

Headteacher's Newsletter



June 2023 | Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers,



It is nice to see the weather improving. Please remember to stay safe in the sun! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next four weeks!

Mrs Bringan

Sports Day

Weather permitting, Superstars Sports Day (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will now be held on the field on **Tuesday 27th June 2023**.

Time	Year Group
9:15 – 10:15am	Reception
10:30 – 11:45am	Year 1 and Year 2

We welcome parents/carers to join us for Sports Day so that you can support your child during their events. If you would like to join us for Sports Day, please be aware that you can only access the field at the following times via the gate along Whitehall Road:

9.10am-9.30am

10.25am-10.45am

It has now been confirmed that Eid will be on Wednesday 28th June 2023. In light of this, we have made the decision to change Ministars Sports Day (Nursery) to **Thursday 6th July 2023**.

Time	Year Group
9:15 - 9:45am	Nursery AM
2:15 - 2:45pm	Nursery PM

Further information will be shared shortly.



Reminders

Friday 23rd June
Non-uniform day

Friday 30th June
Summer Fair after school

Monday 3rd July
Staff Development Day - No school for children

Tuesday 4th July
Transition Day

Lengthening the School Day

The government set out guidance in the White Paper about the length of the school day being at least 32.5 hours.

The governors have agreed that the school day will be

8:30 - 3pm

for all year groups apart from Nursery.

This will start from September 2023.



Well done to Birch and Spruce class who performed great class assemblies over the last two weeks! Both classes learnt their lines and could be clearly heard!

Liz Million Author Visit

On Friday 23rd June, we will be having a visit from the successful illustrator and author Liz Million.

Liz Million will be helping to promote a love of reading and books and aiming to inspire our children with their creative writing and drawing skills.

During the day, all children will have the opportunity to take part in an interactive drawing and writing workshop where they get to work alongside a real-life illustrator and author.

Each workshop will be based on each year group's current curriculum topic, including themes based on Transport, Space and Fairy tale characters.

There will be an opportunity to purchase some of Liz Million's latest books on the day after-school.



We hope that the children will be inspired by this wonderful event. Research from the National literacy trust shows the following:

- Children who had an author visit to their school reported higher levels of reading enjoyment (68.2% vs 47.2%) and writing enjoyment (43.9% vs 32.4%) than their peers who didn't receive a visit.
- Children who had an author visit to their school were also more likely to have high levels of confidence in their reading (36.8% vs 25.1%) and writing (21.9% vs 16.9%) capabilities than their peers who didn't receive a visit.

We are all very excited about the visit of Liz Million to our school. Meeting with an author can ignite imagination and transform life chance and opportunities!

For an author to visit, it costs the school around £700 per visit. If you would like to donate a £1 towards this exciting event please bring £1 in and give to the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will be taking place on **Friday 30th June 2023** from **3:10 - 5pm**.



For the summer fair to be successful, we need parents to support us in organising and running the event.

Please see the letter sent out this week about how you can help!

On **Friday 30th June**, you will be able to collect your child early. Please see the table below:

Class/Year Group	Time to collect
Nursery PM	2:30 – 2:45pm
Reception Larch and Spruce	2:30 – 2:40pm
Reception Birch and Cedar	2:40 – 2:50pm
Year 1 and Year 2	2:40 – 2:50pm

We regularly have children who are not collected on time and are significantly late. If you are unable to collect your child early, please collect on time.

The fair will help raise funds for outdoor equipment/furniture to replace any plastic with wood products.

Transition Information

Our transition arrangements have begun with welcome meetings and stay and play sessions for new children and families to our school last week. Below are some frequently asked questions about transition that you may find helpful:

When will my child know what class they are in?	Your child will visit their new class and meet their new teacher on <u>Tuesday 4th July 2023</u> .
How will I know what my child's learning looks like and expectations for the new year group?	You will be invited to a welcome meeting in July and in September where learning and expectations will be shared. Dates will follow.
How does the school prepare children for the next stage in their learning?	The school has a robust transition plan every year. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits to the new classrooms • Lessons with their new teacher • Assembly with new year group team • Visuals to support transition • Teachers and support staff will visit children in their current classes to get to know them
My child has Special Educational Needs. What is the school doing to help them?	Some children will require an enhanced transition to support their transition to their new year group. This will include more opportunities to visit classrooms, teaching staff and being provided with resources to support their move. If your child does have a SEN need and you would like to discuss transition with Mrs Kennedy, please do email the school office@mail.whitehallinf.org to book an appointment
How does the school inform the next teacher about my child?	All staff have regular transition meetings to discuss all children.
My child is moving to Year 3. What happens?	Children in Year 2 will be visiting Year 3 on the morning of the 4th July. On this day they will spend the morning and lunchtime at the Junior School. They will meet their new teacher and see their new classroom. The Junior School will communicate further with you.

Attendance Superheroes—Well done for being in school on time every day!!!!!!



Class	Children	Class	Children
Birch	Vladimir, Zane	Larch	Nathen, Raheesh
Spruce	Samuel, Aima	Cedar	Aslan, Paria
Elm	Casey, Tymon	Beech	Teanna, Jawad
Pine	Asher, Aisha	Willow	Antonia, Emillia
Flamingo	Aleena, Jenson	Peacock	Agasthya, Oscar
Kingfisher	Mykah, Jessica	Toucan	Anaya, Livi

Birthdays

We understand that many of our school community want to celebrate their child's birthday by bringing in small gifts for their class. **Please do not bring sweets, cake or chocolate to be give out to children.**

Why not choose a book to donate to the class? We have special stickers that are stuck in books with the child's name and why the book was donated!

Every School Day Matters

Children must attend school even if it is their birthday or yours!

Children are missing vital learning due to parents and carers keeping them at home for a treat.

Sun Safety

What are we doing in school?	What you can do to help
Make sure children are well hydrated throughout the day by giving regular water breaks	Apply sun cream to your child before coming to school.
Rooms are well ventilated and fans are available in all classrooms	Make sure your child has a water bottle labelled with their name and a sun hat in school.
Use of shaded, outdoor areas when it is hot to keep cool. We discuss sun safety with the children as part of our safeguarding curriculum in every year group.	Your child does not need lots of layers of clothes . Please do not send your child in with clothes underneath their tops/trousers/dresses. Woollen tights and leggings under clothes should not be worn. Socks are a better and cooler solution.
Shaded areas and classrooms available at playtime and lunchtimes	Talk to your child about what they could do to stay safe in the sun e.g. use shaded areas, drink lots of water, take jumpers and cardigans off.
Reduce the amount of physical activity on hot days	

Admission Update—Possible reduction in school PAN

We have been reviewing our class organisation to continue to improve how we meet the needs of local pupils and parents. The Published Admissions Number for the school is 120, and this has almost been reached in one year group in the last couple of years. In part this reflects fewer families in the area as well as the general decline in births across greater London.

Governors and Hillingdon Council officers consider it may be sensible to formally reduce the Reception admissions to 90 in future to better meet the local demand. This move will help the school to plan teachers and classes for pupils and focus our resources on our pupils to best serve local families. If agreed, this would start from September 2025 Reception intake. **This will not change anything for pupils and parents at the school or for siblings or other local families wishing to join the school in future.** The final decision to formally consult will be taken in September after the new year has begun. If we want to change the legal admissions number we will have a formal consultation with an opportunity for parents to see the plans and comment - including a short on-line survey.

Meanwhile if you have any questions please speak to me or email colleagues at education@hillingdon.gov.uk who will then email you or if you wish, phone you back.

Please note that should numbers of local families rise significantly in future, the school and the council could decide to add another 30 places back in, for a year group when needed. A rise in number can be immediate, without the consultation required to reduce.

Gold Book Awards - Well done to all our winners over the last two weeks

Class	Children
Kingfisher	<p>Caitlyn for showing 'respect' to all adults and other children around school.</p> <p>Yehia for using 'Improving Imogen' to edit and add amazing facts to his plant report.</p> <p>Finlay for excellent effort when practising skipping and different types of jumps.</p> <p>Sara for showing our school value of 'Happy' by being a kind friend and playing sensible games with lots of different people.</p> <p>Mykah for excellent use of tally charts and pictograms to show and interpret data.</p> <p>Zenith for being an excellent team player and encouraging others.</p>
Peacock	<p>Theo for consistently maintaining our school value of Excellence in all of his learning</p> <p>Tyree for making huge improvements in his reading and writing skills this term!</p> <p>Agasthya for showing good agility and climbing skills in gymnastics.</p> <p>Phoenix for showing the school value Happy by always cheering others on in their learning or games.</p> <p>Elyas for showing a great understanding of Pictograms in Maths.</p> <p>Taiba for excellent stamina when running in an endurance test!</p>
Flamingo	<p>Rayyan for showing our school value 'Happy' by cheering on his classmates and congratulating the winners during our athletics challenges.</p> <p>Timofey for working hard on his plant report, including questions and lots of facts</p> <p>Laura for excellent technique in standing long jump, improving her distance 3 times!</p> <p>Aleena for showing our school value 'Family' by helping her peers to research.</p> <p>Kaiba for constructing and interpreting tally charts and pictograms.</p> <p>Albie for excellent stamina and speed during middle distance running.</p>
Toucan	<p>Muhammad for demonstrating the value of 'family' when listening and collaborating during group work in RE.</p> <p>Livi for using 'Have a go Harry' to include a range of punctuation in her plant report</p> <p>Anikah for showing persistence and stamina when developing her skipping skills.</p> <p>Oliver for showing our school value of Family and great sportsmanship when cheering on friends in PE.</p> <p>Metehan for independently writing interesting and informative sentences for the introduction of a plant report.</p> <p>Sevenne for showing great stamina during endurance running in PE and improving her time in the second round.</p>
Elm	<p>Rosie for showing the school value of respect by always looking after the resources in the classroom and treating them with care.</p> <p>Hamza for using excellent improving Imogen during literacy when editing his work to make it even better.</p> <p>Zainab for always encouraging her friends to keep going when completing the Daily Mile.</p> <p>Zayden for showing the school value of respect as he always uses his manners when speaking to adults and children.</p> <p>Elivia for using wonderful 'Work together Wilma' in maths when helping her friends use the correct positional and directional language.</p> <p>Tymon for showing excellent determination when completing races in PE which helped him to improve his speed.</p>
Willow	<p>Armanda for displaying the school value of 'respect' when listening to her friends and allowing them time to speak.</p> <p>Lexi for using 'Improving Imogen' to write simple sentences using her phonic knowledge.</p> <p>Tymoteusz for showing great effort when performing repetitive movements during a timed challenge.</p> <p>Rayyan for showing the school value 'Excellence' when he tried his best to describe a story setting using amazing adjectives.</p> <p>Emilia for understanding and applying the correct positional and directional language during her challenge.</p> <p>Saivignesh for directing his team to create 2D and 3D shapes by connecting their bodies together.</p>

Gold Book Awards continued. Well done to all our winners over the last two weeks.

Pine	<p>Hanna for displaying our school value of 'respect' by always looking after and respecting the resources in our classroom.</p> <p>Aun for working really hard on writing super sentences for his character description.</p> <p>Rahma for excellent participation and stamina when travelling in different ways during the daily mile.</p> <p>Erika for showing our school value of Family by helping and supporting her classmates with their reading.</p> <p>Ernest for excellent maths work when using and applying positional language correctly.</p> <p>Mido -for encouraging his team to do their best when practising races in PE</p>
Beech	<p>Kush for displaying the value of respect by listening to adults and correctly following instructions.</p> <p>Cara for using excellent similes in her character description of Lila</p> <p>Ali for using Don't Give Up Dylan to participate in relay races.</p> <p>Aleena for showing excellence by consistently participating in class and group discussions.</p> <p>Leo for being able to manage his emotions so he can work to the best of his ability.</p> <p>Zuzia for using Work Together Wilma to create shapes with her group in PE.</p>
Cedar	<p>Stas for showing good football skills. Brilliant!</p> <p>Evelyn for showing her concentrate connor super learning powers in RWI yesterday.</p> <p>Andy for being such a kind friend to everyone and looking after them.</p> <p>Paria for using her Don't Give Up Dylan Super Learning Power during RWI lessons.</p> <p>Aiza for using her letter sound and keyword knowledge to write about her half term news.</p> <p>Andy for demonstrating good teamwork in PE. Brilliant!</p>
Larch	<p>Nathen for showing the value of respect by always being kind and polite.</p> <p>Bowen for making excellent comments in class discussion about keeping healthy.</p> <p>Mariam O for showing great effort when practising her sports day skills in PE.</p> <p>Casper for showing the value of kindness by sharing his knowledge of Phonics with his friends when they needed help.</p> <p>Ayden for using Concentrate Connor in Read write Inc to write his CVC words.</p> <p>Andreea for showing enthusiasm and excellent teamwork throughout PE</p>
Birch	<p>Wynter for showing the school value 'Happy' when she is at school.</p> <p>Sarayu for showing her Concentrate connor super learning power when painting a picture of a caterpillar.</p> <p>Jasper for showing good football skills</p> <p>Filip for remembering his FRESH value of being happy when he comes to school</p> <p>Rahma for writing a sentence using the correct punctuation during our Phonics lesson.</p> <p>Lujain for using Don't Give up Dylan during our Sports day practice</p>
Spruce	<p>Adyan for displaying our school value of excellence in his writing.</p> <p>Anaya for using "Concentrate Connor Learning Superpower" in her Maths this week.</p> <p>Anabia for helping her teachers during our PE lesson.</p> <p>The whole class! For using our FRESH value of excellence during our class assembly showing pride in their achievements.</p> <p>Amelin for writing simple sentences independently using the correct letter formation and punctuation.</p> <p>Sam for following simple instructions</p>



Diary Dates

These dates are subject to change. Separate information will be sent out for each event.

Day	Date	Month	Activity	Other information
Friday	23rd	June	Parent Coffee Moring	
Monday	26th	June	Reception trip	Odds Farm Visit—School uniform must be worn
Monday	26th	June	Healthy Week	
Tuesday	27th	June	Superstar Sports Day	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday	30th	June	Summer Fair 3:10—5pm	Please see page 2 for more information
Friday	30th	June	Coffee Morning	8:55 onwards
Monday	3rd	July	Staff Development Day	School Closed
Tuesday	4th	July	Transition Day	All Year Groups
Wednesday	5th	July	Year 2 Trip	Legoland
Thursday	6th	July	Nursery Sports Day	Rescheduled due to Eid
Friday	7th	July	Coffee Morning	8:55 onwards
Tuesday	11th	July	Transition Day	All year groups
Wednesday	12th	July	Pedestrian Training	Flamingo and Peacock
Thursday	13th	July	Pedestrian Training	Kingfisher and Toucan
WC 10th July			Year 2 Graduation	Dates and classes will be confirmed shortly
WC 17th July			Year 2 Graduation	Dates and classes will be confirmed shortly
Friday	14th	July	Coffee Morning	8:55 onwards
Thursday	20th	July	Last Day of School	Earlier collection time

Please find next year's term dates on the next page.

A link to our attendance policy can be found here: [Attendance Policy](#)





School Terms and Holidays

September 2023 - July 2024

AUTUMN TERM - 2023

Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 4th September 2023
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 5th September 2023
Half Term Holiday	Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October 2023
Term starts for the children	Monday 30th October 2023
Term Ends	Wednesday 20th December 2023
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Thursday 21st December 2023

SPRING TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	Monday 8th January 2024
Term Ends	Friday 9th February 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 12th - Fri 16th February 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 19th February 2024
Term starts for the children	Tuesday 20th February 2024
Term Ends	Thursday 28th March 2024

SUMMER TERM - 2024

Term starts for the children	Monday 15th April 2024
May Day (Public Holiday - school closed)	Monday 6th May 2024
Term ends for the children	Friday 24th May 2024
Half Term Holiday	Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024
Term starts for the children	Monday 3rd June 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 1st July 2024
Term Ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Wednesday 24th July 2024
Staff Development Day (Holiday for children)	Monday 2nd September 2024