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Hillstone News

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Attendance

Attendance for the whole year is 96.33% We are especially pleased with class 2P who have the best attendance with over 98%. This year we had 44 children who have been at school every day this year. These 100% attenders have all won a £5 Love to Shop gift voucher. A particularly mention should go to Dylan Lanchester, in 6N who has not missed one day throughout his whole school career.

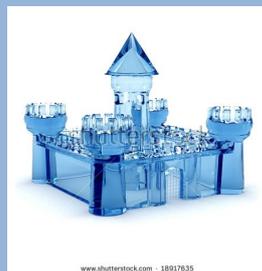
We also have to monitor persistent absentees. These are children who have an unauthorised absence rate over a year of less than 90%. This year we have had 36 children who are classed as persistent absentees and they will be closely monitored from September.

Lost Property

We will put out Lost Property on Friday 21st July from 8.30am till 3.30pm. Please do come and take a look—there are coats, shoes as well as jumpers and PE kits.

House Points

Congratulation to Dudley winners of the house points trophy for the year.



Birmingham City Council Award

Thanks to our brilliant chef and to Mrs Sheehan and the gardening team we have won the Birmingham City Council Greener & Healthier Award. Some of the gardening team went along to the council house with Chef and Mrs Sheehan to the very prestigious award ceremony. They were particularly impressed with our Cooking with Hillstone Scheme along with other ideas such as the successful Farmers Market and the children growing some of the food we use in our lunches.



Congratulations



The winners of this term's punctuality league are 1S and 4B. Each class wins 10 Hillstone Pounds which they have spent on a Extra Forest School session for 1S and extra playtime Pod time for 4B.

YEAR ACHIEVERS

Louisa O' Farrell Adam Ali Antonia Parat Jagden McGrath Lily Hinton Ava Peniston Bird
 Gabriella Blisssett Conner Hall Lexie Mitchell Benjamin Barnett Lexi Pritchard Frankie Collins
 Gabriel O'Neill Eli Reading Kacey Ann Rowley Joshua Leech Lucy-Mai Nickless Mason Bowen
 Emilia Dollani P J Carden Amy-Leigh Jarvis Henley Burkett Leah Wisener Ava Burkett
 Tameria Hanson Latayah Flynn Jesca Newman Michael White Elli Goode Hanifa Rice
 Elizabeth Amure Chelsea Robertson Lucy Jarvis Elliot Blakeman Madison Esson Luke Tindale



SPORT PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR ~ *Lucy Jarvis*

GOVERNOR'S AWARD

Georgia Bowen



THIRD CERTIFICATES

Eric Sale Kadi-Ann Newton Maisie O'Neill Elli Goode

Sports

I would like to give a big thank you to Mrs King and to Coach for our tremendous sporting success this year. In competitions we have won many trophies in particular the cross country and the Birmingham Cricket trophy at the School Sports games. We have again been awarded a gold sports mark and won the Birmingham Award for the use of Sports premium. All children from year 2 have had the opportunity to go swimming and because of additional support in year 4 we have got



many more children able to swim a length this year. Over the year, there have been numerous sporting clubs, from coach's 8am sessions to afterschool football training, athletics, tennis, golf, boccia, handball, rounders, netball and basketball. Coach was so pleased this year with developing good attitudes; children prepared to turn up and commit to training, being reliable if they are agreed to represent the school, encouraging and supporting others and helping them to develop, be a good sportsperson—knowing how to win and lose with grace.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



Year 6 performed a marvellous production of Matilda over two nights this week. Indeed it was so popular that we completely sold out on the second night and had to turn people away. Lesson to be learnt for future events—buy tickets early and don't assume you will be able to get some on the door.



I would like to wish our wonderful year 6 children all the best as they fly the nest and go on to their secondary schools. They have been an absolute delight and I am so proud of each and every one of them. They will have a water fight on the last day—it's a Hillstone tradition I'm afraid. Please do not let younger children and adults other than school staff join in.



Once again I find I have to apologise to Mr King. Shortly after the Literary Festival, we published his favourite poem but the last two lines got missed off so it didn't make much sense. I publish it here again in full

The Little Boy and the Old Man by Shel Silverstein

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."

Said the old man, "I do that too."

The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."

"I do that too," laughed the little old man.

Said the little boy, "I often cry."

The old man nodded, "So do I."

"But worst of all," said the boy,

"it seems

Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."

And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.

"I know what you mean," said the little old man

We have come to the end of a busy and exhausting school year. I have been so proud of pleased of all the things we have achieved this year, results, Ofsted inspections, productions, sporting competitions, community events as well as individual children's achievements. I really do believe I have the best job in the world. I could not do it without my wonderful staff who as Ofsted said "set no limits on what the school will provide for its pupils". I would also like to thank you; parents, carers and grandparents and the PTA for all your support. It really does take the whole community working together to have a successful school. We break up today at normal time. There will be teacher days on Monday and Tuesday next week. Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Gill Sparrow

CBeebies

A production team for BBC have been filming with us all week. Our year 1 children have been filmed making small craft items for their CBeebies web site and their "How to" series. Do have a look for our children over the holidays.

