



**HILL HOUSE**  
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

# The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to Assembly on Wednesday to see S5 and S2 receive their swimming awards. We all felt very proud to see how well the children are progressing in their swimming and it was lovely to see the response of the other children watching their friends get their awards – they were so delighted for them.

This week our trip to Battersea Park was particularly exciting for the children as there was frost over the grass and leaves. The children were astonished to find frozen leaves and described the iridescent colours and 'crackly' textures. They attempted to break up the ice to save the worms underneath. One child wondered if the ground was frozen because the worms had forgotten to leave their heating on overnight!

The children have become further absorbed in our story of 'The Journey' this week and they have crept behind our own red door during Learning and Exploring time to draw pictures of where they would go on a journey. They have imagined travelling in magical cars and on magic carpets to reach pirate ships and shark infested oceans. Once again, we have seen the children creating some rich writing and mark making as part of their play and learning. This week's Writer of the Week awards go to Rayan and Rosie. Rayan wrote his own shopping list of healthy and unhealthy food. His writing shows huge progress since the beginning of the year – well done Rayan. Rosie wrote a fabulous sentence about where she would go on her magic carpet using her phonic knowledge.

Please be reminded that our day at Small School starts at 8.30am. It is important that all children are in school and ready to learn by this time to make sure they don't miss out on important learning. If a child is 5 minutes late each day it equates to them missing 2 whole days of learning across the year and it is disruptive for the other children when lessons are interrupted. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Izzy (S1), Conrad (S2), Eli (S3), Henry (S4), Rosie (S5) and Lara (S6). They all received a merit in last week's Small School assembly for persevering with their learning, always being enthusiastic to learn something new and for being helpful to their friends. **Please make sure you return the merit badge to school at the end of your child's week as merit.**

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

The Small School Team

## Important dates:

Week beginning 4 February

Show and Tell this week

Swimming Awards

13 February S4 and S6

Week beginning 11 March

Book Fair at Small School

Tuesday 12 March

Small School Parents' Evening



# What we will learn next week:

## Phonics

We will be learning:

oa, oo, ar

## Mathematics

We will be ordering numbers.

## Topic

We will be exploring the story  
*Who sank the boat*  
and learning about water transport.

## French

The children will learn to the days of the week in French.

## Health and Hygiene

We will be continuing to learn about our senses and exploring our sense of taste.

## Swimming

In Swimming the children will be floating in a supine position.

## Gym

In Gym we will be working in teams negotiating space .

## 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	Wholemeal bread with butter and cheddar cheese  Fruit	Macaroni cheese, pancetta, peas  Yoghurts.
Tuesday	Oatcakes with cheddar cheese  Fruit	<i>Chinese New Year</i> Homemade crispy sweet and sour chicken, jasmine rice  Apples
Wednesday	Homemade houmous, breadsticks and carrots	Beef bourgignon, mashed potato, fine green beans  Grapes
Thursday	Rice cakes with cream cheese	Soup, corn on the cob, wholemeal roll, cheese and ham  Bananas
Friday	Homemade flapjacks with coconut  Fruit	<i>Friday Club only:</i> Hot Dogs

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