



HILL HOUSE
INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR SCHOOL

The Small School Scoop



Dear Parents,

We are very excited to announce that Miss Hakkens gave birth to her beautiful baby, Emma Yin Tong, on Thursday 21 February. Both Miss Hakkens and baby are doing well and we can't wait to meet her for cuddles!

On Thursday, we had a special visit from Lila's mum who taught us all about Baba Marta, the Bulgarian tradition of celebrating the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring. We enjoyed having a go at making Martenitsi to bring us luck too - a huge thank you to Mrs Amess for taking the time to come and teach us all.

Next week we are introducing a new routine in the mornings from 8.00am-8.25am. All children will have the option to go to the hall for Learning and Exploring time or take part in adult led activities in the Dining Room. The Dining Room activities will vary each day (yoga, music and movement, action songs, still life drawing and "write dance") and be limited in number to ensure children get the best experience. The day's activity will be displayed on the doors outside the hall and children will get a ticket to join the activity. Due to this change in routine, we ask that older siblings who travel on the bus remain outside with their parents while waiting for the bus to main school.

Thursday 7 March is World Book Day and in order to celebrate our love of books we have decided to hold a Small School Book Week from 7-14 March. The week will start on World Book Day with children dressing up as their favourite story characters and culminate with a Small School storytelling session on Thursday 14 March at 2.30pm. We would like to invite parents, grandparents, nannies and childminders to join us to hear our own version of one of our favourite stories. We will be performing together in the upstairs hall at 2.30pm so please come along. We will also be hosting a book fair in the Dining Room from Monday 11 March to Thursday 14 March and you will be able to buy books after school between 2.45pm and 3.15pm.

This week a special mention goes to our merit children: Tokihiro (S1), Alejandra (S2), Wynsome (S3), Sasha (S4), Anabelle (S5) and Ella (S6). They all received a merit in last week's Small School Assembly for their amazing friendship skills and for persevering with their learning. This week's Star Writer award goes to Sofia from S4 who wrote and illustrated her own story - well done Sofia! **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:

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day and start of Book Week at Small School

11- 14 March

Book Fair at Small School - 2.45pm - 3.15pm

Tuesday 12 March

Small School Parents' Evening- 5pm-7pm

Thursday 14 March

2.30pm - Story telling session for parents and families





We are very excited that Miss Hakkens had her baby girl, Emma during the holidays. She is beautiful!

Lila and her mum told us all about Baba Marta and showed us how to make Martenitsi (lucky charms) by twisting red and white wool together.



What we will learn next week:

Phonics

We will be learning:
ear, air, ure

Mathematics

We will be measuring
our bean plants.

Topic

We will be retelling
Jack and the
Beanstalk.

French

The children will review the new vocabulary about the weather: Quel temps fait-il aujourd'hui? Il fait beau, il pleut, il fait froid, il fait chaud.

Health and Hygiene

We will be learning about how plants grow and planting our own seeds.

Swimming

In Swimming the children will be
kicking and gliding.

Gym

In Gym we will be using the equipment to travel in
lots of different ways.

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	Spaghetti Bolognese, peas, parmesan Yoghurts.
Tuesday	Oatcakes with cheddar cheese Fruit	<u>Shrove Tuesday</u> Tuna, rice and sweetcorn Pancakes
Wednesday	Homemade houmous, breadsticks and carrots	Chicken, baby new potatoes, fine green beans Apples
Thursday	Rice cakes and cream cheese	Roast tomato and courgette soup, ham, cheese, corn on the cob, wholemeal roll Dried fruit
Friday	Homemade flapjacks with coconut Fruit	<i>Friday club only:</i> Homemade beef burgers, salad

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