



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

It was so lovely to see the children happily returning to school after the Easter holiday. They seem to have grown, both in height and confidence, and we have had a fantastic week exploring our newly revamped Learning and Exploring zone.

The creative area has been extended to make space for larger creations, our hairdressers has been replaced with a Garden Centre role-play complete with fruit and vegetable stall and florists. We created an enticing, larger reading nook – perfect for curling up with a story and we have set up a large writing area to promote more independent writing – something we will be focusing on throughout the Summer term. In our small world and construction zone, we have replaced some of our simpler construction kits with Lego to enable all of our architectural aspirations to come to fruition.

The garden is looking glorious with newly sprouting vegetables (each class is growing a different vegetable to harvest later this term) and some gorgeous geraniums, pansies, rhododendron and the most stunning Camelia tree which provides brightly coloured red petals for use in the mud kitchen. The children also have a large array of herbs to choose from to add smell and flavour to their sandy food creations in the mud kitchen.

This week we have embraced the sunshine and learnt about the power of the sun using a solar powered fountain. The children have been fascinated watching how the water rises and falls depending on whether the fountain is in the shade or sun – lots of budding scientists in the making. In light of the improving weather, please make sure you apply sun lotion on your child before school in the mornings. School summer hats are available to buy from Mrs Heald for £6.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: John (S1), James (S2), Rex (S3), Felix (S4) and Amalia (S5). They all received a merit in last week's Small School assembly for persevering with their learning, always being enthusiastic to learn something new and for being helpful to their friends. **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:

Saturday 24 April

Secondhand uniform sale-  
Founders Hall 10-1pm

Wednesday 28 April

Small School Parent  
consultations

Monday 3 May

May Bank Holiday  
– **no school**





*Yoonwoo and Shien enjoyed learning about repeating patterns this week in Maths.*

*Marguerite enjoyed snuggling up with a book in our new improved reading area.*



*Leo and Rominiyi learnt about solar-power using our fountain in the water.*

# What we will learn next week:

## Phonics

We will be starting phase 4 and learning how to read CVCC words  
like milk

## Mathematics

We will be learning to subtract

## Topic

We will continue to read 'The Tiny Seed' and learn about seasons and growing.

## French

The children will be reviewing the vocabulary for fruits using the story of 'The very hungry caterpillar'.

## Health and Hygiene

We will be talking about the journey food takes through our bodies.

## Swimming

In Swimming the children will be learning to jump into the pool.

## Gym

In Gym we will be working in teams and negotiating space.

## Home Learning

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

# What are we eating next week?



Healthy Early Years Partnership  
Bronze Award

|           | Morning Break                             | Lunch  |
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| Monday    | Wholemeal bread and butter with cheese    | Spaghetti bolognaise, peas, parmesan<br><br><i>Vegetarian option:</i> Spaghetti with red pesto, peas, parmesan<br><br>Greek yoghurt with honey and strawberries  |
| Tuesday   | Oatcakes with cheese                      | Fish Fingers, basmati rice and tenderstem broccoli<br><br>Bananas  |
| Wednesday | Homemade houmous, breadsticks and carrots | Roast chicken with thyme and lemon, new potatoes, baby spinach<br><br><i>Vegetarian option:</i> Quorn chicken, new potatoes, baby spinach<br><br>Tangerines  |
| Thursday  | Organic Kallo Ricecakes with cream cheese | Cumberland sausages, mashed potatoes, fine green beans<br><br><i>Vegetarian option:</i> Vegetarian sausages and mashed potato, fine green beans<br><br>Fruit salad with mango, blueberries and peaches |
| Friday    | Homemade flapjacks with coconut           | <i>Friday Club</i><br>Homemade pizza margherita, crunchy green salad<br><br>Blackcurrant Jelly   |

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