



Hillstone News



HILLSTONE STARS

Tyler McBride	Latoyah Flynn
Kaci-leigh Johnson	Corey Day
Emmy McGovern	Grace Ward
Rhianne Sharpe	Ruby Simms
Lexi Harborne	Lara Spencer
William Beesley	

% Attendance	
RL	87.33
RM	95.67
1A	96.13
1T	95.33
2N	89.03
2S	92.26
3K	95.20
3P	96.33
4B	95.16
4D	95.86
5B	95.67
5P	94.83
6I	96.00
6W	96.79
Total	94.37



Mark Wood Explorer

It was so exciting last week. We had a visit from Mark Wood, a polar explorer. The children were fascinated and inspired by tales and films of his adventures.

Mark hails from Coventry and showed the children how with determination and hard work you can fulfil your ambition. His next adventure is Project 8848 (the height of Everest). The aim is to connect 10,000 school children worldwide using mobile technology from the extremes of Everest in real time. Making Everest one of the most incredible and inspiring classrooms in the world. Hopefully the project will take place this year although may have to be delayed another year. We will be keeping in touch with Mark though in the near future.

Find out more about Mark on his web site or look out for his upcoming film about climate change on Netflix:

<http://www.markwoodexplorer.com/>

Growth Mind Sets

There were many reasons for inviting Mark in to talk to us, but one of those reasons was that I felt he illustrated perfectly the idea of having a growth mind set. We believe that too often our children do not have the confidence or resilience to challenge themselves. If you look at our Ofsted report, you will see our two development points talk about this. We are fortunate that Mr King is rather an expert in this field and we are launching this work with our children. There will be assemblies and lessons and parents workshops.

We are likely to call it Hillstone Learning Powers rather than growth mind sets which sounds like rather an American concept. Search on line for more information; there are plenty of you tube clips which illustrate this perfectly .

The first assembly started with three important messages;

1. You are not born clever or talented you can improve with hard work.
2. Mistakes are essential; you learn from them.
3. Don't be afraid to have a go.

Thank a Teacher Awards

To celebrate 20 fantastic years of the Pearson Teaching Awards, they are giving away 20 signed copies of Flamingo Boy by Michael Morpurgo,

Just Thank a Teacher before 9th March and your name will go into a prize draw . All of the 'Thank You's' received by 9th March are also eligible for entry in the 2018 Pearson Teaching Awards, as seen on BBC2.

Past and present pupils—You must just like to nominate one of our brilliant teachers who has made an impact on you.

<http://teachingawards.com/thank-a-teacher/>

Tucasi

As you will be aware, our new online payment system is now up and running. I hope that you have registered for your child's account and that you are happy with the new service. On this new system, you can pay for trips, dinners, kindergarten and nursery fees and after school club, as well as order uniform and give consent to trips.

If you haven't already registered for an account. speak to staff in the main office to obtain your activation code.

Grandparent Gardening week

Taking place from 19th–23rd March, Grandparent Gardening Week aims to help schools get support from the local community to kick start their gardens into action after the winter. Why not come and join us week beginning 19th March. Together with your grandchildren you will be able to plant fruit, veg and herbs in our fantastic allotment. This initiative is in conjunction with Food for life. The scheme helps your children make the link between good food choices and a healthy life and to learn where food comes from. The exact make up of the week is to be decided once we gauge the interest, so if you would like to share this unique experience with your grandchildren, register your interest before Wednesday 7th February at the office or email [chef m.knight@hillstone.org.uk](mailto:m.knight@hillstone.org.uk)

Crisis at Christmas

Here is an extract of a letter I have received the from the Crisis at Christmas organisation .

"On behalf of Crisis and everyone who accesses our services, thank you for allowing us to use your minibuses and holding a collection where lots of fantastic items were donated for Crisis at Christmas. There is no public transport on Christmas Day and so without many of our guests would have been unable to attend our event. This year, we welcomed over a hundred guests and 140 volunteers across the Christmas period. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donors such as yourself were able to provide companionship, good food and plenty of activities and entertainment across four days . We facilitated health and beauty services such as haircuts, podiatry, health checks, yoga and mediation as well as employment related support. Everyone went home with two goodie bags filled with essential items such as gloves, socks , shampoo, toothpaste etc. Some of the donations were used as game prizes.

We see success every day as our members gain confidence and skills, raise their aspirations and then move on to further education, training, volunteering, employment and ultimately in sustainable housing. One of the ways we do this is by breaking a cycle of isolation. This is why Christmas is such an important time of year for us. Crisis at Christmas is run almost through donations and volunteers and so your contribution was essential to the running of Crisis at Christmas.' Read the full letter on our web site.

pos	class	played	won	drew	lost	lates	points
							
1	RL	3	3	0	0	4	9
2	2S	3	2	0	1	4	7
3	2N	3	2	0	1	8	7
4	1A	3	1	1	1	6	6
5	RM	3	0	1	2	12	4
6	1T	2	0	0	3	9	3

Pop up Restaurant

We will be holding a pop up restaurant on Wednesday 25th April Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are welcome to join their children any time after 3.30 that day to work together to produce the evenings meal for our customers.

We will then take bookings for the evening service. I believe Mr King is the Maitre'D. That has to be worth seeing!

If you have what it takes to help run a kitchen for the evening, register with chef either via the kitchen or email m.knight@hillstone.org.uk.

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1	6I	3	3	0	0	9	9
2	5P	3	2	1	0	9	8
3	3K	3	2	0	1	13	7
4	3P	3	1	1	1	11	6
5	5B	3	1	0	2	10	5
6	4D	3	1	0	2	12	5
7	4B	3	0	0	3	12	3
8	6W	3	0	0	3	16	3

Y2 Queen Elizabeth topic

Millie from St Giles came to visit the children in year 2 to support their history topic which is all about Queen Elizabeth II and the events that have happened to Britain throughout her reign. Millie is 100 years old and had lots of information to tell the children about including getting a special card from the queen when she was 100. We loved 2S assembly too . A mixture of Strictly Come Dancing and This is Your Life.

