

## School Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

### Celebration assembly

In Monday's assembly, Mr Coren shared the meaning of Yom Kippur-the Jewish festival of atonement, which is taking place this weekend. Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive special certificates in today's celebration assembly for understanding the importance of forgiveness in class this week.



Nursery Acorn Class	Udaybir
Reception Chestnut Class	Harper
Reception Maple Class	Grace
Year 1 Ash Class	Layla
Year 1 Redwood Class	Bunnie-Blue
Year 2 Birch Class	Chase
Year 2 Elder Class	Ellie
Year 3 Iroko class	Lilly
Year 3 Willow class	Lenny
Year 4 Juniper class	Jack
Year 4 Spruce class	Archie
Year 5 Elm class	Charlie
Year 5 Meranti class	Darcey
Year 6 Aspen class	Leo
Year 6 Beech class	Millie

### House points

Congratulations to the following pupils for earning the most house points in their class this week.

Reception Chestnut Class	Ivy-Rose
Reception Maple Class	Sabrina
Year 1 Ash Class	Nye and Fred
Year 1 Redwood Class	Willow and Nathan
Year 2 Birch Class	Dua
Year 2 Elder Class	Ronnie
Year 3 Iroko class	Flynn
Year 3 Willow class	Yasmina
Year 4 Juniper class	Michael
Year 4 Spruce class	Jack and Josh
Year 5 Elm class	Ruby
Year 5 Meranti class	Carter
Year 6 Aspen class	Rosy
Year 6 Beech class	Macie

Well done to the pupils in **Yellow** house for earning the most house points this week.

## Attendance

We are aiming to achieve an attendance of 96% this year. Well done to all the classes highlighted in green for achieving that target last week.

Year 3 Willow Class	99%
Year 3 Iroko Class	96%
Year 1 Ash Class	95%
Year 4 Spruce Class	95%
Year 6 Aspen Class	95%
Year 2 Elder Class	94%
Year 5 Meranti Class	94%
Year 2 Birch Class	92%
Reception Chestnut Class	91%
Reception Maple Class	91%
Year 5 Elm Class	91%
Year 4 Juniper Class	89%
Year 6 Beech Class	83%
Year 1 Redwood Class	78%

## Attendance Ladder



## House Captains

Congratulations to the following year 6 children who were chosen by the other year 6 children to be house captains this year. House captains have the important role of leading their house during whole school events and also representing the school when we have visitors.

**Red House:** Bradley and Ellie

**Blue House:** Teddy and Ella

**Green House:** Mamoun and Adhishree

**Yellow House:** Jake and Isabelle

## School Council

Each class will be holding school council elections next week, where one boy and one girl will be elected by their classmates to represent them on the school council. Unfortunately, children who were on the school council last year will not be able to apply again this year, to give others a chance. The school council meets regularly to discuss improvements at the school. For example, last year the school council helped decide on the final design for the new library. We have emailed parents a speech template that your child could use to prepare for the elections, should they wish to become a school council representative.



## Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mr Downs, the Head of School. The safeguarding officer at the Infants is Mrs Hook, and at the Juniors is Mrs Sullivan. If you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of one of our children, please speak to them. They will offer advice and take appropriate action.



## Meet our SENDCo



Our SENDCo (special educational needs and disabilities coordinator) is Mrs Trainor and her role is to support children with additional needs, and their families. If you would like to talk to Mrs Trainor and discuss your child's needs, you can catch her in the morning between 8.45am and 9am in the Junior playground on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Infant playground on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alternatively, you can contact the school office to make an appointment.

## Homework Club

We are hoping to restart homework club later this term. Please look out for a homework club letter which will be emailed out to parents soon.

## Forest School

Year 2 Birch Class enjoyed their first Forest School session this week. They matched items found in the Forest School area with colours on the nature colour wheel.



## Starting primary school

If you have a child born between  
**1 September 2019**  
and **31 August 2020**

You must apply for a school place by  
**15 January 2024**

For full details, key dates  
and to apply online, visit:  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/  
schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

or please call: ☎ **01895 556644**



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## Applying for a place in Reception at the Infant school for September 2024

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, you must apply for a school place by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. For full details and to apply online, visit: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Applying for a place in Year 3 at the Junior school for September 2024

If your child is currently in year 2, you must apply for a junior school place by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. For full details and to apply online, visit: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Starting junior school

If you have a child in Year 2 who currently  
**attends an infant school**

You must apply for a junior school place by

**15 January 2024**

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and to apply online, visit:  
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or please call: ☎ **01895 556644**



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## Starting secondary school

September 2024

For Hillingdon residents only

Apply online, apply in time at  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/  
schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Closing date for applications is  
31 October 2023



[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Applying for a place in Year 7 at Secondary school for September 2024

If your child is currently in year 6, you must apply for a Secondary school place by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. For full details and to apply online, visit: <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

### **Key dates for your diary**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September: Year 6 parent SATs presentation in Junior school hall at 9am and repeated at 6pm.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm: Reception parent phonics presentation in Infant school hall.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Parent-teacher meetings after school. Further details to follow.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Year 5 Elm assembly for parents in Junior hall at 9am.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023: Half term-school closed.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 trip to Royal Observatory Greenwich.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: Travel Back in Time Day-further details to follow.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Last day of term for Nursery pupils.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023: Last day of term for Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils. School finishes at 1pm.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024: Teacher training day. School closed for pupils.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024: First day of Spring term.

## School PTA news

### PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Monday-it was a really good turn out and we've started planning for some exciting events this term. Please make a note of the dates below, more information will follow soon.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Halloween disco

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Family Firework and Laser show at The River Garden

### Helping the PTA raise money for the school



You can help the PTA raise money by clicking on easy fundraising when you spend online as a percentage goes towards the school. In the last year we have raised £600 through easy fundraising. It works with most online shopping including amazon and Tesco. You could even ask your work if they buy lots of items to do it through easy fundraising. It costs you nothing!!! And there are no catches at all.

You can sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/utprb0/>

## Community News

### Support us in walking the **Home-Start Hillingdon Half Marathon** 30th September 2023



Scan the QR codes to find out more...

You can be part of helping us change the lives of local children: enabling us to recruit, train and support volunteers to come alongside struggling families to help them move on.

#### Donate?



Come and meet the team  
along the route ...

9-10am St Edmunds Church,  
Northwood Hills  
11:30 -1:30 Uxbridge High Street  
3:15-4:45 Hayes Muslim Centre

#### Volunteer?



Contact us to find out more:

Call: 01895 252804

[office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk)  
[www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk](http://www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk)

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### Home Start Hillingdon

Home-Start Hillingdon is a small charity helping local families, with at least one child under 5, who are finding things tough with issues including post-natal depression, isolation and managing difficult personal circumstances.

They recruit, train and manage volunteers to come alongside families with young children who are struggling. Each volunteer supports one family, visiting 2-3 hours once a week for up to 6 months to give support, befriending and practical help towards achieving the goals the family set themselves.

You can find out more about what they do at [www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk](http://www.homestart-hillingdon.org.uk).

The difference they make with families is **astounding**. Last year they supported nearly 120 families. 93% of the families they supported were coping better after receiving support from them ... some with an incredible 200% improvement on their original "coping scores" (this is how they measure the impact of what they do).

The feedback they get from families is incredibly positive:



*"...without Home-Start it was impossible for me to see the world outside my home." "The catalyst I needed to propel me to regain control of my life" "She help my everything"*

Volunteers also tell them they love being a part of such life changing support:

*"volunteering has increased my self-confidence. It makes me feel happy to see my families and has given me a sense of purpose"*

*"It is fantastic to see even small improvements that families make when enabled to do so by Home-Start. I have shared so many wonderful experiences with families even sad moments that have given hope to brighter future exploits. Working together we can make a difference."*

**Here are two ways to support Home-Start Hillingdon to change the lives of local families:**

**Train to become a volunteer– it can change your life too!!**

The next Volunteer Preparation Course will start on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023** will run for **9 sessions on Mondays from 9.45am to 2.30pm.**

Are you:

- a parent or grandparent
- able to attend the whole course
- available to commit to volunteer for half a day a week

...if so, this is a brilliant opportunity to receive **exceptional training** that will enable you to change families lives.

As well as the huge satisfactions that comes from this role, volunteering with them can change your life too, building confidence and skills and experience. After a year supporting families, they can provide a reference supporting job applications. "My new job is a form of support work. Home-Start gave me my first taster!"

Contact them for an application form or just to find out more on 01895 252804 or [office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk](mailto:office@homestart-hillingdon.org.uk)

**Sponsor them to Walk the Home-Start Half Marathon**

Follow the link to their JustGiving page - even if you can only spare a tiny amount, **every little bit helps towards the target!** [.\(Click here to donate via justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com)

They are also looking for **business partners** who might want to raise their profile by supporting this event.

**Come and meet them at one of their events along the way: Come and chat to their team to find out how you can link up with their service or find out about volunteering opportunities:**

9:00am – 10:00am: St Edmunds Church Northwood – Breakfast celebrations as walkers depart ETA for walking down Ruislip High Street – around 10:30am.

11:30am – 13:30pm: Uxbridge High Street - Lunch stop off and chatting to passers by ETA for walking down West Drayton / Yiewsley High streets – 2:15pm.

3:15pm – 4:45pm: Hayes Muslim Centre – End of walk Celebration.