



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 14th July 2022

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

Dear parents and guardians,

Not everyone in school can quite believe that there are five school days left until the end of term! It really does feel quite non-stop at present with lots of exciting things going on over the coming days.

We received lots of wonderful feedback from our community regarding our recent Ofsted Inspection, and a massive thank you to those who gave verbal or written feedback.

End of Year Reports – my senior leadership team and I very much enjoyed reading all the reports and comments. It was amazing to see how much progress our children have made over the past year and the achievements they have made.

Hot Weather – please ensure that your child/children have plenty of water to stay hydrated and any other necessary precautions are taken. Sun screen – must be applied at home as school are unable to support with this. The [NHS link](#) has some good advice about dealing with hot weather.

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](#).

Sports Day – Children had fun at their sports day this week on Thursday 13th July 2023 with their year group. A wide range of activities were set up and all our children went home with a medal for participating in the event.

Year 2 – end of year production – Reminder that Year 2 will be performing their show 'You are Special' Parents have been invited to attend the class performances on these dates:

- Ash Class - Monday 17th July 2023 - 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Beech Class - Tuesday 18th July 2023 - 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Willow class - Wednesday 19th July 2023 - 2:00pm-3:00pm

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** - have been extremely busy chopping and preparing fruit to make our delicious [fruit kebabs](#) as part of our Design and Technology project. Children thoroughly enjoyed bringing their creations to life and tasting them.

In Geography, children have been learning all about the weather around the world. They have designed and created their very own windsock to measure the direction of the wind. They then went outside to test their product.

Year 1 children had the opportunity to visit the [Mead Open Farm](#) this week. The children had a wonderful time petting and feeding the animals as well as riding a tractor.

- **Year 2** - Our spirits remain high, even though the weather is a little overcast. Perhaps the grey days made us long for [Grandad's Island](#), a wonderful book written and illustrated by Benji Davis. The book has been an inspiration to us and we've written some enchanting narratives in English. In maths, our attention has been turning - if you'll forgive our pun - to turns! Of course we can't forget to mention our exciting sports

afternoon at Hillborough junior school! Our young athletes have been showing their true potential to their new teachers and friends.

Amidst all the excitement, we have still found time to practise our end of year production. We're all in fine voice and feeling confident. We cannot wait to tread the boards in front of our appreciative audiences!

Well-being and mental health - [Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too. Mental health problems are more common than you might think. Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info. They also have a wonderful page about [supporting a child with anxiety](#).

Wishing you a relaxing weekend and let us hope that there is plenty of sunshine.

Josie Walter - Headteacher