



Hillside Junior School Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024



Message from the Head teacher

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the sports day such a success. St. John's kindly hosted the event and Mr. Johns worked tirelessly to make sure everything went smoothly. The children were fantastic and really demonstrated all the values that we strive for. There was teamwork in abundance. Finally, I would like to thank all the parent and carers who were able to attend and add to the atmosphere. There was plenty of parental allegiance to the different house teams.

This week the school was caught on camera. As I walked around I was very proud to see our wider curriculum in action from African drumming to children cooking in the food tech room. Music reverberated around the school with piano, guitar and drumming lessons taking place.

A very busy week also included the visit of our new Year 3 children. We look forward to welcoming them back in September.

Enjoy the Summer Fair.

Mr. Davies

Ms O'Connor

At the end of term, Ms O'Connor will be sadly leaving us to take on a new role at another school.

Over the nine years that she has been at Hillside Junior, she has made a huge impact on the whole school community. Ms O'Connor has taken on many roles bringing extraordinary enthusiasm, positivity and a "can do" attitude to everything that she does. She will be greatly missed, but we wish her the very best in the future.

Assistant Headteachers

I would like to congratulate Miss Kingston and Mrs Mason who will be taking on the roles of assistant headteachers from September. Miss Kingston will be leading on teaching and learning, whilst Mrs Mason will focus on pastoral, well-being and personal development.

Sports Day update from Mr Johns

Hillside Junior School recently participated in an exhilarating sports day hosted by St John's School, leaving a trail of excitement and pride. The event was a resounding success, showcasing not only the athletic prowess of our students but also their remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship.

From the very first activity, our students demonstrated a spirit of camaraderie and mutual support that set the tone for the day. Whether cheering on their teammates from the side-lines or competing with determination and grace, our students embodied the true essence of sportsmanship.

The event would not have been the triumph it was without the incredible support from our parents and staff members. Thank you to parents for helping the children walk to St Johns safely and for offering enthusiastic cheers and encouragement that boosted the morale of every participant.

As the day concluded with smiles and medals, it was clear that the values of Hillside had been upheld: respect, responsibility, resourcefulness, resilience, relationships and reflection.

Houses:

Winners! 1st place: Murray

2nd: Hallowell

3rd: Carew

4th: Maxwell

Teams:

1st: Blue Beavers

2nd: Yellow Giraffes

3rd: Red Rattlesnakes

4th: Green Goats

5th: Green Geckos

6th: Red Raccoons

7th: Yellow Yaks

8: Blue Badger



Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 trip to Harrow climbing wall

Tuesday 9th July – Year 2 to 3 Transition meeting

Monday 15th July – Year 4 trip to Ruislip Lido

Monday 15th July – Transition information for year 4 & 5 parents (3.30pm)

Tuesday 16th July – **6ST** Day time performance **6JO** Evening performance

Wednesday 17th July – Hertfordshire Transition Day

Wednesday 17th July – Year 3 trip to Ruislip Lido

Thursday 18th July – **6JO** Day time performance **6ST** Evening performance

Thursday 18th July – Year 5 trip to Ruislip Lido

Friday 19th July – Year 6 trip to Ruislip Lido

Friday 19th July – **CLUBS FINISH**

Monday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers picnic, presentation and disco

Tuesday 23rd July – **School finishes at 1.30pm (No after school club)**

Parking

Polite reminder - **PLEASE DO NOT** block driveways, park on yellow lines, double park or stop on the zebra crossing to allow children to jump out. Please park considerably.

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.

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

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.

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/ISajJUpiqzVFB9EJYz4NTk>



