



# Minet Junior School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

- 18th-29th November –6E and 6S Swimming
- 22nd November –Be Bright, Be Seen Day
- 25th November –Year 3 Stone Age Day
- 28th November –Parents online safety workshop 2:30-3pm
- 9th December –Year 4 Roman Day
- 12th December –Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 17th December –Upper School Carol Concert
- 18th December –Lower School Carol Concert
- 20th December –1:30pm School Closes**
- 6th January –School Opens, Children return**

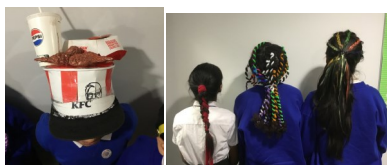


With the weather getting colder, please make sure your child wears a coat to school.

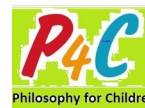


On Friday 25th October, the newly rebuilt Minet Junior School and Minet Infant and Nursery School were officially opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Colleen Sullivan. Both projects were led by the Department for Education with council officers working closely with both schools and the DfE in its delivery of these projects. These modern buildings represent a significant milestone in our commitment to providing an exceptional educational environment for our students, staff, and the wider community.

On Friday 17th of November, the children came to school with crazy hair, hijabs and turbans for Children in Need. Thank you for your support, we raised £152. Well done everyone!



On Friday 15th November, the pantomime came to Minet Junior School. All children thoroughly enjoyed watching Peter Pan and joining in with the songs and action.



**'Why is discovery important?'**  
Please discuss this question with your child. They can then share their family's ideas with the class. There are no right or wrong answers.

## In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.



UN Rights of the Child



We have the right to get information from the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources. They can help us discover more about our world!



British Values



### Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Learning about the people, who lived in the past and live across the world today, can help us understand and celebrate how different we all are!

## UNCRC Articles of the Month: November



## House Points

Winners are:

24/10/24– **Nightingale** with 2320 housepoints

07/11/24– **Newton** with 2230 housepoints

14/11/24– **Nightingale** with 2500 housepoints

**Well Done!**



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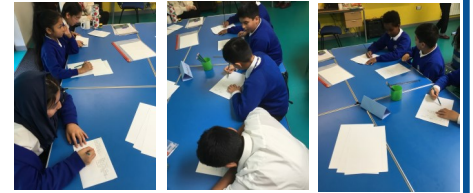
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Minet's Year 5 and 6 girls' football team shone at Hillingdon Leisure Centre tournament on Wednesday 13th November, finishing 2nd in their group! The girls played with passion and determination, showing incredible teamwork and skill in every match. We're so proud of their fantastic effort and achievements! Well done Minet!



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, a group of children from year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to visit Heathrow Primary School for an A.I.M. High Writing Day with Coral Rumble, an author known for her poetry! We started the day with Coral reading us some of her poems and talking about their meanings. Next, she had use drawing to help us understand the power of words, write some cinquain poems and share them with each other. After break, she read us part of her book and we immediately looked at Miss Eynon to see if we could get some copies for the school! We embraced our imagination by looking at a memory from our lives to write a poem! We started with a sketch of the event in our life and then coloured it in by using different words, phrases, adjectives and figurative language to describe. We used these drawings to help us write our poem and then had an opportunity to direct our poems, like film directors, to present them to the group.

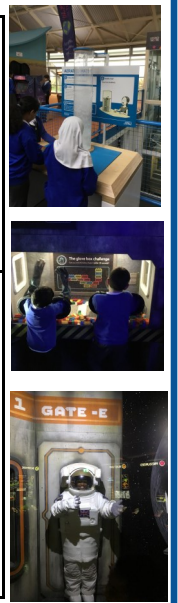
"My favourite part of the day was reading my poem to the different schools." Azaan



On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, Year 5 went to the Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium. We started our day by boarding our double-decker coach bus to the museum. Once we arrived, it was time for us to get straight to business; our teachers split us up into our groups and we put our things in basecamp so we could start our day! Over the course of the day, we got to explore exhibits, do a workshop on light and space and watch a planetarium show. It was a fantastic day! Our favourite parts:



<p>"My favourite part was the planetarium show because it was fun! I learned what the planets were named after." – Mahshid, 5M</p>	<p>"In the workshop, we discovered that lights don't just give out one colour – they give out a rainbow of colours! We used special glasses to see the colours." – Tajus, 5M</p>	<p>"The bottom part of the science museum was very interesting – it had all kinds of space stuff and crystals. There was even a space suit you could go into!" – Amber, 5C</p>
<p>"I really enjoyed the exhibit that showed how loud the F1 car was – when you pressed a button, it turned on the music to show how loud the F1 car was. It was so loud you couldn't hear the person talking to you." – Rami, 5C</p>	<p>"I loved the planetarium show. It was very interesting and we learned a lot about planets and space. The coolest part was when we learned about the different constellations." – Maryam, 5R</p>	<p>"I really liked the gadgets because they did different things and I thought that it was interesting. There was one that wrote your name in sign language." – Oluwagbemisipoope, 5R</p>





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## Minet

INFANT & NURSERY

Will your child be starting Reception in September 2025?

If so, we warmly invite you to visit our school!

Meet our team

22.10.24 (10-11am)

Visit classrooms

05.11.24 (10-11am)

Ask us questions

03.12.24 (10-11am)

Avondale Drive, Hayes,  
UB3 3NR

Contact us on  
0208 573 5177 or  
[office@minetinfants.org.uk](mailto:office@minetinfants.org.uk)

Scan to book  
your place:



Do you have a child under 3?  
Come to our free..

## Stay & Play Sessions

11.11.24 (10-11am)

'The Train Ride'



02.12.24 (10-11am)

'Walking through  
the Jungle'



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To register,  
scan code below



Our FAB FOUR for  
October:

- 1. 4T 97.5%
- 2. 4Y 97.45%
- 3. 6S 97.27%
- 4. 3R 97.14%

Great attendance!



## Are you a parent/guardian with a child between the ages of 5-11?

We want to learn more about the challenges and difficulties when feeding your children healthy foods during the Cost-of-Living Crisis



If you are interested in taking part in an interview, please email:

[Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk)

£15 voucher for taking part!

This study is being conducted by a doctoral researcher and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Brunel Research Ethics Approval: 44814-MHR-Jun/2024- 51239-3)



## Hillingdon Narrowboats Association Santa and his Elves are back and running the Santa Boat Trips 2024

Boats depart approx. every 30 minutes

Trips run from 10am to 4.30pm on the following dates

7th - 8th 14th - 15th and 21st - 22nd December  
from The Boathouse Summerhouse Lane Harefield UB9 6HX

Ticket prices are £20 per child and £15 per adult that includes an approx. one hour boat trip and a visit to SANTA in his GROTTO, hot and cold drinks, mince pies, a framed photo and a Gift from Santa



Book online. Info and tickets available from the beginning of October at [www.hna.org.uk](http://www.hna.org.uk)

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