



# Hillstone News

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1st February

- Lilly-Mae Iea
- Ava Peniston Bird
- Tilly-Mae Suter
- Charlie Dickerson-Doyle
- Lacey Treadwell
- Layton Daly
- Leo Edwards
- Kaisie Bradford
- Lacey Evans
- Markie Meade
- Callum Cutler

8th February

- Ammelia Iea
- Ethan Sturch
- Lacey Reeves
- Zayne Latchford
- Tyler McBride
- Gracie-Leigh Gilchrist
- Chimamanda Okpala
- Braiden Floyd
- Brogan-Jai Moore
- Lily Cooper
- Henley Burkott
- Tameira Hanson

15th February

- Leo McDonald
- Lexia-Leigh Hickman
- Mira Potniak
- Heidi-Louise Southan-Beebee
- Tshania Sappleton
- Alysia Robb
- Summer Shrimpton
- Jessica Brown
- Allia Stanford

**ATTENDANCE**

3B	100
5K	98.3
2C	98.2
3T	97.7
2N	97.1
4T	96.6
5B	96.5
6W	96.4
4A	96.3
RA	96.0
RM	95.1
1L	94.3
6B	91.1

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	RA	5	4	1	0	1	14
2	2C	5	4	0	1	3	13
3	1K	5	4	0	1	11	13
4	RM	5	1	1	3	14	8
5	1L	5	1	0	4	23	7
6	2N	5	0	0	5	36	5

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
1	4A	5	5	0	0	8	15
2	6W	5	4	1	0	2	14
3	4T	5	3	0	2	12	11
4	3T	5	2	0	3	12	9
5	5B	5	2	0	3	19	9
6	3B	5	1	0	4	9	7
7	5K	5	0	2	3	12	7
8	6B	5	0	1	4	15	6

## Be on Time at Quarter to Nine

Good attendance and punctuality at school is vital for a child to make good progress and achieve their potential. Every lesson will contain new learning that if they miss it can be difficult for them to catch up. Children hate being late and feel embarrassed if they have to walk in to lessons. This in turn affects their ability to really take in the new learning. Do try to get your child here every day and on time.

If a child's attendance slips below 90% , they are classed as persistent absentees by the government. We will try and work with families to support them with any issues that may be preventing the child in having good attendance. However, the ultimate sanction which we have to impose is a fine. It is our duty to report to the community when such a fine is issued. Although I will not be naming anybody. Such a fine has been issued this week.



I would also urge you to avoid taken children on holiday in school time. I do have every sympathy because I know how costs rocket but there is no doubt that it will affect children's learning and they cannot just be given a sheet or a book and try to catch up. It's the teaching that is crucial.

## Safer Internet Day

Last week, Ms Thornton, our computing lead teacher, set a competition for Safer Internet Day. She had about 60 entries and will be announcing the winners and giving prizes in assembly on the first Monday back after half term. The main theme coming from children was about trying to prevent cyber bullying. I think this is one of the major issues that worry our children today.

Please be aware of how your child is communicating : what they are saying on social media. I don't think they always realise that a throw away remark., a casual insult can escalate into something quite nasty. They must be aware of the power of words ; how they can hurt and that there are often unforeseen consequences to making such comments.



What a fantastic time our year 4 children have had at the BrigHouse Residential. I've been told their behaviour has been excellent and they have done some terrific activities. I am so grateful to my staff who are prepared to give up so much of their time voluntarily and take children away for such experiences. I know you will want to join me in



## Hillstone Choir

Following the choir's recent smash success singing in the Council House for the start of a Council meeting, the Lord Mayor asked Mr Farr and our choir if they would perform for the civic reception last week for the President of Ireland as he visited Birmingham. They had a marvellous time at a very posh function and did us proud singing a selection of Irish songs and songs from Mr Farr's Birmingham Cantata. Well done Hillstone choir.

## Ruddock Centre Performance

Year 5 have been involved in a super project with King Edward. This culminated in them performing their own composition at the Ruddock Centre and then watching a performance of Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" with the author/illustrator James Mayhew painting as they listened to the concert. It was a very memorable afternoon and great to work with children from other primary schools as well as the very talented King Edward children.



We are such a musical school . Two of our girls, Ellie O Neil and Latoyah Flynn were recently selected to play their clarinet and an area concert and will be playing in a Birmingham wide concert in March at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

Do look at our arts and sports pages on the web site for more information about some of our children's achievements and projects we have been involved with.



# FREE Half Term Activities from Big Birmingham Bikes

**Monday 18th February to Thursday 21st February**

**Children's learn to ride a bike/  
Bikeability Sessions**

\*Handsworth Wellbeing Centre, \*Shard End Wellbeing Centre, \*Calthorpe Hub and Sheldon Country Park

Bring your own bike if you have one, this will be checked for road worthiness.

\*There is also an opportunity to loan a children's bike for 6 months from our 'Bike Bank' to those children living within an eligible postcode area, please ask for details upon booking your child's place.

For level 2 courses your child must be able to ride a bike minimum age 7. Level 2 Courses are held over 2 days (you must attend both sessions) – Choose from the below:

1. Mon and Tues Morning – Start: 10.00am (registration at 9.45am) Finish:12.15pm
2. Mon and Tues Afternoon – Start:12.45pm (registration at 12.30pm) Finish: 3.00pm
3. Wed and Thurs Morning – Start: 10.00am (registration at 9.45am) Finish 12.15pm
4. Wed and Thurs Afternoon – Start: 12.45pm (registration at 12.30pm) Finish: 3.00pm

There is no minimum age for level 1 and learn to ride, the minimum age for level 2 is 7. Please call for details of times for each session.

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**Bookings Essential: Telephone: 0121 464 1020 or email: [bigbirminghambikes@theaws.org](mailto:bigbirminghambikes@theaws.org)**



Parents must accompany children for these sessions. Level 2 Bikeability Sessions are held on-road with fully qualified Instructors.