



# Hillstone News

## Happy Birthday

Eesa Henderson	5
Jorja Griffiths	10
Dylan Walsh	6
Amelia-Rose MacMillan	7
Joshua Leech	9
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### National School Sport Week

The annual National School Sport Week campaign is powered by children's charity the Youth Sport Trust. It takes place in the last week of June every year to celebrate the important role of Physical Education and school sport, in enhancing young people's wellbeing. This year, the Youth Sport Trust has teamed up with Sky Sports to run a national campaign to use sport to unite the country; bringing families, schools, sport and businesses closer together, even during isolation.

The UK-wide campaign will challenge people to take on their families, friends and neighbours in virtual sporting challenges - helping them to connect in an unprecedented period of school closures and social distancing. It will build on the Youth Sport Trust's #StayHomeStayActive campaign which has been supporting schools, parents and young people with daily free resources to get young people moving and enjoying the PE curriculum while at home.

Young people's wellbeing is suffering and the closure of schools has made it harder for them to benefit from the power of sport. Right now, young people are missing their friends and missing the sense of connection they get from enjoying sport and play. YST National School Sport Week at Home 2020 will give families, communities, schools and sports clubs the opportunity to engage in a series of virtual sporting challenges which help young people capture the enjoyment, competition and camaraderie they are missing out on.

Anyone and everyone can take part in YST National School Sport Week at Home 2020 by signing up here <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/national-school-sport-week-home>

The school nurse service would like us to let you know that they are still working during lock down and can be contacted on <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/patients-public/children-and-young-people/services-parent-portal/birmingham-school-health-advisory-service/>

Chat health Text Service - 07480635485

The school health support service can provide help for students with relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating. During COVID 19 parents are also able to text this number to seek support.

Our school has been selected to participate in a national surveillance study. Every Tuesday until the end of term, a team of nurses will test for Covid 19 all of the children and adults in school who have given their permission. The purpose of this is to get accurate data surrounding the transmission of the virus in school settings. The test is a simple nasal swab which involves inserting the tip of the cotton bud into each nostril. This is not the same as a nasopharyngeal swab, which involves inserting the swab deeper into the nasal passage and can be more painful. At present, the general belief is that the risks in school are minimal. We have been open for the entire period and to our knowledge we have not had any infections, but as we know some children and adults may be positive but have no symptoms.

Numbers returning continue to rise and we now have 107 children in school. It's so lovely to see them back and the children are very happy about it too. This study should help to provide reassurance for parents still unsure about their children in eligible year groups returning. Wherever possible, lessons take place in our lovely grounds.

The government have announced that **all** pupils will be back in September under normal conditions so again this research is vital in providing reassurance for parents. I would very much liked to have offered this to all year groups but as we are committed at present to maintain bubbles no bigger than 15, we could not risk having no space available for the officially eligible pupils.

However, I want to do something for those children in nursery, Y2, 3, 4 and 5. They must be missing their friends and anxious about the forthcoming year. To this end we are currently organising a half day transition session for ALL pupils. These will take place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July. Children will spend the session with their new teacher but will be able to pick up their report and a few other items. Teachers are planning a nice activity with their children which comes from the Agents of Hope books and allows them to share worries and concerns and look forward to the year ahead. We will give you the details of your child's transition session next Monday.

We are hoping that we can make the last afternoon of Friday 17th something special for our Y 6 pupils to give them a decent send off.