



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

This week we have seen a move to large-scale construction and vehicle design from the children. Their buildings seem to be getting taller, wider and more detailed every week and this helps them learn lots of important skills, such as measuring, spatial awareness, critical thinking and evaluation and problem solving. The amount of focus and concentration the children put into their constructions inside and outside, is impressive and they show true pride in their achievements. Please take a look at the photos to see some of their work.

Thank you so much for viewing and sharing the film of 'A Bundle of Joy' with friends and family. We were delighted to raise £420 for Action for Children. Jasmine McHayle from the charity wrote to us to express her gratitude: *Thank you so much to Hill House School and Small School for choosing to raise money for Action for Children this Christmas! The photo on your JustGiving page looks absolutely lovely, I'm glad the children were able to put on a show this year. Your donations will go towards supporting children and young people ensuring they are safe this Christmas so thank you so much!*

Over the coming weeks we will be helping the children develop their fine motor control by setting up some fun, practical challenges for them to do during Learning and Exploring time. Activities will range from threading Cheerios onto pipe cleaners, using tennis ball monsters to eat up beads and small jewels, kneading dough, mark making in different patterns, picking up small items with tweezers and using scoops and spoons of different sizes. If you have any old tennis balls at home, we would appreciate donations for our tennis ball monsters.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Zimo (S1), Charles (S2), Coco (S3), Vashti (S4) and Theodora (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for persevering with their writing and phonics, being enthusiastic learners and for cooperating well with other children. **Please remember to return the merit badge at the end of the week so that it can be passed onto the next merit.**

Best wishes,

The Small School Team

## Important dates:

### Swimming awards

- 19 January – S1
- 2 February – S2
- 23 February – S3
- 9 March – S4
- 23 March – S5



## What we will learn next week:

### Phonics

We will be learning to blend and segment with w and x and read tricky words we and me

### Mathematics

We will be looking at the composition of number 8 and investigating capacity

### C&L

We will be reading 'You can't take an elephant on the bus' and designing alternative modes of transport for the animals

### French

We will be reviewing vocabulary for *La famille: papa, maman, ma soeur, mon frère*

### Health and Hygiene

We are learning about our senses and in particular our sense of hearing

### Circle Time

We will be reading the story 'Ruby's worry' and talking about how we can overcome our own worries.

### Swimming

We will be reviewing push and glide techniques, kicking legs using floats and playing a game of bubble tag

### Gym

We will be playing rob the nest and using the climbing frames combinations. The children will be practising balancing, log rolls and different jumps

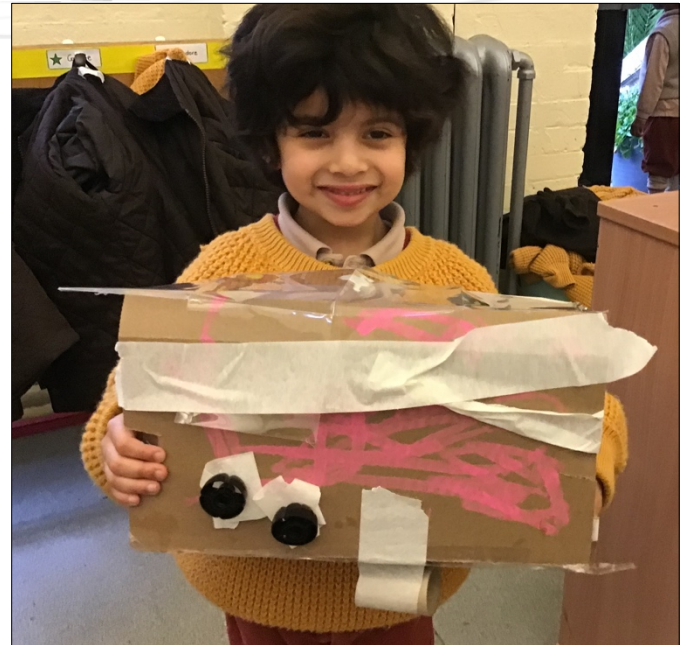
### Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child each night and write in their reading record. If your child has moved onto pink level books, please encourage them to blend the sounds to read the words. They might need you to demonstrate blending the sounds together to make the word. Feel free to ask one of the Small School teachers for help if you are stuck.



Above: Lavinia has been persevering with her writing.

Below: Ada, Alexander and Edouard enjoyed racing different vehicles on our race track.



Above: Ronin was very proud of the campervan he made from recycled materials.

Below: Ethan investigated different ways to make 6 using spots on a ladybird





Clockwise from top-left:

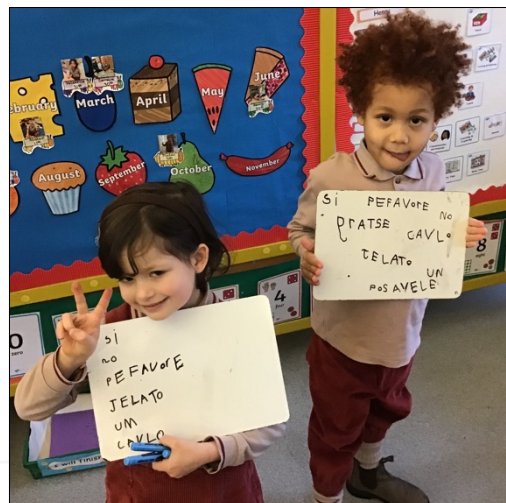
Platon proudly built an airport tower and garage for the trucks.

Maxi, Leo and Cole built this impressive airport and carpark.

Mirei, Aria and Ronin created a stunning castle and garden outside.

Samuel and Darcey have been teaching Miss Oikelome some Italian.

Abdul-Wahab and Alexander have enjoyed measuring and comparing their vehicles using the mobilo construction.



# What are we eating next week?

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese	Spaghetti bolognese, peas, parmesan  <i>Vegetarian option:</i> Roasted vine tomato and courgette pasta, peas, parmesan  Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey
Tuesday	Homemade houmous, organic bread sticks, carrot batons	Cod fillet Fish fingers with basmati rice and tenderstem broccoli  Sliced oranges
Wednesday	Organic oatcakes with cheddar cheese	Roast chicken with lemon and thyme, mashed potato, fine green beans,  <i>Vegetarian option:</i> Quorn "chicken"  Bananas
Thursday	Organic kallo rice cakes, cream cheese	Homemade pizza margherita with mozzarella and tomato (V), optional pepperoni, crunchy green salad  Fruit Salad
Friday	Homemade Flapjacks with coconut	<i>Friday Club:</i> Yummy warm veggie wraps with olives, cheese and avocado  Ice Cream

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

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