



# Hillstone News

## Hillstone Stars

5th April 2019

12th April 2019

3rd May 2019

Jacob Floyd

Tommy Nash

Jorge Cordell

Clayton Kabamba

Benjamin Barnett

Jessica Burns

Ciara Hall

Kiera Murtagh

Joe Patton

Sydney Griffiths

Scott Mallen

Jaxson Freeman

Ellie Aziz

Miley McLaughlin

Dylan Hancox

Jude Walters-Blackman

Dania Khawaja

Emilia Dollani

Kian Edwards

Ava Burkett

Callum Busby

Lucas Taylor

Azaan Khawaja

Xyon Hamilton Brown

Amelia-Lilly O'Brien

Macey O'Neil

Ethan Richards

Adam Latchford

Loewen Lee

Zacchaeus Thomas-Preece

Alexander Cooks

### Attendance

The attendance winners for the spring term were 2N in key stage 1 with 96.8% and 3B in the Juniors with a terrific 98.8%. The classes won an additional 1/2 hour golden time. We took over 130 children with outstanding attendance on the golden adventure to Lego Discovery in Birmingham.

The winners of the Punctuality League for the spring term were 1K and 6B. They have each won 10 Hillstone pounds which they are saving up to buy a 'treat'

Tamworth were the winning house for the spring term. They won an additional half hour in the scrap pod. There are much more opportunities to win house points in the summer term, due to all the sporting events and competitions that take place.



pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points	pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	RA	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	5K	1	1	0	0	0	3
2	1K	1	1	0	0	2	3	2	3B	1	1	0	0	0	3
3	2N	1	0	1	0	3	2	2	6B	1	1	0	0	1	3
3	2C	1	0	1	0	3	2	4	4A	1	0	1	0	1	2
5	RM	1	0	0	1	5	1	4	3T	1	0	1	0	1	2
5	1L	1	0	0	1	5	1	6	5B	1	0	0	1	2	1
								6	6W	1	0	0	1	2	1
								8	4T	1	0	0	1	4	1





### Easter Activities

I know it seems some time now since the Easter activities, I thought you would enjoy seeing some of the photos of the bonnets and decorated eggs. The Easter bonnet parade is such a lovely old tradition at Easter—goodness knows how long it has been going on for. I bet those of you who attended the school as children took part in it many years ago.

### Morning drop off

As you know we run a fantastic free breakfast club which is a great way for children to start school. We regularly serve over 200 breakfasts. There are a couple of issues that have been brought to my attention, that I would like you to be aware of. Occasionally parents are dropping off children at the school gate and then leaving without checking that they are signed into breakfast club. I do usually have a member of staff on duty outside for those children who want to play outside and not go into breakfast club but I cannot guarantee it. Please check that your child has signed in safely and is under our supervision.

Many year 6 children, walk to school on their own. They often like to play outside, particularly in the warmer months. This will mean that they don't have breakfast with us. This is fine if parents are aware of this. If your child walks to school on their own and you are worried that they are not going to breakfast club, give us a call and we can talk further about the issue—so we can meet yours and children's needs.

### National Theatre— A Quest for Arthur

We have been honoured to work with the national theatre all this year. Our latest production was the year 3 performance “A Quest for Arthur. “. We have some stunning photographs that the National Theatre photographer took for us which are available for parents to download from our arts section of the web site. We will also put the year 5 photographs from their production of Phoebe and Hercules and other recent productions with professional organisations.



### Sport at Hillstone

During the week commencing 1st April, our children competed in four School Games Finals. To qualify for a School Games Final, you need to win a qualifying tournament with your local partnership. This academic year has been our most successful to date, with our children qualifying for every competition we've competed in. This in itself is a brilliant achievement for our children as to qualify for so many different finals is an extremely difficult thing to do.

The finals we competed in were in; indoor athletics, para athletics, basketball and hockey. If our children were to get up on the winners podium for any of these events we knew we would have to play our very best in all events as we would be up against the best primary schools team in the whole of Birmingham. We had some brilliant successes last week to add to some of our achievements already this academic year. Below are the results of these events as well as other school games finals we have competed in this half term.

- Basketball—5th
- Gymnastics—4th
- Hockey—Bronze
- Dance—Bronze
- Indoor Athletics—Silver
- Para Athletics—Gold

Well done to our children for doing so well. This has been the most successful Winter Games Finals to date.

Our boys football team have also been playing fantastically well with a 100% league record winning all 11 games and top of the Erdington and Saltley League.



On the 9th April, we had our fourth intra house sport competition; bench-ball. Results for this are below:  
1st Warwick  
2nd Ludlow  
3rd Dudley  
4th Tamworth

### Cycling

Cycling is another of one those skills that I feel like swimming is such an important life skill. Children ought to be taught to ride safely. We recently participated in the The Big Pedal Competition. This is run to try and encourage as many children and adults to walk or ride to school. This is a healthier option and good for the environment. Thank you to all those who participated. We did not win any of the prizes but our own internal winning class was 4A and they will win a half hour multi games session with coach.

Year 5 and 6 children have recently been attending bike club and we are pleased that all who attended achieved a minimum of level 1 bike ability. Some achieved their level 2 award.



### Farmers Market

Chef was very pleased with the support for the pop-up market last night. It was lovely to see the children getting involved and talking about the food for sale. The next event will be the full Farmer's market

on Thursday 3rd July. Farmer John will be visiting with the sheep and goats we hope and the children will be selling produce and goods that they have made or grown. We made a profit of £66. Miley from 1L won the raffle.

