



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

Our week started with a special celebration of Lunar New Year and we were very grateful to Lang Xiao, Maya's mother, for coming in to talk to us about the customs and traditions. The children learnt about the significance of the colour red and how to ward off the Nian with loud noises and fireworks. Lang also very kindly gave us a school mascot to mark the year of the tiger. We chose the name 'Stripey' and each week in assembly she will be cuddled by a child who has shown courage during the week.

We embraced Lunar New Year across Learning and Exploring by having noodles and chopsticks on our fine motor table. The children attempted their own Chinese writing and Mr Ed cooked us a delicious Chinese meal of Char Sui chicken and noodles.

This week was also a special week for S2 who received their swimming awards in Assembly. The children have been working really hard to become confident in the water and are all making excellent progress. Well done S2!

Continuing with our transport theme, the children have been introduced to coding using our Lego City train. The children can use different switches to control how the train moves around the track. We have observed some excellent trial and error and problem solving.

We are very proud of our outdoor area and the exciting learning opportunities it affords the children. Last term, we removed a large shed to create a digging and planting area. The children have enjoyed using this space to mix mud and water and in response, Miss Jarvis has relocated our mud kitchen so that the children can fully immerse themselves in imaginative play there. The mud kitchen introduces the children to many scientific and mathematical concepts, such as changes of state, consistency, measuring, filling, pouring, estimating and hypothesising. It is also great fun getting our hands dirty!

This week, a special mention goes to our merit children: George (S1), Cornelia (S2), Aria (S3), Kian (S4) and Siena (S5). They all received a merit in Small School assembly for being eager and enthusiastic and trying new things. **Please remember to return the merit badge at the end of the week so that it can be passed onto the next merit.**

## Important dates:

### Swimming awards

23 February – S3

9 March – S4

23 March – S5

### London Transport Museum trips:

22 February – S1, S4, S5

8 March – S2, S3



Best wishes,

The Small School Team

## What we will learn next week:

### Phonics

We will be consolidating j, v, w and x and learning tricky words *her* and *they*

### Mathematics

We will be learning number bonds for 10

### C&L

Our key text is 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. We will be predicting what will happen in the story

### French

We will be learning vocabulary for *Le Clune*

### Health and Hygiene

Continuing with the theme of 'our brain' we will be talking about our different emotions

### Circle Time

As part of mental health week, we will be reading 'The Cloud' about a girl who has lots of worries

### Swimming

We will be playing chariot races and having some play time in the water

### Gym

We will be playing team games such as *midnight*, *beehive* and *rob the nest*.

### 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:  
We really enjoyed learning about the customs of the Lunar New Year from Lang Xiao;  
Edouard managed to make a mobile model even longer than Abdul-Wahab;  
the children enjoyed practising Chinese writing;  
Siena made this gorgeous model of her mummy.





Congratulations to S2 for receiving their swimming awards in assembly this week.



Left: Maya made her very own dog 'River' and made him a basket with some bones to eat.



Right: the children have enjoyed learning how to code using our Lego City train track.



Left: We have enjoyed reinforcing our knowledge of numerals playing hopscotch



Right: Coco and Carl have been learning to tell the time

# What are we eating next week?

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese	Pasta fusilli with a homemade basil pesto, parmesan and peas (V) Greek yoghurt with raspberry and honey
Tuesday	Homemade houmous, organic bread sticks, carrot batons	Panko breaded cod, basmati rice, peas and sweetcorn Sliced Oranges
Wednesday	Organic oatcakes with cheddar cheese	Texan style chicken wraps, cheese, green salad and sweetcorn <i>Vegetarian option:</i> Vegetarian Quorn chicken wraps 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 baked potatoes with a choice of tuna, vegetarian chilli, baked beans or cheese 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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