

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear children and parents, I am delighted to have had another relatively Covid-free week with a welcomed return of our Monday whole school assembly and Mrs Fletcher-Curran's after school choir practice on Wednesday. Next week is Children's Mental Health week and I am looking forward to my assembly on Monday where I will be sharing some important messages.

Mr Adam Khan - Headteacher

Well Done Nancy!

Congratulations to Nancy (Y1) for achieving a distinction in her recent dance examination!



Keep dancing!!

Celebration Assembly

It was great to celebrate the following children this morning. Thank you to parents who joined us by Zoom. Hopefully, we will be able to invite parents in person soon.



Reception: Savannah, Noah, Thomas

Year 1: Indy, Eleanor, Alex

Year 2: Meredith, Billy, Toby H

Year 3: Joshua, Eddie, Caila

Year 4: Adriana, Olivia, William

Year 5: Freddie, Harry, Aimee

Year 6: Chiara, Neve, Anthony



Big Garden Birdwatch

Last Friday, Mr Riley talked about the Big Garden Birdwatch and how we can keep our garden birds safe.



If you managed to spot any interesting birds in your garden, please let Mr Riley know (and send him a picture if you can).

Important Dates:

Friday 11th February – Y3 Stone Age Day
W/B 14/02/22 – Parents Evenings (Zoom)
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day (Bedtime Stories)
Monday 7th March -Y2 Burwardsley Residential
Thursday 10th March – Reception Airport Trip
Monday 21st March – Science Week
Monday 28th March – Y4 Tattenhall Residential
Tuesday 29th March – Y5 Easter Journey

Hillside Runners

Both Tuesday and Thursday morning cross country groups have been enjoying exploring the local area with me.



Erin (Y4) impressing me with her determination to keep going up (one of) Helsby's many hills.



Parents Evenings

Are being held w/b 14/02/22. Bookings are all live on ParentPay now until next Wednesday 10/02/22 at 10am so please book your Zoom slot.

Suitcases ready!

Some of our fabulous reception children visited me on Monday to share their writing.



They each read the list of items they would take in their suitcases. Brilliant, reading, writing and pride in their work!

Reception will be visiting Manchester Airport later next month.

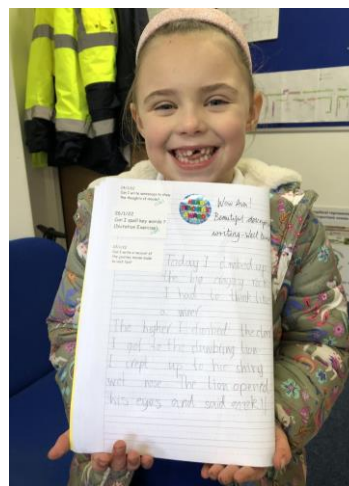
Read aloud Day

Year 3 were enjoying some performance poetry on Wednesday in the hall



This was inspired by it being National Read Aloud Day – part of our mission to develop children's love of reading.

Headteacher's Award



Well done Ava (Y1) for taking so much care with her writing. She is developing as a super descriptive writer, using adjectives and ambitious words plus already lovely handwriting – Keep it up Ava!

Coronavirus Reminder

Reminder that from Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. **Please remember to notify us of having the two negative LFTs when your child returns to school.**

Day 0	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
Date of test / onset of symptoms					7.30 am take LFT test	7.30 am take LFT test	Continue to isolate up to and including Day 10 unless you have two consecutive negative LFT tests 24 hours apart. Maximum isolation 10 days			
Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	Isolate	If positive then continue to isolate 😞	If positive then continue to isolate 😞				
					7.30 am LFT	7.30 am LFT	No need to Isolate 😊			
					If negative continue to isolate and test again on Day 6	If Negative and no temperature child can return to school 😊				

Please register your results on the Government website same day (you can only report LFD on day of test and day after). Also notify school admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk of the results.

Kimaya cleans up Helsby!

Last weekend, Inspired by her Y1 environment work, Kimaya took it upon herself to clean up Helsby!



Kimaya (and mum) hired out litter pickers and Hi-Viz jackets before filling up 3 bags of litter from around Helsby. If you would like help clean up our environment, and be a Helsby Hero like Kimaya, you can hire the equipment from Helsby library.

Thank you Hanna!

Miss Hughes would like to say a HUGE thank you to Hanna (Alex's mum (Y5)) who has used her creative talents to make these 'Worry Worms'.



If any other Parents/Grandparents/Friends would like to make some more worms, hearts or anything similar Miss Hughes would be very grateful. Wool and eyes can be provided!

Pupil Voice – Learning Detectives

The Learning Detective met for the first time on Wednesday.



They will be doing a learning walk of the school – looking for evidence of children having fun and learning at Helsby Hillside. They're very excited to be getting started!

Mr Riley

Junior Bake Off Series 8

The producers of Junior Bake Off have been in touch looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but the applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.



Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Pets Corner



Introducing Darwin, Spike and Caramel!

These Guinea Pigs belong to Madison (Y3) and Keleigh (Y1).

World Read Aloud Day

World Read Aloud Day - the whole school celebrated this event, with the highlight being children from different classes getting together to read to each other. Reception and Year Five buddies enjoyed sharing books together as did the children from Years Two and Four.



Year One teamed up with Year Three to read and perform some poetry and were then delighted to meet up with their Year Six buddies who had brought in some of their favourite stories to read aloud to them.



Our next celebration of reading event will be our Bedtime Stories themed World Book Day on 3rd March.