



Harrington Hill Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Families,

The last two weeks at Harrington Hill have been full of exciting and memorable learning experiences! After the half term break, we launched straight into our Science 'World of Work' week. Year groups each studied a different topic and took part in a variety of workshops, class trips and hands-on activities.

Reception's topic was 'It's Alive' - the children were Botanists, learning all about living and edible plants. They taste tested herbs and took part in an experiment where they used food dye to demonstrate how water is transported through plants.

3T's topic was 'Money matters'. During a visit from HSBC bank, the class pretended to apply and interview for jobs. They also enjoyed carrying out various transactions at their own, in-class, high street!

1H spent the week learning about 'Robots and Machines'. The children discovered how to program a robot and designed their own marble run.

As part of their 'Ethical Business' topic, Year 5 were visited by the drinks company, Vita Coco. The class created their own ethical smoothie businesses and used a maths session to analyse statistics and create bar charts to see which smoothies were most popular.

4B's topic was entitled 'Showcase'. The children visited the law offices of Linklaters where they learnt about sound engineering and were introduced to different presentation techniques.

Year 2 were also out and about last week as part of their science week activities. Last Wednesday, the class visited the Postal Museum where the children learnt all about the importance of communication.

Last Friday, our Year 6s experienced the heat of the Dragon's Den as they were tasked with creating their own inventions and business plans which then had to be pitched to professionals from a global engineering company. We were impressed with how confident the children were and their ability to stay cool under pressure when having to answer the dragon's difficult questions!

We want to say a big thank you to Miss Ergen, our Science lead, for organising the week—it was a great success!

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day as a school. The children looked wonderful in their book character costumes! Miss Pilkington, our Literacy lead, organised lots of fun activities and it was great to see our older children reading with children lower down the school. Going forward, Year 6 pupils will be visiting Reception every week to read stories, helping them to develop their love of reading for pleasure!

Please remember to sign up for a parents evening slot next week. This is a great chance for teachers to update you on your child's progress and for you to ask any questions you might have. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Have a restful weekend,

Pete Brodie
Acting Head of School



World Book Day!

Yesterday was World Book Day! Thank you to everyone who got dressed up as their favourite book character—you all looked fantastic! We are grateful to Miss Pilkington for organising lots of fun reading activities throughout the week.



Covid Update

The Government has removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days** and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days or until the 10th day.

Although you are welcome to wear a facemask, we no longer request that adults wear facemasks when entering the school site.

Key Dates

SPRING TERM

Parents Evening

Thursday 10th March (1.30pm finish)

Y6 SATS meeting for parents

Wednesday 16th March

Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March

Y2 SATS meeting for parents

Wednesday 23rd March

Last day of term

Friday 1st April (school closes at 1.30pm)

Attendance

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How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance target of 97%

Please note the following

100% Attendance – 0 Days Missed – **Excellent**

95% Attendance – 9 Days of Absence, 1 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Satisfactory**

90% Attendance – 19 Days of Absence, 3 week and 4 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

85% Attendance – 28 Days of Absence, 5 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Poor**

80% Attendance – 38 Days of Absence, 7 week and 3 days of Learning Missed – **Unacceptable**

If you need to report your child's absence, please call the school office and press option 2 to leave a message

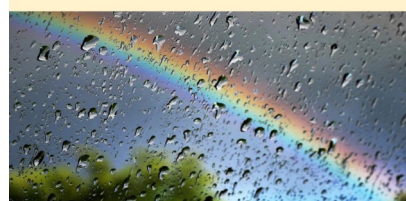
Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number
Nursery FT	89.2%	3
Reception	97.5%	3
Class 1O	94.3%	4
Class 2M	89.6%	9
Class 3T	97.9%	5
Class 4B	96.4%	2
Class 5L	98.4%	9
Class 6E	96.0%	4
Class 6P	96.8%	4



Mrs Williams Corner!

Thought of the week

"After every rain comes a rainbow"



Makaton sign of the week



Important information

Getting to school on time

It is important that your child arrives at school on time. The school gates open at 8.45am, ensuring that the children are all ready to learn at 9am. **Poor punctuality is not acceptable.**

Communication with parents

Please be advised that we use **email** as our main way of communicating information to parents/carers. If you are not receiving our emails or if you have changed your email address, please contact the office so we can update our records.

Excellence Assembly Winners

Every Friday, each teacher awards certificates to children who have shown excellence in class throughout the week.



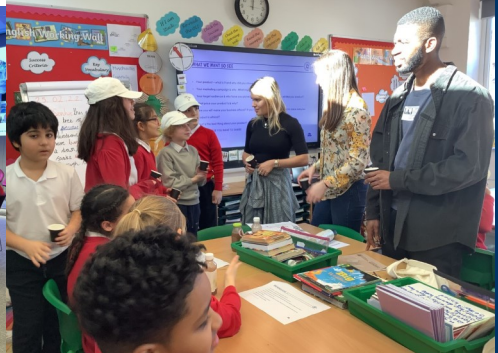
Kashaus and Antonio in 1O

week!

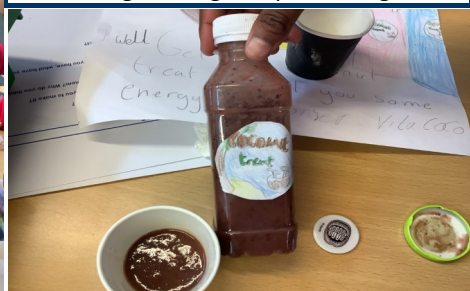
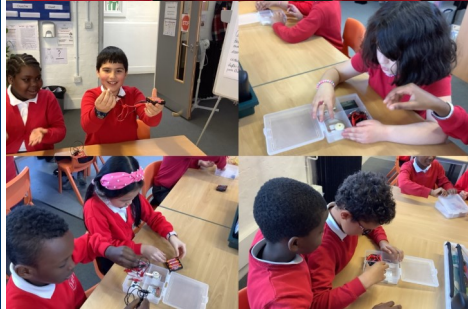
**Billie-Rae and Jeannine in Reception
and Ajwad in Nursery**



Science World of Work Week!



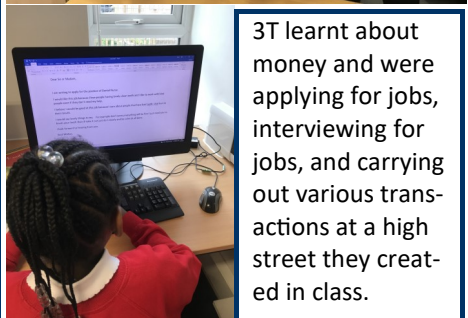
Year 4 visited Linklaters to learn about sound engineering and presenting.



5L were creating their own ethical smoothie businesses. They especially enjoyed sampling the free Vita Coco drinks!



Reception taste tested herbs and took part in an experiment using food dye to demonstrate how plants travel water through their systems!



3T learnt about money and were applying for jobs, interviewing for jobs, and carrying out various transactions at a high street they created in class.



Year 6 worked in teams to create their own inventions. They had to create a business plan and write a pitch which they presented to professionals from a global engineering company.



Year 1 discovered how to program a robot and learnt to design a marble run.