



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

This week we started reading our key text 'Naughty Bus' – about a bus who goes on an adventure through food, and into the pond and causes chaos and disruption wherever he goes. The children have loved the story and have acted it out by driving the bus through spaghetti hoops and mashed potato. They have created fantastic story maps to sequence the story and they have retold it using their own words. Next week, we will be exploring Naughty Bus's actions and talking about good and bad choices and the children will innovate the story so that Naughty Bus goes on a nocturnal adventure.

In Maths, we have been learning all about measurement and the children have been comparing the length and height of different objects and using non-standard measures to compare them. This has triggered lots of interest in measuring during Learning and Exploring and the children have been using some excellent vocabulary to compare different sized objects.

One of the best things about working at Small School is watching children fully immersed in their play and learning. Every day brings something new and this week has been no exception. Outside the children have been immersed in pirate play – making pirate ships with look outs, marking the ground with x's to show where treasure is buried and drawing intricate treasure maps. Inside, we have seen imaginative dinosaur lands complete with oceans and sand dunes, tall towers and dinosaur hospitals. Please have a look at the photographs to see our imaginative creations.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Leoluwa (S1), Henry (S2), Mirei (S3), Stefan (S4) and Abdul-Wahab (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for becoming really independent, trying new activities and persevering when things are difficult. **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 that 's' can say 'z' e.g. hens, 'qu' and read tricky words my and you

### Mathematics

We will be investigating the composition of 9 and 10

### C&L

Our key text is 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. We will be innovating the story to write our own version

### French

We will be reviewing 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 taste

### Circle Time

We will be reading 'The Lion Inside' and talking about courage and finding our voices

### Swimming

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

### Gym

We will be warming up with some races, practising our climbing skills and learning how to do forward rolls

### 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. Encourage your child to sound out (simple two or three letter) words using their phoneme cards.



Left to right from top:  
Theodor, Zimo and George created a fantastic dino-land;  
the children painted beautiful daffodil watercolours;  
we used non-standard units to measure length and investigated thick and thin;  
Alba made her own 'Naughty Bus'.





Left to right from top:

Lots of children helped to make this fantastic pirate ship;  
Coco and Cole, made a treasure box,  
Abdul-Wahab built and labelled a multi-storey car park;  
Mirei and Aria created an imaginative penguin land;  
S3 used lots of different objects to measure how tall Leo is.



# What are we eating next week?

|           | Morning Break   | Lunch   |
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| Monday    | Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese        | <p><i>Chinese New Year Celebration:</i><br/>Chinese egg noodles with Char Sui pork or chicken, pak choi<br/><i>Vegetarian option:</i> Vegetarian char sui Quorn, rice noodles, pak choi</p> <p>Chinese sticky orange cake</p> |
| Tuesday   | Homemade houmous, organic bread sticks, carrot batons | <p>Fish fingers, basmati rice and tenderstem broccoli</p> <p>Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey</p>   |
| Wednesday | Organic oatcakes with cheddar cheese                  | <p>Roast turkey breast with mashed potato, fine green beans and gravy<br/><i>Vegetarian option:</i> Roast Quorn fillet, mashed potato, fine green beans</p> <p>Sliced Oranges</p>   |
| Thursday  | Organic kallo rice cakes, cream cheese,               | <p>Cumberland pork, chicken or vegetarian hot dogs, crunchy green salad, olives</p> <p>Fruit salad with peaches and mango</p>   |
| Friday    | Homemade Flapjacks with coconut                       | <p><i>Friday Club:</i><br/>Pasta with a red pepper pesto, peas, parmesan (V)</p> <p>Ice cream</p>   |

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

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