



Hillstone News

Easter Holiday Club

Welcome back everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break. I was so pleased with the Easter Holiday Club and want to extend my grateful thanks to all the staff, led by Ms Burns who provided such great opportunities for our children. We had around 100 children each day who were able to take part in sports including archery, crafts and even did a spot of gardening. Every day the children also had a hot lunch and snacks.



Mela

Year 4's are part of a very exciting project to celebrate the Commonwealth Games coming to Birmingham. We have been linked with schools in India and we are the lead school for a cluster of schools in the East of the city. Our children will be working with Sampad an East Asian cultural organisation to learn a bhangra dance. The schools in Delhi are learning songs and dances from the West End musical Wicked. On the 8th July, the whole project will culminate in a Mela (an Indian word for festival). There will be a host of sporting stations that children from our school, our clusters schools and the community can come and have a go out. They will gain stickers and ultimately a medal for trying new sports. The dances will also be performed on an outdoor stage and there will be a live link to Delhi. Chef will ensure there are some taster stations to try Indian snacks.

We would be very grateful if any of you have links with local sporting organisations or even organisations such as brownies, cubs, etc that would like to have a station at the Mela and run an activity— this would help to promote their organisation. We would also like to hear from anyone who could help us in the preparation for the day putting up gazebos—we will have about 30 to put up, or even on the day selling refreshments, marshalling etc.

Dressing up clothes

If you have any cast off adult clothes, particularly hats and jewellery, our early years would love to have them. Clothes that they then decide how to use and turn themselves into different characters, are far better than bought costumes as they develop imagination and language skills.

Upcoming School Closures

School will be closed to children on the following days:

- Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
 - Thursday 5th May – Local Election Day
- (Please note year 6 should still attend on May 5th — 10-3.20pm)

Art Bytes

Our year 5's have been participating in a digital art competition. This will create a virtual art exhibition. Please click on the link below to see the Hillstone entries and to vote for your favourite.

[PLEASE VOTE](#)

New Website

We have a new web site. I hope you are able to find all the information you need on there.. Do take a look around. You will be able to find information about what your child is learning this term and how you can help support their learning. One of the most important pages for you is the calendar which we will keep update. We are always busy at Hillstone. This term is phenomenal and you will want to have those dates in your diaries. Here are some of the events that will be happening: sporting competitions. Platinum picnic, mela, parents evening, Music for a Summer Evening concert, literacy festival, residentials, trips, farmers market and Y6 leaver's performance. We will keep you informed of details of these events.

Platinum Picnic

We will be holding a platinum picnic on Friday 27th May at 2pm to celebrate the queen's jubilee. Children can wear red, white and blue all day. You can join us if you wish at 2.00pm bringing a picnic blanket and some light snacks for you and your child. Each year group will be performing a song from one of the past seven decades.



Yr 5 London Trip



Both of our year 5 classes had a fantastic day out in London yesterday, after a really interesting tour of the Imperial War Museum where the children learned all about World War II, we then moved on to the London Eye for fantastic views of all the major landmarks of our capital city.

Birmingham Royal Ballet

Thank you to the Birmingham Royal Ballet who delivered two great interactive workshops with our year 1 classes this week.

The children loved taking part and we hope it has sparked a love for a different style of dancing!

Attendance

Our children have had a difficult year where they have missed lots of learning time.

It is crucial that they now have good attendance in order to make up for lost learning. Unfortunately our attendance has dropped below the national average. A polite reminder, children should not be taking holidays during term time, and should not have odd dates off here and there, every lesson counts! Please also arrive on time so that your child does not miss the vital bits of learning at the start of the day.



Hillstone Stars

Alexander Freeman

Carter-Joseph Walsh

Callum Mann

Tyler Ward

Lyla Green

Xyon Hamilton Brown

Mira Pozniak

Riley France

Dylan Hancox

Logan Kesterton

Ahmed Mushtaq

