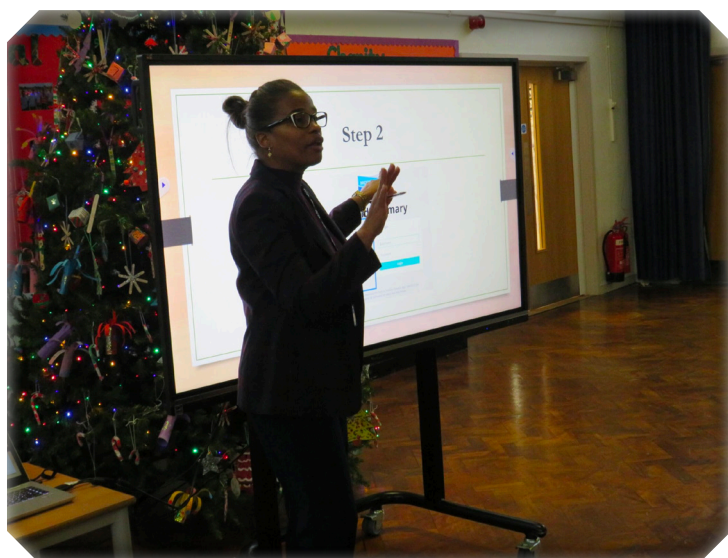


Year 1's Church Visit

On **Friday 15th December**, pupils in Year 1 visited **St Joseph the Worker Church** in Northolt. They have been learning about Christianity and how Christians celebrate Christmas. The children were greeted by the sound of the bell ringing as they approached the Church. The Vicar welcomed them into the Church and were told about the Christmas story and how Christians celebrate their beliefs by one of the parishioners. The children then had a variety of art and craft activities to complete and went on a short tour of the Church to learn about how Christians worship. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon and learned about some Christian traditions and how to respect each other's religious beliefs.



EYFS Early Essence Workshop



On **Wednesday 13th** and **Thursday 14th December**, the **Nursery** and **Reception** parents, guardians and carers were engaged in an informative and practical workshop about the **Early Essence Platform** that the School uses to record and track pupils' attainment of the **Early Learning Goals**.



Parents, guardians and carers were given personal login credentials to access the site. Using the school's tablets and their personal devices, they were skilfully guided on how to navigate the system, and how to view reports and teachers' uploads of their child's learning journey at school. Parents, guardians and carers were also shown how to upload and share home learning videos and photographs with the teachers. Thank you to all who attended.



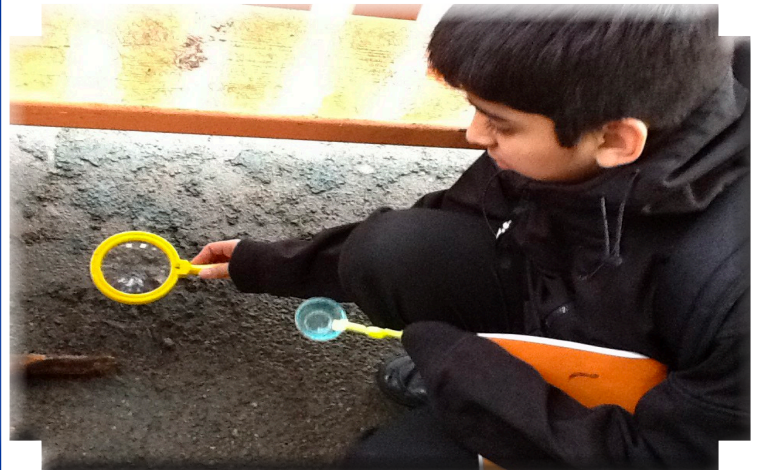
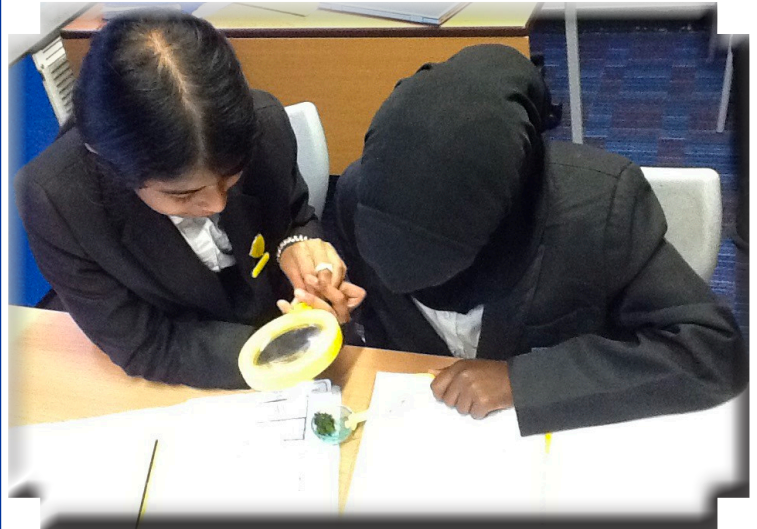
Classifying living organisms in our local environment



Pupils in Year 6 Wellington class, set out on an intriguing exploration of their nearby surroundings. Armed with the curiosity and knowledge acquired in class. The pupils eagerly sought out a variety of organisms. Throughout the walk, they participated in hands-on activities, actively observing, identifying, and classifying these organisms into groups aligned with their classroom teachings.



This immersive experience not only deepened their understanding of biodiversity but also strengthened their grasp of key concepts introduced in class. The outing provided a splendid opportunity for them to bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world observations, fostering a heightened appreciation for the wonders of the natural world.



Man on the Moon

Children in Year 1 have been learning about the first man on the Moon, Neil Armstrong, as part of their History lessons. They designed and created rockets for Design and Technology. This week, they put into practise their folding, cutting, sticking and joining skills to create a prototype of a rocket ship from recycled materials. After which, they had the opportunity to explain to the class how they could improve their rocket ships. Well done Year 1 for showing such creativity!



Parent Consultation- Monday, 8th - Tuesday 9th January 2024

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on **Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th January 2024**. Parent consultation times have been sent out via letter with your child. Please be assured that we have taken into consideration those who have more than one child and have given a similar time to accommodate these families on their assigned day. If this is not the case, please contact us via email and we will try to change this for you. If you are unable to accommodate a face-to-face parent consultation meeting, the teachers will make alternative arrangements via telephone conference. Thank you.

Year Groups	Consultation Time and Date
Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2	Monday, 8th January 2024- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Tuesday, 9th January 2024- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Start of Spring Term- Wednesday, 10th January 2024

Please be reminded that school commences for the Spring term on **Wednesday, 10th January 2024** at the normal start time of **8:30am**. It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons will begin promptly. It is extremely important that every child makes a positive start to the new term.

Primary School Admissions 2024

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between **1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020** that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **Monday 15th January 2024**.

To ensure your application arrives on time and to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications before the Christmas holiday period. Further information can be found at (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary). You should have received information about applying for your child starting primary school via email.

Attendance- Importance of Good Attendance

We would like to remind parents, guardians and carers that research shows there is a clear link between the attendance rate of children at school and their level of attainment. Please support your child to attend regularly by ensuring that any medical or other appointments are organised out of school hours. The expectation of the governing body is that all children will achieve a minimum annual attendance rate of 96%.



Reading with your children!

Reading aloud to children is a powerful tool that can spark imagination, develop language and listening skills, and prepare them to understand the written word. That's why we urge every parent, guardian, and caregiver to share a book with their children at home. Even the little ones can benefit from this experience, as they explore picture books and learn new words. For older children, reading simple stories out loud can open up a whole new world of adventure and learning. A great resource to use is Active Learn- Bub Club, where the teachers regularly allocate books for each child to read for pleasure. It is a fun and interactive way for children to access reading. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to bond with your child and give them a head start in life. If you need any advice on how to make the most of this experience, please reach out to your child's teacher or the school.



Term dates

SPRING TERM 2024

Staff Training: **Monday 8th January 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
[Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: **Tuesday 9th January 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
[Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Term Begins: **Wednesday 10th January 2024**

Half Term: **Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024**

Term Ends: **Thursday 28th March 2024**

SUMMER TERM 2024

Staff Training: **Monday 15th April 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
[Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Staff Training: **Tuesday 16th April 2024**
(Half day) [Training – morning only]
[Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]

Term Begins: **Wednesday 17th April 2024**

Bank Holiday: **Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day)**

Half Term: **Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024**

Term Ends: **Monday 22nd July 2024**

Staff Training: **Tuesday 23rd July 2024**

Staff Training: **Wednesday 24th July 2024**

BROOKSIDE

PRIMARY

Week Commencing: *Wednesday, 10th January*

MENU 3

WEDNESDAY

Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

THURSDAY

Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

FRIDAY

Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts

Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day



Happy Holidays From our Family to Yours!

We wish you a safe, warm and happy holiday season full of memories to last!



January to February 2024

JANUARY

Monday, 8th	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	EYFS & KS1 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Tuesday, 9th	1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.	KS2 Parent, Guardian & Carer Consultation
Wednesday, 10th	8:40 a.m.	Term begins
Thursday, 11th		NCMP - Height and weight check- Reception and Year 6
Monday, 15th		Martin Luther King Day
Monday, 15th to Friday 19th		Mock Examinations - Years 1, 2 & 6
Tuesday, 16th & Wednesday, 17th		Author's Visit- Luke Temple
Wednesday, 17th	8:40 a.m.	Nursery AM Stay and Read
Wednesday, 17th	12:40 p.m.	Nursery PM Stay and Read
Thursday, 18th	8:40 a.m.	Reception Stay and Read
Friday, 19th		World Religion Day - Non Uniform Day
Tuesday, 23rd	8:40 a.m.	Years 1 and 2 Stay and Read
Tuesday, 23rd		National Handwriting Day
Wednesday, 24th	8:40 a.m.	Years 3 and 4 Stay and Read
Friday, 26th	8:40 a.m.	Years 5 and 6 Stay and Read
Monday, 29th to Friday, 2nd February		Life Base Workshops
Monday, 29th to Monday, 5th February		National Storytelling Week

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 6th		Safer Internet Day
Tuesday, 6th		Pedestrian Training- Year 1 & Reception
Wednesday, 7th		Pedestrian Training- Year 3
Friday, 9th		Pedestrian Training- Year 2
Tuesday, 13th		Shrove Tuesday

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