

HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Developing the individual'

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

Apologies, we had hoped to send this newsletter out before Easter but it was an extremely busy time.

I hope the information in this newsletter provides you with a valuable insight to the life of our school.

At the end of last term we said a sad farewell to Mrs Davies who retired after more than 27 years of dedicated service to Hillside. She will be sorely missed by colleagues, pupils and parents alike. We all wish her a happy retirement.

J R Baddeley

Y6 get animated!

Animation Nation, a company which provides stop-motion animation workshops for schools and colleges across the U.K., came to Hillside to show the pupils how to make their own 'Wallace and Gromit' style animations. The pupils had a brilliant day, working in groups to produce their own storyboards and models which were then used to construct short animated films. The completed animations have been downloaded and can be viewed on 'You Tube' under 'Hillside Primary Animations'.

Book Donations

Many thanks to the following Pupils and staff who donated a book to our library: Daniel Bell, Evan Vardy, Evan White, Callum Simpson, Reggie Chittock, Thomas Holmes, Zac Bancroft and Mrs Ann Davies.



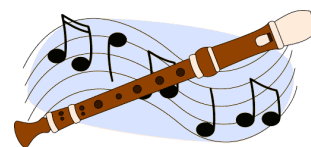
Reception Class

Thanks to our visitors this term.

- ◆ Police—PC Rider and CPO Jessica
- ◆ Ambulance—Mrs Carding
- ◆ Postal Service—Mr Callear

Recorder Festival

On Wednesday 20th March the Recorder Group played at the Victoria Hall with approximately 400 other children. They played a piece on their own in front of a huge audience. They played brilliantly and lots of people have since remarked to me about how impressed they were with Hillside! Well done everyone. You are a group to be proud of! *Mrs Bradburn.*



Book Fair

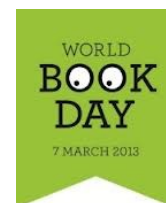
Thank you very much to all the pupils, parents, grandparents and carers who supported our recent book fair. We raised £529 which means we were able to spend £257 on new books for each class. Teachers have chosen the books that would best suit their classes. Thank you once again your support is much appreciated.

Book Week

Book Week was a massive success. The children loved the performance of 'Tom's Midnight Garden' by a professional theatre company and year 5 and 6 completed the workshop afterwards where they got an insight into how the shows were put together and they even had a go on the microphones!

Thank you for all parents support with the children's book swap and dressing up. Costumes were absolutely amazing!

Our Book Week Writing Competition was a real incentive for the children to use the books they read as a model for their own writing.



Nursery Assembly

The Nursery gave their first assembly to their families two weeks ago. It was the Mothers Day Assembly. There was hardly a dry eye in the house.

Well Done to the children who worked so hard, spoke so well and sang so beautifully.

Bike It

The Big Pedal came to an end for this year on Wednesday of last week and Hillside have achieved a FANTASTIC First place in Stoke-on-Trent, BRILLIANT joint 4th in the West Midlands and an AMAZING 127th in the United kingdom! With each day averaging over 100 bikes and scooters on which children and adults made a journey to school. The daily numbers were reported to Sustrans who run Bike It and the Big Pedal. We shall be receiving a prize from Sustrans and this will be received next half term. We will let you know what it is in the next newsletter.

Well done to everyone who has made this another wonderful success.

As part of the Big Pedal we had a Bike and Scooter Breakfast where we served over 170 breakfasts to participating children and parents/carers (plus all the staff who helped out). This was another record breaking event for Hillside and it seems to grow in popularity each time we do them. Even the freezing weather did not put off the children and adults from taking part. Thanks for your support.



As a celebration of our successful bike and scooter journeys to school over the last year the Local Authority choose our school for a visiting theatre company to visit and deliver a very amusing but educational message about safe journeys on our bikes and scooters and also car sharing to help the planet. The children and staff really had a great time and a wonderful talking point for all to share.

Red Nose Day—this year we raised £351. Thanks once again for your support.

Year 5

had an enjoyable day at Blithfield Reservoir where they found out about water supplies in developing countries, water treatment in the UK and collected data using data loggers in the woodland. The guides at the centre were most impressed with both the knowledge of the children and their excellent behaviour throughout the day.

Well Done Year 5!

Year 1

enjoyed an Italian themed class trip to Frankie's and Benny's and Italian Gardens at Trentham. It was a great success.

Promoting Good Health

I have taken advice from the Health Protection Agency regarding our duty of care to help you support the school in promoting good health. At this time of year there is often an increase in common infections in the community including colds and coughs, vomiting bugs and **head lice**.

Bringing specific attention to cases involving individuals can cause stigma and I have been advised that the most effective mitigation against the spread of infection is to regularly promote the importance of effective hand washing and in the case of head lice regular brushing and use of appropriate treatments. If individual cases are brought to our attention in future we shall include reminders on subsequent newsletters.

We regularly reinforce the importance of effective hand-washing with pupils at school and I'm sure that you reinforce this at home too because according the Health Protection Agency this is the most significant factor in stemming the flow of common infections. Can I also remind you that children should not return to school for at least 48hrs after they were last unwell following diarrhoea and vomiting?

If you have any concerns about the infections mentioned above please refer to www.hpa.org.uk where more detailed guidance is available.

DANCE



Our **Street Dancer Crew** have been very busy this term.

They performed at the Victoria Hall on 12/03/13 and the Haywood Dance Spectacular on 21/03/13. They performed 'Footloose' as part of the theme 'fact or fiction'. As always they did not disappoint the audience with their fantastic energetic performances.

The children have really enjoyed the variety of dance events they have participated in so far this year.

Year 3 Dance Club

Sports Leaders from Holden Lane High School have been working with a dance group of Y3 pupils which is leading up to a summer performance. More details at a later date.



SPORT

Football

Hillside girls and boys took part in a football tournament at Holden Lane High School. They tried very hard and had a fabulous time. Well done girls!

Hillside boys also took part in a football tournament at Holden Lane High School and they too played well and had a great time. Well played boys.

The school football league has started again. Hillside played against St Mark's Primary School. They played brilliantly and we won the match 2-0.

Cross Country

Hillside have competed in a series of cross country tournaments. Well done to all of our runners. In particular a big well done to Nicole Clee and Finley White.



Swimming

Hillside took part in the Hanley Town Swimming Gala and took 1st Place. Congratulations and well done to all of our swimmers!

Emergency Contact Numbers/Addresses

Please inform the office as soon as any changes are made so that we have up to date information in the event that we may have to contact you.



Dates for your Diary

APRIL 2013

Mon 15th School re-opens for the Summer Term

MAY

Mon 6th School closed one day only—Bank Holiday

Mon 13th SATS week

Fri 24th School closes at 3.15pm for half term break

JUNE

Mon 3rd School re-opens



Please note that this list of dates is regularly updated and new events added or amendments made.

Music

An exciting workshop where you can learn how to play guitar, drums and keyboard.

Meet new people and have fun!



City
Music
Service

Gigajam

Music Technology Workshops

One off Family Learning sessions on
Saturday 27 April, Monday 27 May
or Saturday 15 June
10:00-12:30.

Each workshop is free and suitable
for young people aged 9+
accompanied by an adult.

To book your place please contact
Lorraine.Stevenson@stoke.gov.uk
or Tel:- 01782 233796

Sessions will be held in the
Music Technology Suite,
The Bridge Centre,
Birches Head Road,
Stoke-on-Trent,

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACADEMIC YEAR 2013/2014

Autumn Term 2013:

School closed:	Monday 2 nd September (<i>staff in-service day</i>)
School opens:	Tuesday 3 rd September
School closed:	Friday 27 th September (<i>staff in-service day</i>)
Half-term:	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November (inclusive)
School closed:	Friday 29 th November (<i>staff in-service day</i>)
School closes:	Friday 20 th December at 3.15pm for the Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2014:

School opens:	Monday 6 th January
Half-term:	Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February (inclusive)
School closes:	Friday 11 th April at 3.15pm for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 2014:

School opens:	Monday 28 th April
May Day closure:	Monday 5 th May
Half-term:	Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May (inclusive)
School closed:	Friday 27 th June (<i>staff in-service day</i>)
School closes:	Friday 18 th July at 3.15 pm for the summer holiday

NO HOLIDAYS WILL BE AUTHORISED DURING SAT EXAMINATIONS.

WE DISCOURAGE PARENTS FROM TAKING THEIR CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME FOR ANY HOLIDAYS.



Staffordshire and
Stoke on Trent Partnership



NHS Trust

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN CLINIC

Every Wednesday between
3:00pm — 4:30pm

at

Cobridge Community Health Centre,
(next to Lloyds Pharmacy)

FREE CAR PARK AVAILABLE

School Nurses are available to discuss
and support you with your child's:

Behaviour

Bedwetting

Growth and development

Chronic illness and minor ailments

Appointments can be made but are not always
necessary.

To make an appointment telephone:
0300 7900164