



Hillborough Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter – 31st January 2025

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

Dear parents and guardians,

As we enter the fourth week of our six-week term, the school has been buzzing with activity and excitement! We have had the pleasure of welcoming many visitors to our school, enriching our learning environment and supporting our pupils' growth. Additionally, we have seen new volunteers join our school community, and their contributions have been invaluable in enhancing the experiences of our 312 pupils. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement – it truly makes a difference!

Please do ensure that your child has the correct coat and footwear for their day, the weather is changing all the time. We would also add that all clothing does need to be labelled in some way or form.

Supervision of children – Please ensure your children are not left unsupervised before or after school hours, as this can cause distress and concern for their safety. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring all children are supervised during these times to maintain a supportive and secure environment.

After school clubs - this is a reminder that **ALL our clubs finish at 16:10** and no later! When children are picked up late from their club, they can become quite distressed and worry that their family are not coming to collect them. Please ensure that you do pick up your child at 16:10. We really appreciate your support with this matter.

TV shows, games and apps – last week we sent out a ParentMail pointing out the certificate ratings for some recent shows, games and apps, that children may be accessing and the potential impact on their behaviour and emotional development. We encourage you to review the age ratings and content of these media to ensure they are suitable for children aged 4 to 7. Open discussions about what they watch and play can help them understand the difference between real and make-believe.

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** - Over the past fortnight, Year 1 have been on an incredible learning journey! In maths, we have been mastering addition and subtraction of one-digit and two-digit numbers to 20, developing our numerical skills with confidence and enthusiasm.

Our English lessons focused on writing a narrative about "[A Superhero like You](#)", where we explored verbs and connectives like "and" and "because" to make our writing more exciting.

Our foundation subjects: Art brought colour and creativity as we explored the fascinating work of [Wassily Kandinsky](#), learning about abstract shapes and emotional expression. In computing, we have been programming Bee-Bots, developing early coding skills through fun directional challenges. The absolute highlight was a remarkable visit from Florence Nightingale herself, who shared fascinating stories about her life and her ground-breaking work in nursing, inspiring our young learners with her incredible legacy. The children made their own lamps.



- **Year 2** – In English, we have been learning about [Mae Jemison](#). She was the first African- American woman to enter the NASA training program. The children have been researching facts about her and planned to write her biography. You can explore her more, with your child on the NASA link! <https://www.nasa.gov/former-astronaut-mae-c-jemison/>

Our journey through maths has been about subtraction. We have learned a huge range of strategies for subtracting in our maths toolkit. Use the BBC link below if you would like to support your child further: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zc78srd>

Meanwhile, our knowledge of science is ever growing as we investigate which materials can change and which remain the same. This week we have explored bend, twist, squash and stretch as we have made our own “people” with pipe cleaners. Hit the BBC link to find out more! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmdrjfr>

SEND/Inclusion Team

- Luton Borough Council has requested we share the following with any parents or carers who may be interested in joining EPIC as a Parent Carer Representative to make a real difference to improving services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Luton.

Further information about the role and a job description can be found at [EPIC - Parent Carer Representative Role Information](#)

For further information please email sarah.maffre@luton.gov.uk

- Please see attached flyers for all the different activities and events that are taking place from February half term. Please remember to book in advance to secure a space as most of these events get booked up very fast.
- **RE: Proposed changes to Luton Council’s home to school and college transport policies**
Dear Parent/Carer,
We would like your views on the proposed changes to the council’s home to school and college transport policies.
Please see the below link where you can find more information and be able to complete a short survey. The consultation is live from 22nd January to 28th February 2025.
Link: <https://www.luton-hometoschool-consultation.com>

Family Support

- Please see attached the Olio flyer. Olio provides a sharing service for local communities.
- Please see attached flyer regarding Flying Start and CAMHS

Wishing you a peaceful weekend.

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