



HILL HOUSE

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

The team at Small School would like to wish you all a very happy new year and we hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. For those of you who ordered a DVD of the Christmas shows, these will be sent home with the children next week.

We have been delighted with how well the children have started this term. They seem to have done lots of growing over the holidays and have returned to school confident to try new things. Many of you might have noticed a bit of gold super power on your child's clothes from them being awarded green cards for excellent work and behaviour.

This term our topic is 'Transport' and we will be reading stories about, and exploring, all different types of vehicles and journeys. The children have already helped to make a train ticket office to accompany our story 'The Train Ride'. They have created their own train tracks and road maps complete with 3D houses and bridges. Throughout this half of term we will be using woodwork tools to make simple vehicles. We are on the lookout for lots of junk resources that we can use as wheels to attach to our vehicles, such as milk carton lids and bottle tops. We would appreciate any donations of these from home. Also, if you have any old train tickets, maps, oyster cards or anything travel-related we would love them for our role-play area.

Parking restrictions

We are fully aware that drop off and collection times can be busy in terms of finding parking spaces, however, some residents from Flood Street and neighbouring roads have complained that their driveways are being blocked by parents of children at Small School. We would ask that you show consideration to the local residents and refrain from parking anywhere that will restrict access to their properties. This extends to parking on the yellow zig-zag lines which is strictly forbidden. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation regarding this matter.

We are very excited that Small School children will receive their first awards in Assembly in the coming weeks. You have all have received an email with information regarding the swimming awards which start next week. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the awards assemblies.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children:

Charles (S1), Darius (S2), Tatisha (S3), Oscar (S4), Isabella (S5) and Asia (S6).

They all received a merit in our last Small School assembly before Christmas for setting a good example and always trying their hardest to learn new things. *Please make sure you return the merit badge to school at the end of your child's week as merit.*

Important dates:

Swimming Awards

16 January S1 and S3

30 January S5 and S2

13 February S4 and S6

Friday 18 January

Friday Club starts

Tuesday 12 March

Small School Parents' Evening



What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will continue to revise phase 2 and phase 3 sounds and blend and segment words.

Mathematics

We will be adding by combining two amounts and ordering numbers to 20.

Topic

We will be retelling 'The Train Ride' and sequencing the story.

French

The children will be learning vocabulary for members of their family: 'papa, maman, ma soeur, mon frère'.

Health and Hygiene

We will be continuing to learn about our senses and how they help us to grow and develop.

Swimming

In Swimming the children will be jumping into the water.

Gym

In Gym we will be exploring different ways to travel around the gym.

Home Learning

Please continue to build words with the phonemes your child has been learning in phonics. Encourage the children to spell out the words and write them down. Please make sure you write in your child's reading book when you read with them.

What are we eating next week?



Healthy Early Years Partnership
Bronze Award

	Morning Break	Lunch
Monday	<p>Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>Pasta with roast tomato, parmesan, peas and pancetta</p> <p>Yoghurts</p>
Tuesday	<p>Oatcakes with cheddar cheese</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p>Tuna, rice, peas and sweetcorn</p> <p>Oranges</p>
Wednesday	<p>Homemade houmous, breadsticks and carrots</p>	<p>Chilli con carne, tortillas, cheese and sweetcorn</p> <p>Apples</p>
Thursday	<p>Rice cakes with cream cheese</p>	<p>Roast chicken with thyme and lemon, mashed potato and fine green beans</p> <p>Bananas</p>
Friday	<p>Homemade flapjacks with coconut</p> <p>Fruit</p>	<p><i>Friday Club only:</i> Hot dogs, corn on the cob</p>

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