

Hillside Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and contribution to the school. Whether this is your first year as a Hillside parent or your final, I hope you have enjoyed the year and are proud of your children's achievements. As a school community, we have so much to be proud of this year. Firstly, of all our pupils, who make our school such a pleasure to be in each day. Ofsted visited us in May, who have told us we continue to be a good school - recognising we teach with energy and enthusiasm. They also recognised that our 'values' is at the heart of everything we do and that our curriculum is inspiring. We hope you enjoy reading what the children have been up to this half term.

Last week we received more good news, as we were informed that we have achieved **Gold Games Mark**, which is an increase on our silver award last year. This means that the school has continued to improve its sporting curriculum and achievements.

We are also delighted to share with you that our reading, maths and writing outcomes have improved throughout the school this year. Our results have increased at all National Data collection points, with the Key Stage 2 results being the best they have been since the implementation of the new curriculum. This is testament to your children's hard work and determination to be the best they can be. I would like to thank all our staff and Governors who work so hard to ensure that Hillside is the best school for our children. We are looking forward to next term for more learning excitement and achievements. Although we are proud of our improvements, reading is something our children are not doing regularly and therefore, it is something we will be continuing to work on with you next year. Please, please, please continue daily reading, take books on holiday and encourage crosswords and sudoku. Returning to school in September won't be so hard if they keep their minds active.

For some of you, this is your last term at Hillside, as your children move on to their Secondary school. It's been wonderful to watch them become ready for their next stage of education and this week we will be celebrating their time at Hillside with their Leavers Party and final farewell assembly. We will miss all our sixes but know they are ready to leave us. Our secondary schools are very fortunate to be having such fantastic children coming to them in September. Could I also say goodbye to our families who are relocating this Summer, which includes the lovely Mrs Short! Mrs Short has been at Hillside for 5 years and will be remembered for her wonderful care and relationships that she builds to ensure children achieve their best. Her new school is very lucky to have her and we wish her the very best by the seaside.

Thank you to all the members of the PTA who give up their family time to raise much needed funds for the school. This year we have received the new staging, new Bell system, History timeline and Home Learning Journals for next year. We wouldn't have the much needed resources without you.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th September.

Kind regards,

Mrs N. Morris
Headteacher



Hillside Termly Roundup

Foundation - Summer 2 2018

This term we have been learning about transport!



The F2s went swimming this term. Some children found "Earley Rocks" on the way!



We had Healthy Minds Week in Foundation this term! We talked about the things that were most important for being happy.

Mostly, we have been enjoying Independent Learning in the sun!



Hillside Termly Round-up

Year 1- Summer 2 2018

What have Year 1 been up to this half-term?

We have had a fantastic half-term and have been ever so busy preparing for our exciting Market Stall event on Monday 23rd July. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different under-the-sea creatures and their knowledge has been very impressive! The children have represented their new factual understanding in their own class information book and they can't wait to show it off at the Market Stall!

We have also been very creative this term, as we have been making our own Lighthouses and Seaside washes in our art lessons. We have spent time creating under the sea jellyfish and collaboratively we have made a fantastic small-scale Seaside town.

Another particular highlight of this term has definitely been growing and nurturing our butterflies. We loved observing them from tiny caterpillars, who made their cocoons in the pot, and we were so excited to come into school and see five stunning butterflies! Releasing them was great fun and one even landed on us! We think they liked us a lot!!



Mrs Short and I would like to thank all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm this year and they really have made this year a very special one for us. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching each and every one of your children, who have been outstanding role models for all of our Hillside values and we want to thank all the Year 1 parents for their continued support over the year. We hope you have a wonderful summer break!

Hillside Termly Roundup

Year 2- Summer 2 2018

After a very busy May, Year 2 continued their exciting term with a trip to Windsor Castle. We were very lucky with the weather and some of us were able to watch the changing of the Guard in a special VIP area. In the Castle we learnt about the Queen and her Coronation and also how she Knights significant people. We loved acting out both of these events by dressing up in special Royal costumes. Our highlight of the trip was visiting St George's Chapel and actually standing exactly where Harry and Megan said their wedding vows only a few weeks before.

The following day we visited Trinity church to learn about how a church is used by Christians. We learnt so much from the volunteers of RE Inspired including how people are Baptised and what different parts of the church are used for. The children were very well behaved and enjoyed their visit.



Year 2 recently entered The Great Hillside Bake Off, where groups had the opportunity to make, bake and design a cake for Prince Louis' Christening. Each group could choose different flavours and colours for each layer of their cake before selecting a filling. On the Friday, we then spent the morning decorating using a range of icing, sweet treats and fruit, considering what Prince Louis and his guests would like. Mrs Morris and Mrs Wyatt then came and judged our entries based on appearance and taste, with the winning team being presented a wonderful wooden spoon each as well as a gold star for collaboration.



Hillside Termly Round-up

Year 3 - Summer 2, 2018

A great end to Year 3! We have created our own maps of the UK using mod rock and then painted them to show the different landscapes in the UK. We have also been comparing and sorting features of towns, villages and cities in our CC lessons.

We have been re-capping our maths knowledge on topics such as money, fractions and multiplication and division facts. Within our English lessons we have been writing newspaper reports based on the picture book 'Tuesday'. We have also been practising hard ready for sports day!



Bean bag challenge during our sports day field events.



Using mod rock to cover our map of the UK.



Concentrating hard to paint our map of the UK.



Sorting features of towns, villages and cities.

Hillside Termly Roundup

Year 4- Summer 2 2018



In June, Year 4 went on their first residential to Ufton Court, where they learnt about life in Roman times. They experienced building a trebuchet, being a Roman soldier, dining at a banquet, as well as understanding Roman superstitions and customs.

In Science, we investigated the effects of liquids on an egg shell, which represented the enamel on a tooth. We made observations over time and generated questions on how we could further this investigation.



In Art, the children used clay to create Roman coins and lamps.



Year 4 visited Newbury Wharf and learnt about rivers and canals. They got to go on a boat trip and experience travelling through a lock.



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Year 5 - Summer 2 2018

What have Year 5 been up to this half-term?

This half-term, we have continued with our Mayan topic, specifically focusing on what the Mayans ate, where they lived and what their lives were like. With this in mind, our third and final DT week was based on the Mayans' love of chocolate! We designed, created and evaluated our own hot chocolate recipes. Some children were particularly brave, choosing to use ingredients that were available and popular in Mayan times, including chilli, lemon, lime, etc.! Following DT week, we had the opportunity to work with Mr Perez in our outdoor classroom; we created some clay medallions based on the Mayan calendar.

Many of our afternoon PE sessions this term was spent practicing for the Sports Day flash mob, which we are sure you will all agree, was fantastic! Many of our Year 5s also had the opportunity to visit either Oakbank or Bulmershe School, to get a taster of secondary school life and experience lessons such as drama, science and PE. They all came back with exciting stories and were absolutely buzzing that they had been allowed to use a Bunsen burner!

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the year already! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of the Year 5s and we know that they will continue to make us proud as they enter Year 6. We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Miss Crye & Miss Ezard



Hillside Termly Roundup

Year 6- Summer 2 2018

We can't believe that we have reached the end of the year so quickly - what a year it has been! This half term has been exceptionally busy for us - we started by heading off on our brilliant residential to Call of the Wild. The week was full of exhilarating experiences; the children overcame huge challenges and fears and left with such happy memories.

We continued the adventures with transition days to our new secondary schools and came back to Hillside full of excitement ready for September. We also participated in the transition event at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre where we met up with new friends and will hopefully remember a few faces at the start of the Autumn term.

The children worked phenomenally hard to put on a superb production, followed by a competitive but fun Sports Day. We were delighted to see so many of you and hope that you enjoyed the events as much as they did.



The whole of the Year 6 team would like to take this opportunity to wish a very fond farewell to all our amazing students. It's been an incredible year; full of special moments.

You've made us very proud and we wish each and every one of you a very relaxing and enjoyable summer and much happiness for Year 7.

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VALUES END OF YEAR ROUND UP

At Hillside, our values guide us in our behaviour and learning. We have had a very successful year academically, and have achieved goals we set out in September.

We began the year focusing on respecting environments, from school, to local community, to world-wide. We have learnt a lot about how we all play a part in sustaining the world and how fragile environments can be.

Our values of resilience and learning have helped us to develop a growth mind-set, always thinking how we can be successful and changing plans when needed. Also, being able to make mistakes and recognising how this actually helps us become a stronger and more determined learner.

The children are always encouraged to be independent learners and are given skills and resources to help. We are confident that our children leave Hillside with independent skills and positive attitudes, ready to move on with their next stage of learning. This year we have taken part in a careers day, when adults came in to showcase their job and inspire the children to think about their futures. It was a great opportunity for the children to gain knowledge of life after school and begin channelling their thoughts of their preferences for life.

There are so many opportunities during the year when the value of collaboration is evident. Residential trips away in Phase 2, the great bake off in Year 2 and independent learning and enquiry based learning in Foundation and Year 1.

The children recognise the need for collaboration and love to support each other in their learning, recognising that sometimes two heads are better than one! We also took part in a healthy minds week, when feelings and emotions were discussed and people who can help us if we are struggling to help ourselves were introduced to us. We recognise the need to be mindful, taking time to sit, breathe and reflect.

We have focused on our overarching value of happiness this term and have had many opportunities to display happiness. We have discovered how we can fill someone's invisible bucket with kindness and goodness and also fill our own buckets; filling ourselves with satisfaction and kindness in the process.

Finishing the year with sports day is always a happy event all members of Hillside community enjoys.

We look forward to another happy and healthy year next year, having our values at the core of everything we do from learning, to building relationships and growing up and moving on in our lives.

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SUMMER 2018 HOLIDAY CLUBS

We are providing excellent holiday care for the whole Summer with Funtastic Kids Club and Get Active Sports. Booking details are as follows:

Get Active Sports – 30/7 – 10/8 www.getactivesports.com/ 01344 860868

Funtastic Kids Club – 13/8 – 24/8 www.funtastickids.co.uk/ 07715 643412

HILLSIDE NURSERY

Are you looking for a Nursery place from September 2018?

We currently have afternoon places available.

The sessions run from 12.20pm-3.20pm, and there is the option to pay for additional care, extending the timings from midday-6.00pm.

For further information please contact the school on 0118 975 5771 or email finance@hillside.wokingham.sch.uk

Messages and emails will be picked up over the school holidays.

Upcoming Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
4 th Sept	Autumn Term Starts		

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is protecting vulnerable adults or children from abuse or neglect. It means making sure people are supported to get good access to an education, health care and stay well. It is making sure that people are supported to have full and happy lives. Safeguarding should make sure that people get the support they need to make the most of their lives and get their full equal rights.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety, please speak to one of our Safeguarding Leads.

Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Morris
Mr Pearman
Mrs Attewell
Miss Czornij