



# Hillstone News

## Commonwealth Day Flag Procession

After being invited by our local Councillor, Ian Ward, our Sports Councillors and Commonwealth Changemakers visited the newly redeveloped Alexander Stadium on Commonwealth Day. They were also given the opportunity to walk around the newly laid running track, carrying flags of Commonwealth countries.

On top of this our children were interviewed by multiple media and news platforms - you may have even seen our children on TV or heard them on the radio!!!! To top it all off, our Sports Councillors even got the opportunity to speak to some of the GB athletes who will be taking part in the Commonwealth Games.



The children were so creative dressing up as animals for Red Nose Day. Well done everyone we raised £824 for Comic Relief.



## Eat Them to Defeat Them & Pop-Up Market

I hope you saw our children on the news last week (it's becoming a regular occurrence!) when the "Eat Them to Defeat Them" campaign was launched.

Next Thursday, chef will be holding a pop up market from 3pm. I think this is also being filmed by the food foundation. Do come along, there will be planting activities, locally sourced vegetables and reasonable priced refreshments, free samples and a chance to win a food hamper.



## We Need your Help !

We are the lead school for a Commonwealth project that links 6 local schools (including secondary and infant) with 6 schools in New Delhi. The project includes sports, arts and general cultural links. Some of our year 4 children are going to learn a Bhangra dance and the schools in New Delhi are going to learn a dance from the West End musical Wicked.

This whole project is going to culminate in a large sporting and cultural event (**East Meets West Mela**) on Hillstone grounds on the **8th July**. It has been based on the Sutton Community Games whereby there will be around 30 sports stations around the field, children and the community will be able to get involved in the different activities. We will showcase the dances and chef has promised some delicious Indian snacks. To make it really successful we have applied for a grant called **Connecting Communicates** which is being administered by the local wards.

Mr Farr and I are going to the local ward meeting next **Tuesday 22nd March at 6.30pm at the Shard End Wellbeing Centre**. We will give a 5 minute pitch at the meeting. When all the pitches have been heard the local residents get to vote on a project they would like to support. I know that there are at least two other projects asking for funding. We would love it if you would spare a short time to come along to the ward meeting and **vote for Hillstone**.

### Multiplication Test

Year 4 children are expected to have instant recall of all their multiplication tables up to 12x12. It is a really important skill to know your multiplication facts as it helps with so many mathematical problems in life.

Thank you to those parents who attended the year 4 multiplication workshop last week. We had about 50% attendance and so are running a repeat workshop next **Tuesday 22nd March at 3pm in the Community Room**.

Meanwhile do make sure your child uses times tables rock stars and find odd minutes in the day to test them or help them learn. Children should be able to answer a multiplication question as quickly as they can answer their name. More info about this test can be found here :

<https://bit.ly/3q8vB5v>

### Nursery Dabble Day

Do you have a child or know of someone who will have a child who is 3 by September 2022?



We are now accepting applications for Nursery September 2022. Please pop into the office for an application form and come along to our open days:

24 Mar: 5pm  
25 Mar: 10am & 2pm

### Football Success

On Tuesday our boys football team took part in their second league fixture of the season, playing an away game against Maryvale Primary School. After a slow start and going in at half time we were 0-0, our team picked up their game in the second half. An early goal created and scored by Maryam and then two goals by Zacchaeus put us 3-0 up. Maryvale stuck at it though, pulling a goal back in the final minute. Great job team!

### Mothers Day Secret Room

£2 / Child



I've always valued the idea of pocket money or children doing chores to earn money. It is for this reason I would rather children bought in a couple of pounds that they had saved or earned to buy their mum or special female a present for mother's day. The Scopay option is still available if you would prefer.

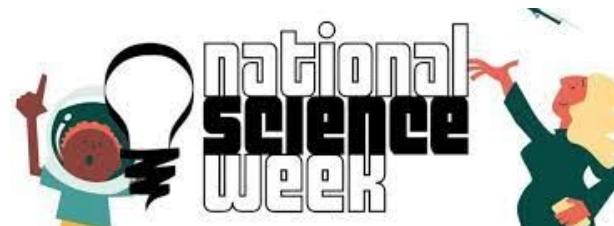
### National Science Week

As part of Science Week, your child/children has/have been invited to take part in a poster competition focused on the theme of 'Growth'.

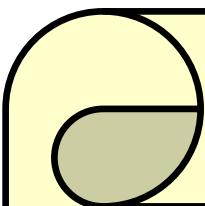
Posters could explore anything related to the theme, for example: the life cycle of your child's favourite animal, growing food on the Moon, how humans change as they grow or the fastest growing plants.

Judges will look for creativity, informative content and great presentation. Prizes will be awarded to the best poster in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Winners will also be entered into a national competition in which lots more exciting prizes are up for grabs.

The deadline for the competition is 13th April. Please encourage your child to get involved!



Saving the planet, get healthy, stay safe — the benefits are endless. Next week is walk or wheel to school week. Each class will be in competition with each other and we need to get at least 15 % (70 children ) to be walking and wheeling each day in order to win prizes.



# Hillstone Stars

Tudor Trasca

Jay Johnson

Robyn McBride

Taylor Lowe

Alesha Islam

Pakeeza Ali

Ava Leech

Jaxson Freeman

Dillon Walker

Cason McLaughlin

Ellarna Foster

Amari Blissett

Laicey Treadwell

