



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 8th March 2024

Value of the month – our value of the month is **aspiration (try our best)**.

Dear parents and guardians,

It has been a busy couple of weeks, since we returned to school, and we cannot believe that we are now half way through the academic year.

Parents and guardians – as a school we will work closely with you to ensure that children are in school and receiving the best start to their educational journey. If you are experiencing challenges regarding arriving on time or general attendance, do come and talk with Family Support or our SENDCo. We are here to support.

Parent Consultation Evening – reminder to book your slot to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress, achievements and next steps. You can book your slot via ParentMail and you will have been sent a link.

World book day – what a wonderful day we had and with such a wide range of costumes and books in the school. Each class focused on a favourite book or group of books. Some children made marmalade sandwiches; I do wonder what book they were looking at. Other classes made puppets, mini books of their own and so many other activities. **Love of reading** – as a school we are committed to fostering and developing a love of reading and the [Book Trust](#) have a very good page for parents to support this.

Visiting author – all our children very much enjoyed a visit from Olaf Falafel, who is a local author. He engaged the children with his book '[Blobfish](#)' and shared his experiences of being an author and the process of writing and drawing the pictures for a book.

Visiting scientist – again, all our children spent a wonderful day with a visiting scientist who shared many experiments with them and involved some of the children to support with the experiments. The children were transfixed and we hope that they shared the experience with you.

The Great British Bake Off, the Hillborough Way - Year 2 had a bread baking master class this week. Our chef's name was Thiago and he taught us about the different ingredients for bread and why we need them. Next month we will be making cookies!



Website – our website is a wonderful source of information and can be converted into a wide range of languages to suit your needs. You will find all our policies and forms that you may need. It has been designed to be SMART phone optimised and easy to access. You can find it via the following - <https://www.hillboroughinfantschool.uk/>

Staff news – over the past few weeks we have been welcoming new staff to the school. Miss Marchese has joined us and she will be supporting our inclusion team who works across the whole school.

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** - Young Scholars in Action! Exploring, Learning, and Creating in Year 1! Over the past two weeks, our Year 1 students have been engaged in a whirlwind of exciting activities, delving deep into the realms of English, maths, and design & technology.

In English, our budding scholars embarked on a captivating debate surrounding the timeless tale of "The Emperor's New Clothes." With lively discussions and thoughtful arguments, they pondered the age-old question: "Was it fair for the king to be tricked?" Their critical thinking skills soared as they explored different perspectives and honed their ability to express their thoughts eloquently.

In maths, our young mathematicians delved into the world of coins and combinations, measuring their way to mathematical mastery! From recognizing and knowing the value of various denominations of coins and notes to ordering and comparing them, they eagerly embraced challenges that ranged from finding the biggest to the smallest, equal to, more than, less than (fewer), most, and least. Their enthusiasm for numbers and problem solving was truly inspiring!

In the realm of design & technology, creativity took centre stage as our imaginative students embarked on a journey to design and create traditional fairy-tale characters for an enchanting puppet show at the end of the term. Armed with key vocabulary such as sew, running stitch, design, textile, and material, they transformed their visions into reality, stitching together a tapestry of imagination and craftsmanship.

In our action-packed PE sessions, our Year 1 students have been soaring to new heights as they learn, develop, and apply the principles of flight and rotation—both on the floor and on apparatus! Through focused skill development exercises, thematic warm-ups, and exhilarating games, our budding gymnasts have been honing their abilities to propel themselves through the air with grace and precision. From perfecting their form on the floor to conquering challenging apparatus manoeuvres, they've been embracing every opportunity to push their boundaries and defy gravity!

In a delightful encounter with Olaf Falafel, our young readers were treated to tales of whimsy and laughter as they delved into the imaginative worlds created by this renowned storyteller. With wide eyes and eager minds, they soaked in every word, discovering the magic of storytelling and the joy of literature.

Our intrepid explorers dove headfirst into a whirlwind of wacky experiments and hilarious demonstrations in the silly science workshop. From fizzing concoctions to gravity-defying tricks, they marvelled at the wonders of the scientific world, all while giggling with glee.

- **Year 2** – Spring is here and it has inspired our scientists to study plants. Speaking of science, we had a visit from a renowned inventor and science professor for our silly science day!

We were equally inspired by a visit from author and illustrator, [Olaf Falafel!](#) He was as funny as he was tall (and he is rather tall indeed!) and an amazing artist. He taught our children how to draw one of his characters, [Blobfish](#).

In English, we discovered that perhaps the big bad wolf wasn't so bad after all - or was he? Investigate [The True Story of the three little pigs by Jon Scieszka](#) and make up your own mind. Or better still, read our recounts of the story! Finally, in maths, we are honing our dividing and multiplication skills.

We have a busy few weeks coming up with Comic Relief and the start of Ramadan.

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