

## Science Fair

Well done to all the children that contributed to the science fair this year – the standard was very high! The winners will be announced in assembly on Tuesday morning.



## Nursery Stay and Play Sessions for Prospective Parents

Do you, or a friend, have a child aged 3 or about to turn 3?

Are you looking for a nursery place?

We are offering a Stay and Play session for children looking for a nursery place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am – 10.30am. If you would like to book for either of these sessions please contact the school office on 01883 342606 or email [office@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:office@hillcroftschoo.org).

## Rocket Fund – Fundraising initiative

At Hillcroft, we are committed to trialling the latest technology and developing our students' digital skills. Funding new technology in schools has always been a challenge, so we recently created a project on Rocket Fund, an online platform which allows schools to fundraise for the latest technology, to see if we could raise money from our community. We pledged to raise £1460.00 to purchase mobile phones, which can be used with VR headsets to help our children bring their lessons to life. These will allow students to be transported instantaneously to locations they are learning about.

We would like to thank everyone that contributed and are thrilled to announce that we received enough donations to purchase the mobile phones for use with the VR headsets.

## Bird Box Project

The Schools Bird Box Project is an opportunity to stream and share live video of the birds that visit the schools nesting box, which is situated in the courtyard outside Maple Class. Friends of Hillcroft have paid our subscription for this year and our bird box is now up and running.

To view the bird box log on to [www.seenature.org.uk](http://www.seenature.org.uk) click on the live stream tab and then click on Hillcroft Primary School. All the schools that have a 'green dot' are streaming live. If there is no green dot on the Hillcroft icon it will mean we are offline temporarily.

It's early in the season, but we have put it on to see what sort of activity there is during the winter months. Since we went live last week, we notice that two eggs have appeared in the nest! This is unseasonably early, maybe due to the mild weather. We will watch their progress.

Photos of the bird box taken last season can be seen on the website in the gallery.

## Attendance

Attendance figures for last week:

Class	House	Year Group	Whole School
Larch	Newton	5	
96.43%	94.25%	96.42%	91.78%

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 visiting de Stafford to see their production of Alice in Wonderland
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	GLF Science Fair at the University of Surrey
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Talent Show
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day Bags 2 School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Photographer – Class Photos
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day