



HILL HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

This week we were very proud to watch S1 being presented with their swimming awards in Assembly. The awards reflect the hard work the children are putting into learning how to swim and becoming confident in the water. It was lovely to see how excited the children in the other classes were to celebrate S1s' achievements too. Well done S1!

Our fine-motor skills challenge table has been a big hit this week and you may have noticed some tasty cheerio-based bracelets coming home with your child. We have also been exploring using tweezers to pick up pom-poms. Any activities that encourage children to use both hands – such as holding paper in one hand and cutting with their dominant hand, tracing, colouring, threading, sewing, tearing paper, building with LEGO, manipulating playdough, etc. are excellent ways to help develop the muscles children need for writing.

We are enjoying our topic 'Things that go' and the children have been creating vehicles in a range of different ways; from trains and buses using the large building blocks outside, to racing cars and rockets made out of mobilo. The children have also repurposed boxes into campervans and buses. Over the coming weeks we will be providing further challenge by measuring the distances the vehicles travel and using Duplo City Train which introduces the children to coding.

Later this term, we will be visiting the London Transport Museum to learn about how vehicles have changed over time and to get a feel for driving buses and trains. It promises to be a very exciting day out.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Lavinia (S1), Darcey (S2), Leo (S3), Sixtus (S4) and Edouard (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for working hard to see activities through to completion, being focused in lessons and being considerate to others. **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

2 February – S2

23 February – S3

9 March – S4

23 March – S5

London Transport Museum trips:

22 February – S1, S4, S5

8 March – S2, S3



What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will be learning to blend and segment with y and z and read tricky words be and was

Mathematics

We will be measuring using non-standard units of measure and comparing lengths and width

C&L

Our key text is 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. We will be re-enacting Naughty Bus's journey and adventure.

French

We will be learning vocabulary about pets: *les animaux domestiques: un chat un chien; un lapin; un oiseau*

Health and Hygiene

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

Circle Time

We will be reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and talking about perseverance and sticking at things

Swimming

We will be floating on our backs using floats and noodles and playing bubble tag and rob the nest

Gym

We will be moving to music and then exploring safe climbing in a large climbing arena in the gym

Home Learning

Please continue to read with your child each night and write in their reading record a brief note about how your child did. Did they understand the story? Were they blending sounds together to read words? Are they beginning to recognise tricky words- like: the, to, go, he, she, we?



Congratulations to S1 who received their swimming awards, to the delight of their peers, in assembly on Wednesday.



The children have enjoyed refining their fine-motor skills on our new challenge table.



Sixtus worked so hard to make his gorgeous bus.

What are we eating next week?

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese	Pasta fusilli with roasted cherry vine tomatoes and courgette, parmesan, peas and pancetta <i>Vegetarian option:</i> <i>as above without pancetta</i> Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey
Tuesday	Homemade houmous, organic bread sticks, carrot batons	Tuna, basmati rice, peas and sweetcorn Sliced Oranges
Wednesday	Organic oatcakes with cheddar cheese	Chilli con carne <i>Vegetarian option:</i> <i>Vegetarian chilli with chickpeas, tortillas, cheese and sweetcorn</i> Pink Lady apples
Thursday	Organic kallo rice cakes, cream cheese	Roasted tomato and cannellini bean soup, homemade wholemeal bread, cheese (V) Optional sliced ham or turkey Bananas
Friday	Homemade Flapjacks with coconut	<i>Friday Club:</i> Mini chicken burgers, crunchy green salad and roasted cubed potatoes Jelly

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

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