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Hillside Values

- Trying our best every day.
- Kindness and honesty always.
- Working as a Hillside Team.
- Using good manners.

Headteacher update:

Nursery have been busy learning colours, shapes and counting this week and exploring vocabulary linked to these. They have been exploring our sense of smell both inside and in the nursery garden smelling herbs such as lavender and rosemary and the tomatoes that are continuing to grow! It has been interesting to compare differences between smells and different opinions on whether the children like a smell or not. Elsewhere the children have been very creative with the lego and magnetic tiles building lots of houses and roads!

In Reception this week the children have continued learning about the 5 senses and had the chance to guess and taste different drinks. They have thoroughly enjoyed phonics and have been learning about comparing objects in maths.

Year 1 have had another great week. In English they have completed their autobiographies which will now be made into a class book. In maths they have been amazing at counting on from any given number, some children even going up to 20! A highlight this week has been our Science lesson when the children got to explore their sense of taste. Some children liked all of the tastes and some did not!

This week in Year 2, the children have continued their learning about the Great Fire of London, comparing life in the past with life today using 'Then and Now'. In Maths, the children have been learning to partition numbers to 100, identifying the tens and ones in different numbers. In DT, they have continued to design their own chair bears, thinking carefully about how designs can be both creative and practical.

Parent meetings
Thank you to the parents who came to the meetings for Reception and Key Stage 1 . We were disappointed with the amount of parents who were able to attend in the year 1 and 2 meeting. We will be sending the powerpoint out to you, for your reference.

Playground Equipment
Please can I remind you that the playground equipment is not to be used before or after school. We do not have staff supervision during this time.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell



Headteacher

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General Information

Open Morning for Prospective Parents







HILLSIDE INFANT SCHOOL
OPEN MORNINGS 2026-2027

Wednesday 30th September
Wednesday 21st October
Friday 20th November

9.30am-11.00am
Our Open Days will include:

- A tour of the school
- A talk from our Headteacher – Rebecca Fennell

Contact our office for more information or to book your place

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Medical Tracker

Medical Tracker launched this week, and information has been sent to all parents and carers. As you know, we work hard to keep families regularly informed about first aid incidents and medication administered at school. Paper notifications can sometimes be a little 'hit and miss', with slips occasionally going astray on the journey home, so we have introduced Medical Tracker to help improve our communication. The system allows us to notify parents and carers by email when their child has received first aid or medication. **Please be assured that Medical Tracker does not replace direct contact with parents. If your child is unwell, sustains anything more than a minor injury, or we have any concerns about their wellbeing, we will continue to contact you directly by telephone as we always have.**

Nursery Gate Nursery Start Time – A Reminder

Just a reminder that Nursery starts promptly at 8:30am. It is important that children arrive on time so they can come in, get settled and be ready to join their carpet learning from the very beginning. We really don't want anyone to miss out on this important start to the day. To support a calm and settled start for all of our children, **the Nursery door will now close at 8:35am,** rather than 8:40am as previously. Thank you for your support in helping us make sure all children are in Nursery and ready to learn on time.

Star Readers

A huge well done to **Silver Class** who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, **69.5%** of children in **Silver Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Silver Class!**



Park Run Achievment

A huge well done to Willow in Red Class, who was awarded a special wristband last week for completing her 11th junior parkrun! This fantastic achievement means Willow has now run the equivalent distance of half a marathon. What a brilliant accomplishment – congratulations, Willow!



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Birthday Book Donations

Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

As part of our commitment to healthy eating, we encourage children to celebrate their birthdays by bringing in a book instead of sweet treats or cake. On their special day, children can donate a book to the class library. The teacher will read the book to the class, and a special sticker will be placed inside to recognize the child's thoughtful donation. This initiative helps promote a love of reading while keeping our school a healthy environment for all. Thank you for your support in making birthdays both meaningful and nutritious.



Important Dates

Autumn Term			
September	Tuesday 29th	8:45am	All about Nursery meeting
	Wednesday 30th	9:30am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
October	Thursday 1st		Themed Dining (Census Day)
	Friday 2nd	9am	Harvest and achievement Assembly in School
	Wednesday 7th	9am	Phonics workshop - all years
	Wednesday 7th		Nursery and Reception Boogiemites Workshop
	Thursday 8th		Year 2 - Great Fire of London Workshop
	Weds 14th		Flu immunisations
	Friday 16th	9am	Reading together with your child morning
	Tuesday 20th	12:30-3:30pm	Nursery Progress meetings
	Tuesday 20th	3:30-5:30pm	Progress Meetings for parents and carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Wednesday 21st	9:30am	Open Morning
	Thursday 22nd	12:30-3:30pm	Nursery Progress meetings
	Thursday 22nd	3:30-7pm	Progress Meetings for Parents and Carers Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
	Friday 23rd	3:15pm	Last day of Half Term
Half Term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October			

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Achievments

Nursery Super Stars:	Purple Class Super Stars:	Red Class Super Stars:
Maisie	Leticia	Diego
Holly	Rafael	Danny
Daniel		
Blue Class Super Stars:	**Green Class Super Stars:**	**Silver Class Super Stars:**
Filip	Jack	Rut
Yuvigna	Chloe	Melissa
Gold Class Super Stars:	**Lunchtime Awards**	
Arwa	Lucas	
Ridhan	Melissa	
Bronze awards	**Gold awards**	**Platinum awards**

Weekly Attendance

Each week we award the class with the highest attendance. We aim for at least 96% attendance, as regular attendance helps children feel secure, build friendships, and make the most of their learning opportunities, supporting their wellbeing and overall development. This week, **GOLD & NURSERY ALL DAY** were both awarded the Attendance Bunny with 100% attendance. Well done **to both classes.**

GOLD CLASS 100%
SILVER CLASS 93.5%
RED CLASS 95.8%
GREEN CLASS 97.1%
PURPLE CLASS 96.8%
BLUE Class 95.3%
N ALL DAY 100%
NAM 84.1%

