Year 6 Newsletter 15.10.26

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a good week. It was lovely to meet so many of you at the parent consultation meetings this week. Thank you for all of your support.

This Week

The children have enjoyed their bikeability course this week and we're grateful that the weather has been good for both groups. The house captains have done a brilliant job collecting pennies for the PTA and have been very enthusiastic (and vocal) in persuading people to donate. Thank you for all your donations and for helping the house captains to be in school promptly at 8:30am! In class, the children have designed a torch based on their investigation the previous week. They enjoyed putting the skills they have learnt to use in small sided hockey games and tried out Quidditch in the sports hall!

Next Week

Next week, the children will be exploring creating suspense in their writing and finding out about renewable energy in science.

Homework

All homework will go out on a Tuesday and will be due in on the Monday of the following week. Please remind your child that spellings and reading are also part of the homework.

Reading

The amount of time children spend reading for pleasure has a clear impact on their writing, vocabulary, spelling, thinking skills and ability to verbalise their ideas. Children need to be reading for at least 15 minutes every night and, if possible, to an adult. Please ensure your child's Reading Record is signed by an adult. All books can be changed during the class Library Session.

Times Tables

Please continue encouraging your children to use TTRockstars. They all have logins and can play on computers, tablets or phones.

Notices and Reminders

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case in school with the necessary equipment, including an erasable black ink pen for handwriting (a 'frixion' pen or similar is ideal), green pen for editing, pencil, sharpener, rubber, a 30cm ruler, whiteboard pen, coloured pencils and a glue stick. It would also be useful to have refills for their ink pens. Year 6 P.E/Games lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursdays and children should have their full PE kits available in school for these days. However, there are many sports clubs and events in year 6 and it would be useful for all children to keep their kits in school Monday to Friday. Please ensure ALL items are named. Even year 6's struggle to recognise their own kits sometimes.

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Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for next week				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Poplar - PE Pine - PE	Pine – Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE	Poplar – Library	Poplar - PE Pine - PE

Upcoming events:

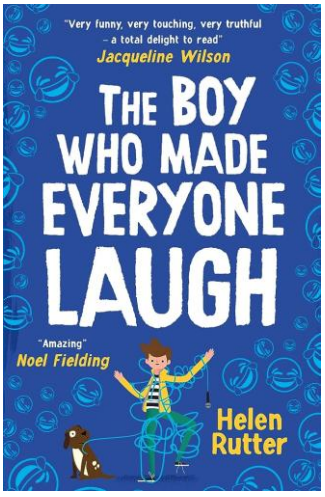
School applications

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. More information can be found at: Starting secondary school September 2027 - Hillingdon Council

D.T. day:

We would like to complete our first DT project of the year over the next few weeks and the children will be using the electrical knowledge they have been learning in science to create a game. In order to make their work, each child will need to bring in 2 AA batteries. They will then be able to bring these home again with their finished work. Thank you for your support with this.

Book Recommendation



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'The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh' by Helen Rutter (recommended by Johnny in Poplar).

Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a big dream.

He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word.

A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?

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Upcoming dates

Thursday 22nd October	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 23rd October	Hillingdon Foodbank Collection
Monday 2nd November	**Training Day (no children)**
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Friday 6th November	Individual photographs
Thursday 19th November	SportsHall Athletics Competition
Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov	Travelling Book Fair Days
Thursday 19th November	Art Frames Exhibition
Monday 30th November	Year 6 Trip to the Science Museum
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 25th November	Virtual Author visit for Years 5 and 6
Monday 7th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
Thursday 10th December	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 11th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December	**School term ends at 12:30pm**

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Lawrence and Miss Bryant

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