



HILL HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

Every Friday, in our Small School assembly, the teachers have the task of choosing a child to be merit for the following week, and every week it seems to get harder and harder to select one child. This week, so many children could have been chosen for working hard and persevering but the overriding theme seems to have been trying something new. Children who do not usually paint have become artists; those who have never shown an interest in construction activities have become architects; reluctant writers have become authors and with these new findings, new friendships have blossomed too. Please have a look at the photographs to see some examples of the children trying out new activities.

As you know, homework at Small School is to read for 10 minutes every night. Your child should bring their reading folder to school each week on their designated day and they will bring home 2 or 3 books to read to you. Please give your child a chance to read each of the books several times. On the first readthrough, the children will use their phonic knowledge to decode the words. The second reading helps to reinforce their word recognition and subsequent readings will help develop their fluency and reading confidence. As with all things, practice makes perfect so please do revisit the books as often as you can.

For those of you who would like some extra activities for your child and for any budding scientists out there, Mrs Rogers has kindly been investigating fun science experiments to try at home. Her challenge for you this week is to watch this YouTube clip and have a go yourselves. *This is an experiment for parents and children to do together, please ensure your child is supervised throughout.* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uau_eKoRn6c
Please let us know how you get on!

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Lawson (S1), Eva (S2), Safiya (S3), Emil (S4) and Pauline (S5). They all received a merit in Small School's assembly for trying new Learning and Exploring activities and for working hard to make progress. **Please make sure you return the merit badge to school at the end of your child's week as merit.**

We hope you have a lovely weekend,

The Small School Team.

Important dates:

Monday 31 May- 4 June

Half Term

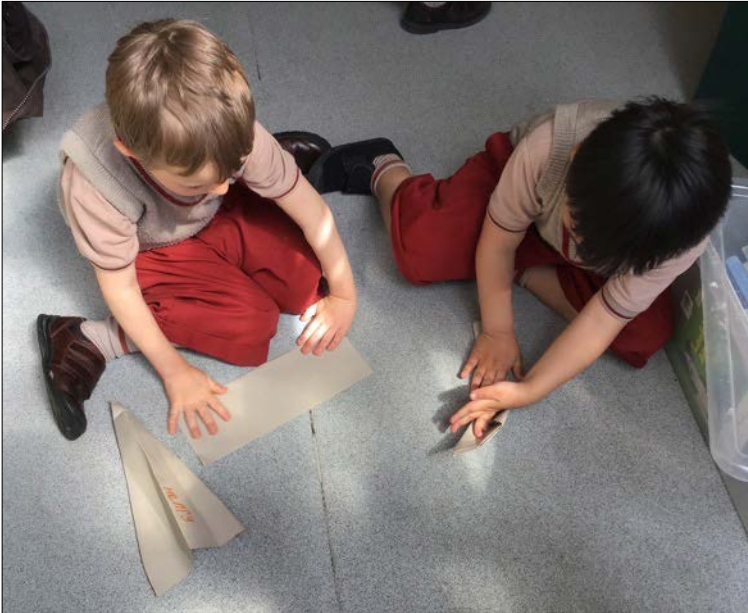
July 7

Field Day

Term ends at 4pm



Our week in pictures



Henry, Yoonwoo, Rominiyi, Shien and Theodore taught each other how to make paper aeroplanes and then tested which flew the longest distance outside.



Kerim and Zachary found a new interest in painting this week and both mixed their own paints to create these gorgeous pictures.





Clockwise from top left: In maths, John and Matilda enjoyed competing to see who could get to twenty first; Lawson, Lillie, Sasha and Meelo investigated numbers to 20; Tara consolidated her knowledge of numbers to 20 during Learning and Exploring using the penguin counters; Odin persevered to create an amazing mechanism that rolled the car through a tunnel and Eva wrote her mummy a letter.



What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will be learning how to spell tricky words and blend words with adjacent consonants.

Mathematics

We will be consolidating our knowledge of numbers 0-20

Topic

Our new key text is 'The Tree' by Neil Layton. We will be learning about animal habitats.

French

The children will learn 'les parties de corps' with the song: '*tête, épaules et genoux, pieds*'

Health and Hygiene

We will be talking about protein and food that makes us grow, such as eggs.

Swimming

In Swimming the children will be building water confidence through playing 'rob the nest', blowing bubbles, and submerging completely.

Gym

In Gym we will be preparing for Field Day.

Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child every day and write in their reading records.

Do not to forget to try out Mrs Roger's science experiment too.

What are we eating next week?



Healthy Early Years Partnership
Bronze Award

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread and butter	Homemade basil pesto, pasta, peas, parmesan Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey
Tuesday	Oatcakes with cheese	Tuna, peas, basmati rice and sweetcorn Bananas
Wednesday	Homemade houmous, organic breadsticks and carrots	Corn fed chicken with lemon and thyme, couscous, fine green beans, olives <i>Vegetarian option:</i> cheese omelet, couscous, fine green beans Grapes
Thursday	Organic Kallo Ricecakes with cream cheese	Roast carrot and coriander soup, homemade wholemeal bread, cheese, sliced ham or turkey Raisins
Friday	Homemade apple cake	<i>Friday Club:</i> Singapore style noodles, oven fried chicken Ice Cream

Please remember to encourage good table manners at home to ensure a calm and enjoyable environment for lunches at school.