



Hillstone News

Attendance

I am concerned by our school's recent attendance levels. Recently we had a nasty outbreak of chickenpox, which affected our Year One classes predominantly. But we now have a spate of families taking holidays during term time. I know this is a cheaper time but any absence from school affects their learning and children's ultimate attainment. It also sends the wrong message out to children that school and learning is not important. Please do not take your child out of school during term time.

BBC Gardeners' World

Our lovely gardening team led by Miss Millns, Ms Franklin and Ms Morris recently entered the School's Wheelbarrow competition held at the NEC as part of their Gardener's World Live. The theme was to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and our wheelbarrow represented India.



Commonwealth Connections

As part of the Commonwealth Connections project, we hosted a changemaker event with 5 local schools and their sports leaders, known as Changemakers. It was a blistering hot day but Jenny Wallwork our nominated athlete led them through some leadership activities. Our Changemakers will be running events and a club supporting Coach in our summer activities.

Residential

You will know how valuable we think residential are for our children. Our year 3 children have just come back from a brilliant experience at Willesley and the year 5 children go next week. I am so grateful to staff who give up their time, stay away from their families and are on duty 24 hours a day, cooking and supervising the children. They do this on a voluntary basis because they know how much our children gain from such opportunities.



Father's Day Secret Room

The PTA were keen to organise a Father's Day Secret Room, similar to that which we have for Mother's Day. We were keen to stress that the gift could be purchased for anyone special in their lives. This was immensely popular and thanks go out to the PTA team who gave up their time to organise and run this event.



Artbyte Competition

Congratulations to our winners of the Artbyte competition:

1st	Sagal Abdikarim	(5K)
2nd	Saskai Harborne	(5U)
3rd	Lexie Mitchell	(5U)

Here is the link to their artwork:

https://artbytes.co.uk/schools/hillstone-primary-school_59/

As part of the event, the winners have been invited to a special event at the 2022 Art Bytes Celebration Event The New Art Gallery, Walsall

Congratulations to Chef and Rosie Millns who together have been successful in winning a bid for us to gain £5,000 toward creating a teaching kitchen for the community. More information to follow.

This is our Voice

Mr Farr and Dr Leigh, (one of our governors) have led an extraordinary project in which our year 5 children have worked with a renowned vocalist to write their own songs and then perform them along with five other local schools. Thank you to parents who came along and enjoyed a very high quality performance at the Ruddock Centre on Friday night.



Hillstone Stars

Keyaan Ahmed

Naevia Clarke

Deen Lowe-Vadgama

Ariya Kasim

Alyus James

Eessa Henderson

Zohaab Yasir

Artin Rakhshandehfard

Alexia-Anne Roberts

Layton Daly

Brooke Collins

