



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 12th May 2023

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Since our last newsletter, it has been a busy few weeks and we are so very proud of how hard each child has been working, especially year two.

Lots of information can be found on our website - <https://www.hillboroughinfants.co.uk/> and via the year group pages. You will find the knowledge organisers for this term and other information.



The Coronation of King Charles – the school celebrated this wonderful occasion on Tuesday and what a royal day it was! The school was full of everyone in their smart clothes, bunting was held up high, food was fit for a King and everyone enjoyed having a whole day of celebration. The weather was kind to us, we were able to go out, and hold our own 'Coronation Big Lunch', the children really enjoyed being together and celebrating. At the end of the day, each child received a Coronation bookmark to remind them of the occasion. A big thank you must go out to Mrs Shaheen who led on this day and those who supported her.



Reading and spelling/writing - "Reading is like breathing in, and writing is like breathing out." – Pam Allyn, and her quote is one that really expresses the relationship between reading and writing. A brief explanation is that reading, or decoding, is applying the sound-symbol relationships and successfully blending them to read a word. Spelling, or encoding, is the ability to segment words by individual sounds and use the correct sound-symbol correspondences in written form. School is really driving forward with this relationship and in addition to our weekly 'Read, Write, Inc.' links, we will be running some parent workshops to support you as parents and key educators in your child's learning journey.

Celebration Assembly – last Friday, we rolled out our new 'Star of the Week' element to our celebration assembly. The whole school was part of this celebration and the teachers very much enjoyed sharing why they had chosen their 'star of the week'. We have lovely new certificates and do keep your eye out for these. We very much enjoy celebrating achievements that children have achieved outside of school. If your child has achieved something outside of school, they can bring in the certificate, badge, trophy or medal to show everyone one during this assembly.

Volunteers – thank you for all the responses to our request for volunteers. It is a wonderful experience and it is not too late if you do wish to be a volunteer. There is a variety of ways that your hour or two could be used: listening to children read; accompanying school visits or support an event in school. Any volunteer in school is subject to safeguarding checks and will need to provide two character references prior to starting. If you are interesting, do email the school or pop in and we can give you the relevant forms and information.

Parent Governors – your school needs you! We are looking for several parents who would like to make a difference by representing the parental community on the Governing Board. You do not have to have any specific skills or academic level but really want to make a difference and shape the future of your child and future children. Click on the link to find out more via a leaflet from [Luton Governor Services](#). If you are interested, do pop into reception and leave your details.

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** – we have been looking at the wonderful book [Katie and the Sunflowers](#) and from this, we have been demonstrating our English skills of retelling a story using adjectives and correct punctuation.



We have also been learning about [Vincent Van Gogh](#) and his artwork, especially the sunflowers that he painted.

- **Year 2** – we are still waiting for some sunshine amongst this drizzle, but that did not stop our Coronation celebration day being fit for a king! We decorated and iced some biscuits and had a wonderful picnic outside.

On a more serious note, the year two team would like to express how proud we are of the children. Year 2 has shown confidence, resilience and maturity.

They have also been showing us their persuasive powers in English - writing some very interesting, persuasive letters! Perhaps they have been encouraged by the inspiring figures they have learned from their RE sessions. This week we have been learning about the story of Moses and what leadership skills he had. Alternatively, perhaps they have been influenced by their study of Greta Thunberg, the subject of our history lessons this term.

Local Events – We are aware that Luton is running a free event this coming week.



Wishing you a peaceful weekend and fingers crossed for some sunshine.

Josie Walter – Headteacher