

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all of the parents who joined us in the LS lab on Tuesday 18, November. Here is a summary of some of the information shared at this meeting, please contact swakefield@acs-schools.com if you have any questions or suggestions for further parent information meetings.

Forum and Resources

The address to access the lower school forum site is: <https://hill-forum.acs-schools.com>

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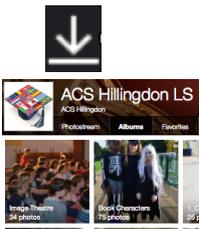
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PTSA *Parent Teacher Student Association*

flickr - To download a picture, open a picture, click on a single picture, click on the download icon



Quick links to ACS Hillingdon resources:



iCal - If you have an iPhone or iPad, click on this button to download the LS calendar



Lower School Library

News and events, resources, links to the library catalog, and much more

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TECH FOCUS

Tech Focus
Curriculum related resources for use at home and school

TeachSpace

Exploring Challenge

TeachSpace
Information of the Apps we use in the classroom, examples of student work and Digital Citizenship resources

Exploring Challenge
Extra resources to extend the curriculum including videos to watch, share and discuss

Digital Literacy

The lower school staff also work together to develop our students' digital literacy skills. We help students learn to find resources that are reliable, appropriate for their needs and reading level, and use those resources responsibly.

The lower school library website was shared and Mrs. Travers explained that it is a work in progress that already has access to the catalog, news on the events that have already been held this year and will have resources for students and parents to access in the future. Mrs. Travers also demonstrated Destiny Quest where 3rd and 4th grade students are able to reserve books, and make reading recommendations to their friends.

Digital Citizenship

Lauren Seaberg (lseaberg@acs-schools.com) spoke about how all the lower school teachers work together to help our students use technology in a balanced, responsible and informed way. This balanced approach celebrates the positive aspects of a digital life while teaching students to be prepared for life in the digital age.

Lauren shared two resources with the group that we highly recommend all parents sit down, grab a cup of coffee, and explore these incredible sites.



<http://www.common sense media.org>



<http://www.childnet.com>

Technology Discussion

Much of the meeting was taken up by a great discussion about the position of technology in our lives - especially our children. Many helpful anecdotes were shared but the words that stuck in my mind were the need to maintain **balance**, keep **communication** open, follow through on **consequences**, and set **guidelines and expectations**. It was generally agreed that these words equally applied to the digital and non-digital world.

If you could not make it please let Sue Wakefield (swakefield@acs-schools.com) know and we can arrange another meeting.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and I hope the notes above convey the spirit of what was covered.

If you have any questions about anything contained in this update please contact us,

Regards,

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Librarian

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