

World Book Day always creates a buzz and this year was no different. Cosy clothes, book adverts and guess the "shelfie", helped to ensure that the day was a fabulous success. I would like to thank Ms O'Connor and all the staff for making it such an enjoyable day. Watching the different year groups reading with each other was very rewarding and demonstrated how much we value such opportunities.



Last week, we marked Science Day with a workshop with plenty of awe and wonder. We were also fortunate to have one of our governors, Dr Hudson, deliver some workshops on the topic of time. Once again, my thanks go to Ms Kingston for organising the activities.



Events such as these really highlight the importance of enrichment in the curriculum and create valuable memories for the children.

Thank you for all your support and have a good weekend.

Mr Davies

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March – Parents evening.

Wednesday 20th March – Year 4 Trip to Cassiobury Park

Wednesday 20th March – Year 3 Trip to Geography Trip

Friday 22nd March – Year 6 Junior Citizens Event at Brunel University

Saturday 23rd March – ‘Shelfie Shout-Out!’ Competition deadline

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March – Book fair (3.30pm)

Thursday 28th March – **School finishes at 1.30pm**

Tuesday 16th April – School starts

‘Shelfie Shout-Out!’ Competition

Review a book. You can do this on your own, with friends or family. Groups must be 4 or less. You can be on screen or use a voice over. Make a 30 second video about a book, comic or graphic novel, etc... Take a video of yourself reviewing it and send your video to your teacher via email. They will then forward it to Ms O’Connor. Please do not share them as it will take longer for me to gain access. These videos will only be used in school. The prize- an afternoon out of school with Ms O’Connor and Mrs Rice - book shopping.

PTA Easter Raffle

The PTA have organised a ‘Easter raffle’ with the opportunity to win an Easter Egg Hamper. Your child should have received a raffle ticket sheet, please follow the instructions set out on the sheet and return to school by **Wednesday 20th March** if you would like to participate.

Clubs

Please see below the list of clubs that still have available spaces. If you require any further help, please speak with Ms Evans in the school office.

PSD Basketball Club – Please book directly with [PSD](#)

Guitar – Please contact the Rock & Pop Foundation on 01252 368330 – www.rockandpopfoundation.com

Drama Club – I Got Soul – Please contact I Got Soul directly on 07791 466 859/ info@igotsoulofficial.com

K-Kwon-Do (Martial Arts) – please contact Bushra Khosla (Instructor) at bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk

Portuguese Classes – Please contact The Portuguese Embassy on 0207 235 8811 - www.e-portugues.co.uk

Spanish Club - Please book directly with Speak Like A Native - www.speaklikeanative.com/booknow

Rock Steady Music School – Please book directly with Rock Steady - <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Piano Lessons- Please contact Matthew Deane at matthewdeane7@gmail.com

Dance Club - Please book via the ‘[School Gateway App](#)’

Art Club – Please book directly with artboxworkshop.bookwhen.com

Rhythm Vision Music – Please book directly with rhythmvisionmusic.com

Parent Reading Volunteers

Once again, we are asking for parent (or grandparent) reading volunteers to help us to support children's reading. **Could you spare 10 minutes in the morning? We will give you any training you need.** If you are able to spare some time, please let the school office know

School Lunch/ School Grid

To book school lunches for your child, click on HCL's booking portal, [School Grid](#). If your child has **specific allergies**, please inform 'HCL' as soon as possible, using the following link <https://specialmenu.hcl.co.uk/> Please download the '[School Grid Parent Leaflet](#)' on our school website for all account and booking information. For all other booking information queries, please telephone School Grid on 01506 300 310.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

Your support is needed! Any offers of help are very much appreciated. Money raised makes a huge difference in helping to fund projects such as new library books and iPads.

Please join the PTA WhatsApp group by following the link below or scanning the QR code:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ISajUUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



Hillside Curriculum Overview

Our curriculum overview for 2023-2024 is available on the school website. Please click [here](#) to view. This document shows the topics your children will investigate this academic year.

Communication

All school related communication (newsletters, parents' evening bookings and payments) is made using the School Gateway App. Please follow the steps below to download the app.

Apple iPhone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Android phone users, click on the icon to download the app.

Creating an account is simple and only takes a few minutes:

1. **Register** using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
2. **Four-digit PIN.** School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN
3. **Login**, you are ready to go

If you change your email address or mobile number, please let us know so we can update our records. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please visit the [School Gateway](#) site. If you do not have a smart phone, you can login to the online version of School Gateway via the school [website](#) although we do recommend using the app if possible.

