



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 27th September 2024

Value of the month – our value of the month is **community**.

Dear parents and guardians,

The children now appear less tired and hopefully they are settling back in routines. Thank you for supporting us getting them back into a bedtime routine. If you need any further support, please click on [The Sleep Charity](#) link.

As the British weather continues to never surprise us, please send your child to school with a raincoat. Physical Health is a crucial part of our curriculum, and it is important for your children's learning for them to be outside and moving every day despite the weather. We also ask they come to school wearing appropriate footwear for the day, so they can move at ease.

Wellbeing team – As a school we have been working on everyone's mental health and well-being over the past few weeks and to raise awareness around the importance of Mental Health and Wellbeing, we are celebrating **Mental Health Day on the 3rd October 2024. It will be a non-uniform day** and the children will work in their classes to learn about the importance of positive mental health.

PE days and kit – you will have received various notifications around PE and what your child needs. **Reminder – your child's PE kit should be brought into school and remain here during the half term.** All information can be found on the school's website.

Term Time Leave – we would like to remind you that term time leave is only granted in **exceptional circumstances** and **MUST** be agreed by the Headteacher. Any application **MUST** be completed and returned to school, no later than 14 days prior to the request. You will be expected to attend a meeting, in school, to discuss the request before a decision is made. All details can be found by clicking on the following – [Term Time Leave of Absence](#).

Class Dojo – is a school communication platform that teachers, students, and families use every day to build close-knit communities by sharing what's being learned in the classroom home through photos, videos, and messages. The following link is to a [fact sheet for parents](#).

Extra-curricular clubs – have been going so well and the children are really enjoying all the activities that are happening in each club. You may be sent a flyer or ParentMail as we expand our offer to your children. **Please note that clubs finish at 16:10 please ensure that you are at the relevant area ready to collect your child promptly.**

Updates from year groups:

- **Nursery & Reception** – produce a wonderful weekly newsletter with all the exciting information about what they are working on and how you can best support your child during the week.
- **Year One** – We have had an exciting and engaging couple of weeks in Year 1! Here's a quick recap of what we've been up to. In English, we've been immersing ourselves in poetry. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading and acting out the poem "[Let's Invent a Monster](#)". They used their creativity to bring the poem to life through dramatic performances. We have now moved on to reading the book "[Ruby's Worry](#)" by Tom Percival. The children created story maps to visualise the plot and ordered pictures from the story. They also added time adverbs to their story retellings to make them more engaging.

In maths, we have been exploring number sentences for one more and one less. The children practised writing these equations and understanding the concept of adding or subtracting one from a given number. We also ordered numbers and showed the value of different numbers using various manipulatives.

Year 1 children had a delightful time in science, where they got to taste different foods. This hands-on activity helped them explore their taste buds and distinguish bitter, sweet, salty and sour tastes.

In geography, the children learned the names of the countries that make up the UK and located Luton on the map. This activity helped them develop their geographical knowledge and spatial awareness.

- **Year Two** - What a fortnight of learning Year 2 has had. We have been studying the geography of our school and exploring the human and physical features. We had a 'cracking' time in science when we learnt the parts of an egg and studied the [life cycle of a chicken](#).

In English, we have been reading and learning about the story 'Can I build another me?' We have created lots of information about ourselves including our likes and dislikes, what we can and cannot do and places we go. This has contributed towards our report writing skills.

We have received an abundance of homework, which has been thoughtfully created, thank you. The year two team cannot wait to see where the children's learning journeys take them next!

Did you know that sleep helps children learn?

For many years, sleep has been linked to energy. However, recent scientific research proves it does much more.

Sleep helps children learn better, improves their memory, and helps them to apply their knowledge to solve problems.



SEND – Please see the attached flyers and information regarding support groups for parents and guardians.

FLAG - FLAG is an online support group for parents and carers of autistic family members living in Luton. The meeting is hosted by the Autism Spectrum Team, part of the Special Educational Needs Service at Luton Council. Meetings are held on TEAMS, and protected for your security.

SWAN: SWAN is a support group for all parents and carers of autistic family members living in Luton. The meeting is hosted by the Autism Team, in partnership with Hillborough Junior School.

Family Support – Our Inclusion Team is growing and we now have another member of the team to support all our families and children. We welcome Mrs S Begum to the team.

The team would like you to know that they are available to support you in a wide range of ways – working with lunch ordering (Select), support with Class Dojo, school uniform, referrals to agencies, referrals to the food bank, knowing agencies that can support during times of hardship, accessing the before and after school care club – KidzZone and more. The team can be contacted via 01582 725764 and also via email – familysupport@hillboroughinfantschool.uk.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and hopefully a dryer one,

Hillborough Infant & Nursery School Team