

Mini London Marathon



To inspire our pupils to be more active, last week we participated in the Mini London Marathon. Pupils were given a choice to either run, jog or walk a distance of 2.6 miles. The Mini London Marathon has become an annual event in our calendar and it provided our pupils with the incredible feeling of being part of a country-wide fitness community. Well done to all the pupils who took part.



National History Museum

To consolidate their knowledge on topics related to their classwork, the Year 4 pupils visited The National History Museum. The museum is divided into four different zones, each offering a unique learning experience. In the Orange Zone, pupils learned about real science in the Darwin Centre and got close to a range of soft bodied specimens (fish, reptiles and amphibians). In the Blue Zone, pupils explored the skeletons of different animals. Pupils were amazed at the life-sized blue whale model. In the Green Zone, pupils walked beneath the skeleton of the largest animal on earth, a 120 million-year-old *Mantellisaurus*. In the Red Zone, pupils explored the evolution of life on our planet. Overall, the pupils have a fun-filled day of exploring.



Hillingdon Foodbank

The Hillingdon Foodbank is experiencing a growing need for assistance as clients continue to rise and essentials are getting increasingly difficult. This is affecting the stock level in the Foodbank also as we've witnessed a decrease in donations and a rise in need. We kindly request your support as every donation, no matter how big or small will make meaningful contributions to the lives of those in need. Thank you for your dedication to our cause.

Hillingdon Cycling

Hillingdon cycling instructors are back every second Saturday of the month from April to October offering free cycle training to Hillingdon Residents (children and adults). Whether you want to learn to ride or refresh your skills, all are welcome. Cycling sessions will take place at Pield Heath School Cycle Track which is a safe and enclosed space to learn.

Please click on the link below to find out more information (<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/cycle-skills-training>)

TERM DATES - 2024 to 2025

The 2024 to 2025 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via (www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates). Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

 MAY TO JUNE 2024		
MAY		
Monday 6th	May Day Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th	Enrichment Clubs Begin	
Monday 13th to Friday 17th	Practice Papers - Year 1 Phonics	
Monday 13th to Thursday 16th	Year 6 SATs Week	
Tuesday 14th	Year 3 Outdoor Pedestrian Training	
	Reception Indoor Pedestrian Training	
	Year 1 Indoor Pedestrian Training	
Friday 17th	Whipsnade Zoo - Year 2 Trip	
Tuesday 21st	Year 2 Outdoor Pedestrian Training	
Thursday 23rd	Pirate Day - Year 1	
Thursday 23rd	9:00am	Year 1 Pirate Assembly (Hazel)
	2:30pm	Year 1 Pirate Assembly (Maple)
Friday 24th	Superhero Day - Reception	
Monday 27th to Friday 31st	Half Term Holidays	
JUNE		
Tuesday 3rd	9:15am	Nursery & Reception Sports Day
	12:45pm	Years 1 and 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 4th	9:15am	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
	12:45pm	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day
Friday 7th	2:10pm	Parent Workshop - Years 5 and 6 (Child exploitation, Grooming and County Lines)
	3:15pm	Parent Workshop - Years 1 to 6 (Child exploitation, Grooming and County Lines)

May Day Bank Holiday

Please note that Monday 6th May is the May Day Bank Holiday therefore the School will be closed. School will resume at the normal time of 8:35am on Tuesday 7th May. Thank you.

Enrichment Clubs - Summer Term

Enrichment clubs will proceed from the week commencing Monday 6th May. All clubs will be held on either Wednesday or Thursday each week and will run until Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June. **Please note all Enrichment clubs will start straight after school and finish at 4:30pm.**

Year 6 SATs Week - Free Breakfast!

Research shows that when children eat a good breakfast and are well hydrated, their ability to concentrate and focus on learning at school is improved. With this in mind, we are offering all Year 6 children the opportunity to attend school at 8:10am on each day of the week commencing Monday 13th May, the week of their assessment tests, for a free breakfast! We would also like to remind parents, guardians and carers of Year 6 children to ensure that they bring a small bottle of water to keep on their tables throughout the week of the tests. Thank you.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 6th May</i>	
	MENU 1	

TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Ratatouille Spaghetti	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Jam Sponge</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Lemon Tart</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Turkey with Onion Gravy, Roast Potatoes and Stuffing	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese Bake	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Strawberry Jelly</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	
Meal Choice 2	Tomato Pasta Bake	
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Fingers with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Vegetarian
Dessert Choice	<i>Fresh Fruit Salad</i>	<i>Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts</i>
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Whipsnade Zoo - Year 2 Trip

On Friday 17th May, the Year 2 children will be attending Whipsnade Zoo in Dunstable. We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that **all payments should be made through your child's iPayimpact account.**

Birthday Treats - Non-Edibles only

Whilst we appreciate that you would like to provide your child with cakes and chocolates for their birthdays in school, we would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers that unfortunately, we are not able to give out any cakes or chocolates for birthdays in school. We understand this may cause some disappointment to families and children however we are able to give out non-edible items. We thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

School Readiness at Learn Hillingdon

So, what is school readiness? Well, we see it as a measure of how prepared a child is to succeed in school, cognitively, socially and emotionally. This allows teachers to focus on developing skills and stops young children playing 'catch up', so they can develop their love for school and parents can be confident that their child is coping well with the transition. Sadly, the last statistical data shows that in Hillingdon, 1 in 2 children are 'school ready' compared to Lewisham, where about 3 in 4 children are school ready. And the pandemic will not have improved this situation.

So, we are offering all parents of young children, who are about to go to school for the first time a **free online course**: School Readiness at 7pm to 9pm on 30th April - 21st May - Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks.

Parents can enrol here: (<https://rb.gy/v01cf9>). Just click on the blue ENROL button. Or if you can't make this particular course, then you could choose the course that is starting in early June or late June. Once enrolled, parents will be sent all the information they need to attend, including the link to the online class.