

# Hillside News



## Hillside Values

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

### Headteacher update:

Nursery have enjoyed their last week of their space topic and have been busy learning about Neil Armstrong and Apollo 11's mission to the moon! In maths the children have been working hard on matching numerals and quantities, elsewhere they have had great fun at the writing table drawing star constellations. The children are very excited to move onto the topic of dinosaurs next week!

In Reception the children have been writing parts of the story Oliver's Vegetables. The children did a fantastic job at remembering the vegetables in the story. In maths they have been learning about number bonds to 10. The children thoroughly enjoyed growing the cress and this week the cress was ready to eat. They made cress sandwiches and to their surprise the children really enjoyed them and were asking for another sandwich!

Year 1 have had a great week. In maths they have been learning to measure the length and height of different objects using cubes and in cm. In English they completed their Stanley stick stories and have begun to learn about Neil Armstrong. In Design and Technology they experimented with joining material in 3 different ways and will decide which way to use when making their puppets.

This week in Year 2, the children had a creative week designing and making their moving monsters. After learning about linkages over the past few weeks, they explored how linkages work by designing their own moving monsters, testing different linkages, and creating models that move successfully.

Yesterday we hosted an able writers day for children across 6 schools. Our guest author Coral Rumble was a great writing inspiration and worked with the children on developing key writing skills. Well done David, Victoria, Kyle, Varali, Dominic and Marisa for representing Hillside so well.

On Wednesday I held my first coffee morning with parents. Thank you to the parents who came and were able to hear about how our behaviour management strategies and systems work in school. It was good to hear parents views about a range of school systems. As part of the ideas shared we will now...

- Hold a parent meeting 2-3 weeks after a child starts at Hillside when they join part way through the year
- Provide more opportunities to see your child's books
- Provide further opportunities to develop your knowledge of a range of learning needs such as dyslexia and ADHD.
- Provide more opportunities for parents to meet and get to know a range of staff members and the Governing Body

Thanks again to those who came I enjoyed the session.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fennell', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Headteacher

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## General Information

### **Easter Events**

This week we have sent home a flyer about our exciting Easter raffle. We thought it would be a fun way to raise funds for the school while enjoying some chocolate treats. Raffle tickets have also been sent home. Please return the tickets and money in a named envelope. To help make the raffle a success, we are asking for donations of chocolate to use as prizes. If you are able to contribute, **please send chocolate donations into school by Friday 20th March.** We are also having an **Easter Bonnet Parade in school on Thursday 26th March.** Children are invited to come to school wearing an Easter hat that they have made at home. There will be a prize for the best hat in each year group. Thank you for your support!

### **Science Week**

Next week we will be celebrating Science Week in school. The week will begin with a special science assembly, hosted by Miss Peters, to launch the exciting activities planned. There will be lots of scientific learning and hands-on activities taking place throughout the week. All children will also have the opportunity to take part in an action-packed science workshop hosted by Sublime Science. The workshop will include incredible experiments such as slime making, giant bubbles, and fizzing potions. The cost of the workshop is £3.70 per child. Please make payment via Arbor. Thank you for your support.

### **Cake Sale – Thank You!**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale during Book Week by baking, buying and helping to sell cakes. We would also like to give a special thank you to the parents who kindly volunteered their time to run the cake stall at the end of the school day.

We are delighted to share that **the sale raised £156.** All of the money raised will be used to purchase new books for the children at Hillside to enjoy.

### **Green Class Assembly**

Green Class will be holding their class assembly on Friday 20th March at 9:00am. We would like to invite parents and carers of Green Class to attend.

Please take your child to their classroom as normal, then make your way around to the main office entrance to sign in. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Lip Gloss**

A gentle reminder that lip gloss is not allowed in school. Recently, a number of pupils have been bringing lip gloss with them. If your child has chapped or dry lips, please apply an appropriate cream or lip balm before they come to school in the morning. Lip gloss is not necessary during the school day.

### **Early Drop-Off Option – Wraparound Care**

Following feedback from the survey we sent out regarding wraparound care, we are pleased to announce that from Monday 16th March we will be offering an early drop-off option from 8:30am.

This service will be available at a cost of £2 per day and can be booked and paid for via your Arbor account. If you would like to use the early drop-off option, please bring your child to the main office entrance.

Please note that breakfast is not included with the early drop-off. If you would like your child to have breakfast, you will need to book Breakfast Club in the usual way.

### **Star Readers.**

A huge well done to **Blue Class**, who were awarded the Star Reader Cup in this morning's assembly!. This week, 63% of children in **Blue Class** read three times or more at home and recorded it in their reading records. Fantastic effort — keep up the great reading, **Blue Class!**



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## Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

This week we would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Albert** who recently celebrated their special day!. As part of our Birthday Book Scheme, they kindly donated the following books to our school:

**The Great Big Sleep by Sean Julian**  
**The Friendship Bench by Sarah Jennings**  
**Together by Jane Simmons**



## Important Dates

<b>March</b>	16th - 20th		Science Week
	Tuesday 17th	3:30pm - 7pm	Progress meeting
	Tuesday 17th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (Frogs)
	Wednesday 18th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (ladybirds)
	Thursday 19th	3:30-5:30pm	Progress meeting
	Thursday 19th	1pm-4pm	Nursery Progress meeting (Butterflies)
	Thursday 19th		Sublime Science Day
	Friday 20th	9am	Green Class assembly
	Monday 23rd	9.15	Hearing & Vision for Reception
	Wednesday 25th		School Nurse Reception Height and Weight Measurements
	Wednesday 25th		Year 1 - RAF museum
	Wednesday 25th		Special themed menu - Easter
	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>		Easter Bonnet Parade
	Thursday 26th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery term ends
	Friday 27th	1:30pm	Term Ends
<b>Easter Holidays</b>			
<b>Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April</b>			
<b>Summer term</b>			
<b>April</b>	17th April		Year 2 Pedestrian training
	22nd April		Class photos

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## Achievements

<b><u>Nursery Superstars:</u></b>	<b><u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Red Class Super Stars:</u></b>
Rian	Gabriel	Gabriel
Anastasia	Charlie	Leonardo
Iosua	Diana	Matilde
	<b><u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Green Class Super Stars:</u></b>
	Isai	David
	Yara	Abel
	Matilde	Arwa
<b><u>Lunchtime Awards</u></b>	<b><u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u></b>	<b><u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u></b>
Jack	Hellena	Luana B
Denys	Sofia	David
	Siena	Doinic
<b><u>Bronze awards</u></b>	<b><u>Silver awards</u></b>	<b><u>Silver awards</u></b>
Luana B	Freya	Sophia Alfie
	Ada	Iris Chloe
	Alfie	Willow
	Diana	Luciana

### Weekly Class 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, **Silver class** were awarded the Attendance Bunny with **100%** attendance. Well done **Silver Class!**

**GOLD CLASS 95.2%**  
**SILVER CLASS 100 %**  
**RED CLASS 89.3%**  
**GREEN CLASS 89.3 %**  
**PURPLE CLASS 95.1%**  
**BLUE Class 96.5%**  
**N ALL DAY 94.3 %**  
**NAM 91.4%**  
**NPM 97.5%**

### Attendance Ladder



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**EASTER RAFFLE**

**Chocolate Egg Donations Needed!**

Hillside Infant School and Hillside Junior School will be holding an exciting **Easter Raffle** as part of our **Easter Extravaganza!**

Please donate **Chocolate Easter Eggs** for raffle prizes.

Bring donations to school by:  
**Friday 20th March 2026**

Raffle will be drawn  
**26th March 2026**

Thank you for supporting our school!

**EASTER BONNET COMPETITION!**

Design an Easter Bonnet and wear it to school on **26th March!**

Take part in the Bonnet Parade

**Prize for best hat in each year group!**

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## Premier Camps Near You

### Multi Activity Camps

Bushey Heath Primary School 9am - 3.30pm (30th March - 10th April)

Hillside Infant School - 9am - 3.00pm (30th March - 10th April)

Our 5\* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your children entertained over the Easter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Join us this Easter, for a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from nerf wars to gymnastics. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term.

**Book now for lots of Easter fun!**

**PLEASE  
BRING**

Pack lunch

Plenty of water

Suitable clothing

Loads of energy!



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