



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 27th January 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

What a cold fortnight it has been. Thank you for working with us to make sure this has not stopped your children from coming into school and they are suitably dressed for indoor or outdoor learning.

We are very excited to announce that our new school website goes live on **Monday 30th January 2023!** It is user friendly and very much designed to work with mobile phones and tablet devices.

Website – can be found via the usual link and there are some quick links to all our information, dates, and policies. Below is a screen shot of the tool bar and shortcut sections. Our site is multilingual, as before, and there are links to our social media presence.



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Attendance – schools and local authorities are focusing on the Gov.uk document called [Working together to improve school attendance](#). Partnership working with families is vital to ensure your child attends school, optimises their learning experiences and achieve their full potential. [Education Welfare Service \(Luton\)](#) – our new **Education Welfare Officer** has been into school this week to support us in our work around attendance and punctuality. Do click on their service name for more information.

e-safety – [Safer Internet Day](#) is fast approaching and the link will take you to the page with advice for parents. The school's internet provider (LGfL) has a wonderful portal for parents called [ParentSafe](#). It has clear and concise information for parents about devices, the internet, TV, and streaming programmes, also advice around computer/console games.

Parent Consultation Evening – just to let you know that the upcoming event will be on the **28th and 29th March** and booking for this event will be via ParentMail. Details will be sent out soon. It is a wonderful time to celebrate your child's successes; the skills they have developed and next steps in their learning journey.

Values champions – we are so proud of how our children demonstrate our values, all day, and every day. Today we celebrated those who have stood out as values champions for **patience**: Birch – Rose, Jhansi and Nusaiba; Cedar – Aniya and Eris; Maple – Fatima, Rayan and Amaya; Ash – Usman, Violetta and Sofia; Beech – Sofia-A, Anum and Oliwia; Willow – Angela, Hannah and Rayaan.

Uniform and PE Kits – a massive thank you to all of you who ensure that your children wear the correct uniform; have suitable footwear and outdoor clothing to allow for all indoor and outdoor learning and finally have the correct PE kits in a bag and on their peg. **Reminder – do ensure that items of clothing are labelled and that children do not arrive to school on PE day in their PE kit.** Our expectation is that our children change for PE in school; this supports self-help and fine motor skills.

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 1** - In English we have read the story '[Traction Man](#)' and children have created their own comic book strips. They have learnt how to use an exclamation mark in their writing. In maths we have been adding and subtracting numbers up to 20.
- Believe it or not, Year One were visited by Nurse Florence Nightingale this week! She told her [life story](#) and captivated the children's imaginations and took them back to the 1800's. Children had fun making their own lamps.



- **Year 2** – Our feet may be on the icy ground, but our heads are amongst the stars this January! The pioneering [African-American Astronaut, Mae Jemison](#) is the subject of some amazing fact files in year-two English. Meanwhile, subtraction is the action for our mathematicians! You would also be amazed at the flight and balancing skills our gymnasts were demonstrating!

We continue our scientific enquiries, observing and classifying the uses of everyday materials. This week our scientists ventured into the great outdoors to find materials to classify! We're also brushing up our art skills as the children learn some new brush techniques.

Why not ask our historians about the new skills they have developed - they have learned to compare photos from different periods and explain how they know whether a photograph is modern or old.

We can't end our news without mentioning the fantastic homework that children have been producing. Thank you so much to everyone who has sent homework in. Not only does it help every child's learning, but it really makes the year two team smile. We send two pieces of homework a week via Parentmail, which links to the children's learning that week. Quick reminder to anyone sending paper copies of homework - please make sure that the homework includes the child's name.

SEND – please find attached the **FUN (Families United Network)** leaflet of events. There are many different activities such as their February Family Holiday Club, information about their 5k Colour Obstacle Rush for FUN and their Holiday Club Activity Schedule. Spaces for this are available on request from 10am on Tuesday 24th January 2023.

Weekend plans – if you are looking for ideas for the weekend, do look at the 'what's on' page of [The Culture Trust - Luton](#)

Wishing you a warmer weekend, fingers crossed.

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