

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 begun their topic on dinosaurs and have had great fun becoming paleontologists in the role play area! Whilst searching for dinosaurs and fossils the children have been busy learning about the differences between dinosaurs and exploring their unique features. They have been learning how we know that dinosaurs once roamed our planet and have looked at images of dinosaur fossils to guess which dinosaurs they might have been! In maths they have been subitising and learning how to recognise small amounts of objects up to 5 without the need to count the objects individually. In literacy they have really enjoyed the topic story of Ten Terrible Dinosaurs. Science week has also been great fun where we are experimenting with growing cress in a range of places to see where and what it needs to grow best.

Reception have been using their imagination to write sentences about The Hungry Caterpillar, showing great creativity and enthusiasm in their writing. In Science, the children have been busy filling their time capsules with pictures and other items from the classroom. In Maths, they have been focusing on writing our numbers correctly and exploring number bonds to 10.

Year 1 have had a very busy week. They began the week writing biographies on Neil Armstrong and then wrote their own Spring poems! In maths they have been using balance scales to find heavier, lighter and items that balance and then measuring their mass with cubes. To celebrate science week they have learnt about Albert Einstein and took part in an experiment. The highlight of the week was definitely the Sublime Science workshop!

This week in Year 2, the children enjoyed taking part in Science Week by designing and testing their own paper aeroplanes. They measured how far their planes flew, linking their learning to our Maths unit on measuring in centimetres and metres. The children carefully tested and compared distances to see which designs travelled the furthest. They also completed their final moving monster creations, using linkages to make parts of their models move. The children showed great creativity, problem-solving and perseverance throughout both activities.

Thank you to all families who attended our progress meetings this week. We hope you found it useful to look at your child's book and also receive their target sheets. I will be sending out a questionnaire about this next week.

Thanks to green class for a great class assembly today, we really enjoyed it.

PARK RUN

All welcome to join us on Sunday 22nd March at 8.55am at Pinner Village park for a really good run and or walk for 2km. Please see Mrs Califano's email on dojo.

Wishing a joyful and peaceful Eid to all our Hillside families who are celebrating. Eid Mubarak!

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Rebecca Fennell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Fennell'.

Headteacher

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General Information

Last Newsletter of the Spring Term

This is the final newsletter of the Spring term. **The term ends for Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 on Friday 27th March, with school finishing at 1:30 pm.** Please note that there will be no after-school club on this day. **For Nursery, the term ends on Thursday 26th March at the usual times.**

We would like to thank our Hillside families for your continued support. It has been a busy and exciting term, with many highlights including Book Week, our wonderful Dress Up Day, and a visit from author James Sellick, fantastic experiments and a science workshop during Science Week, and a creative writers' workshop with Coral Rumble. Year 2 enjoyed a trip to The Living Rainforest, while Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time at The Little City Experience. We also welcomed the LifeBus and held whole-school drama workshops, along with many other engaging activities across the school.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on **Monday 13th April at the usual time.** Wishing you all a wonderful break and a very Happy Easter.

Summer Term After-School Clubs

We are pleased to share details of our after-school activity clubs for the Summer Term, beginning after the Easter holidays. Full information, including booking instructions, has been sent out this week. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Club Schedule:

Monday

- Gym

Tuesday

- Street Dance
- Computer Club (Year 2)
- Spaghetti Maths (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesday

- Dodgeball

Thursday

- Drama
- Football

Friday

- Football

We encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. We look forward to another fun and active term!

Lost Property

This is a regular reminder in our newsletters that we currently have a large amount of unclaimed lost property in school, much of which is unnamed. From today, lost property will be placed in the playground after school each day (weather permitting), so that parents and carers can check for any missing items. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled to help us return items more easily. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of term. Thank you for your support.

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that next **Thursday 26th March**, children are invited to design and wear their Easter bonnets to school. There will be a prize for the best Easter hat in each year group. We look forward to seeing all the wonderful and creative designs!

Sponsored Read

A big thank you to all the children who took part in the sponsored read during Book Week. Your enthusiasm and love of reading were wonderful to see. Together, the classes raised the following amounts:

- Blue Class – £5
- Red Class – £41
- Green Class – £5
- Silver Class – £7
- Gold Class – £120
- **Total raised: £178**

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Star Readers.

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



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Healthy Eating & Birthday Book Donations

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

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



Important Dates

March	Monday 23rd	9.15	Hearing & Vision for Reception
	Wednesday 25th		School Nurse Reception Height and Weight Measurements
	Wednesday 25th		Year 1 –trip to RAF museum
	Wednesday 25th		Special themed menu - Easter
	Thursday 26th		Easter Bonnet Parade
	Thursday 26th	11:30am/3:30pm	Nursery term ends
	Friday 27th	1:30pm	Term Ends
Easter Holidays			
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April			
Summer term			
	Monday 13 th		Term Starts
April	Friday 17th April		Year 2 Pedestrian training
	Wednesday 22nd April		Class photos
May	Monday 4th May		Early May Bank Holiday School Closed
	Wednesday 6th May		Drama workshop - Nursery, Reception and Year 1
	Wednesday 13th		Problem Solving Company - Maths
	Friday 15th	9am	Blue Class Assembly
	Thursday 21st		Themed Dining (Census Day)
HALF TERM			
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May			

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Achievements

<u>Nursery Superstars:</u>	<u>Purple Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Red Class Super Stars:</u>
Mia-Rose	Luciana	Freya
Sefora	Diana	Seren
Darius	Saleh	Advit
	<u>Blue Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Green Class Super Stars:</u>
	Gabriel	Kimayraa
	Diego	Matteo
	Isla	Dexter
<u>Lunchtime Awards</u>	<u>Gold Class Super Stars:</u>	<u>Silver Class Super Stars:</u>
Yara	Salome	Sidrah
Isobel	James	Aisha
	Pedro	Rafael
<u>Gold awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>	<u>Silver awards</u>
Matei	Esmeralda Jack	Carolina
	Liam Charles	
	Saleh Samaira	
	Mazin Arlo	

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, **Green class** were awarded the Attendance Bunny with 96.44% attendance. Well done **Green Class!**

GOLD CLASS 91.67%
SILVER CLASS 93.87%
RED CLASS 95.83%
GREEN CLASS 96.44%
PURPLE CLASS 89.78%
BLUE Class 94.87%
N ALL DAY 95.1%
NAM 87.5%
NPM %

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!