

Primary Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2023



What a great term this year! We have had lots of new 'firsts' and great achievements across the schools.

Thank you to all parents/ carers that have adopted Class Dojo, it is pleasing to see all the pupils engaging in their learning. I'm sure you all are starting to feel connected to the classrooms.

We would like to share some good news, we have been able to recruit a Clinical Deputy Head of School- Maliha. She will be working across sites and supporting the school and families with the teaching and learning and therapy input into the classrooms. Please see attached the updated organizational list for both sites.

We had our quality review this term, the feedback from the review demonstrated we have excellent input across the schools within the pupils learning. We understand our pupils needs and are able to plan and implement to a high standard. Moving on we want to further adapt our curriculum to suit the needs of our children's development. We shared our plans with the Quality Review Partner and she was very pleased to see how we will be further enhancing the curriculum provision. This will be shared in due course!

Thank you all for continued support this term despite the colder weather bringing the colds and flus.

We want to wish you all a relaxing break!

*Best wishes for the New Year!
Jemma Kerr and the Primary team*



Snowy Dreams!

Message from Lorna:

What an incredible term it has been! As we come to the end of the autumn term at Hillingdon Manor, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our exceptional staff. Their dedication has been the driving force behind the positive outcomes achieved by each and every pupil. This term welcomed new faces, both pupils and staff, contributing to the vibrant and supportive community I love. The school has seen many positive changes, including our first successful Progress Review Day. The feedback from our families has been overwhelmingly positive, reinforcing the impactful strides we've made. Your children continue to thrive, and I know that you have appreciated the regular updates on their progress through Class Dojo. A special thanks to Jemma Kerr and her team at Upton Grange and Yiewsley Grange, and Beckie West and her team at The Manor. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and remarkable group. As we approach the break, we wish you all a restful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 4th, 2024, and can't wait to see the continued growth and success of our Hillingdon Manor community. Warm regards,

Lorna



Halloween festivities:

Across both sites we had lots of fun! Pupils were able to explore multi-sensory activities and develop their social skills!



Road Safety Week:

During Road Safety week classes learnt about the rules of the road and awareness of safety!



Diwali Celebrations:

Across the schools, lots of activities were had and colour was seen everywhere!



Remembrance Day:

An important date to reflect and remember, beautiful Poppies were made!



Numicon fun:

Numicon has started to embed into our Thinking and Problem Solving sessions. Information session for parents will be offered in the new year!



Giving to Charity

This term Opal class learnt about how we need money to get food. Some people do not have enough money to get food. We can help other people by giving them food. We learnt about how some food might go rotten quickly so we used a visual board to choose food that would not go rotten quickly.

At Sainsbury's, I can put food in a box that will be given to people who need it

Christmas Hampers:

We placed all families names in a hat and pulled 5 families at each site to win a Christmas Hamper! Enjoy!



Christmas Workshop!

It was a magical day to see all the pupils enjoy the activities and see Father Christmas!



Piccadilly class had a successful trip to the Natural History Museum in London!

Message and advice from the Clinical team:

Dear parents—thank you for all your support and collaboration this term. We hope you have a festive holiday season. Please find below a few tips to consider over this Christmas break:

Tips for the holiday season



- Wherever possible, make sure all plans are shared and you know what you will be doing and when, and who else will be there.
- Use visual aids such as calendars, lists and schedules to help plan your Christmas.
 - Think about and plan around sensory differences that could cause you distress or discomfort, consider ear defenders etc for times of potential sensory overload.
- Create or find a quiet space where you can take a break if you get overwhelmed. You may want this to be a completely Christmas-free area, particularly around the main days of Christmas or at key times that there may be additional stress.
- Don't just plan for Christmas Day, plan for the whole festive break and give yourself quiet days to recoup if needed.
- If you're visiting family and friends, tell them about anything that could help make your visit be as stress-free as possible. For instance, turning off Christmas lights, letting you know in advance what the food will be, sharing plans for activities and having a quiet space to escape to.

Schedules:

Daily schedule the same as much as possible
Gradually introduce Christmas activities into daily schedule



Decorations:

Consider decorating gradually
Create Christmas-free areas of the house without decorations



Presents:

Consider whether to wrap presents or not (how does your child cope with surprises?) Presents can be overwhelming - think about how many to give, and when? This can be gradual or all on one day



Have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Calendar dates for the new year:

We have had lots of information sessions, we would like to remind you all the sessions are for **both** Upton and Yiewsley and are delivered at alternate sites. We aim to try and record or send a TEAMS link for remote access if appropriate for the session.

15th January- Outdoor learning at Yiewsley @10am

24th January- Routines at Upton @ 10am

5th February- Pupil Review day

28th February- Toileting at Yiewsley @10am

7th March- World Book Day

8th March- Mother's day event (mother figure) 2pm- 2:30pm

15th March- Comic Relief day

20th March- Sleep at Upton @10am

