



# Hillcroft Primary School

Newsletter 2 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**

Dear Parents,

We would like to officially welcome our new Nursery and Reception families to Hillcroft. The children are now all ending their second week here at Hillcroft and we are very proud of the way they have started their school life at Hillcroft. It has been amazing to see how well they have settled and how much they are enjoying their learning. It has been particularly special to see the young children enjoying the new Early Years outside area.

It has also been lovely to welcome back the rest of the school who are now back into the routine of school life. Learning is well underway now for this academic year and the children are looking so smart and proud in their Hillcroft uniforms. We are very much looking to the year ahead.

Hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Miss Brazier

## **Hillcroft Vision**

Last year, as a school, we worked to develop our shared school vision which outlines what we desire for our children, staff and families. I am now proud to share this with the whole school community including you as our parents.

**Hillcroft Primary is a caring and supportive school which nurtures its community to build trusting relationships and develop a love of learning enabling them to achieve their personal best.**

**For our children, staff and families we provide the following:**

### **Trusting Relationships:**

At Hillcroft Primary School,

We nurture positive, healthy relationships between all.

We nurture all, to feel confident in themselves and their choices.

We nurture a supportive relationship between home and school.

### **Love of Learning:**

At Hillcroft Primary School,

We inspire holistic and enriching learning opportunities that embed a love of learning.

We inspire learners to grow in confidence by providing risk taking opportunities.

We inspire all learners to explore and thrive.

### **Personal best:**

At Hillcroft Primary School,

We strive to have high expectations of ourselves and others.

We strive to achieve our personal best.

We strive to recognise and celebrate achievements of all.

## Hillcroft Learning Values!

At Hillcroft, our **STRONG** behaviour values are now, truly embedded into the children's lives. We also know that it is important to support all the children in having positive values and attitudes towards learning, helping them to flourish and grow throughout their lives. Therefore, excitingly, we have introduced **STRONG learning** values too. All the children have been introduced to these, and there will be an assembly each week celebrating one of them. The children are very excited about these values, and we are sure they will enjoy spending some time sharing them with you.

**S – Self Motivates**

**T – Takes Risks**

**R – Reflects on their learning**

**O – Owns their learning**

**N – Never gives up**

**G – Gains in confidence**



The value that will be focussed upon in assemblies this month is: **S – Self Motivates**

## Curriculum News

This term our curriculum school focus is Art. We have been focussing on our basic art skills: sketching, mark-making and mixing and blending paints.

The teachers have even been practising and improving their skills, in staff development and training.

Each year group is concentrating on the following:

**Year 1:** Kendra Haste (Sculptural animals) in Paws, Claws and Whiskers

**Year 2:** Mixed media leading to an art exhibition, in Muck, Mess and Mixtures

**Year 3:** Graffiti, in Urban Pioneers

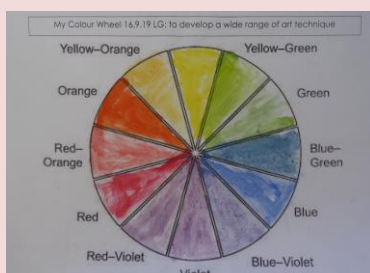
**Year 4:** The Great Wave, in Blue Abyss

**Year 5:** Salvador Dali, The persistence of Memory, in Time Travellers

**Year 6:** Expressionism and Impressionism, in Gallery Rebels

We are all making lots of progress and are enjoying calm, mindful art time. As always, if you are a parent/carer with any special art skills you think might come in handy, please get in touch with your child's teacher or Mrs Tapley - our art subject leader. We hope to produce some fantastic final pieces and can't wait to share our new skills with you.

Below are examples of colour wheels created by Years 1 and 2 – the children mixed prime colours to learn how to create the different shades for their colour wheels.



## Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

At the start of Year 6, the children have the opportunity to put themselves forward for important roles, which reflects their attitude to school, their behaviour and their ability to be role models for the other children throughout the school. The children who wish to be considered for the roles of Head Boy / Head Girl and House Captains put together a speech that they feel will show why they should be considered and then present this in front of the whole year group. The year group were then given a chance to vote for each position, which are then counted and along with the adults across the school, the final decision is made.

Well done to all the children who took part. We are pleased to announce the following roles:

**Head Boy** – Connor (Acer) **Head Girl** – Louise (Oak)

**Darwin House Captains** - Charley (Acer) and Aimee (Oak)

**Brunel House Captains** – Josh (Oak) and Isabella (Acer)

**Lovelace House Captains** – Jax (Oak) and Maisie (Oak)

**Newton House Captains** – Caroline (Acer) and Josh (Acer)

We are sure they will be great role models for our school!

## Harvest Festival

**COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL**

the trussell trust  
Stop UK Hunger

HELP BY DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST TO ENSURE WE CAN PROVIDE FOOD TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS

**SHOPPING LIST  
TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fish
- Sponge pudding
- Chocolate
- Instant mashed potato
- Soup
- Tinned rice pudding
- Christmas Fayre
- Bags for Life

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

Caterham Foodbank  
www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk  
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1155330

We are celebrating Harvest Festival on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October with an assembly led by Oakhall Church.

We will be making a collection for the Caterham Food Bank again this year. The Caterham Food Bank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussel Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. They provide three days nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.

They would welcome donations of non-perishable food items but particularly items from the shopping list. Please hand any donations in to the school office from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September ready to display in our assembly on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Unfortunately we will not be inviting parents to join us for the Harvest Assembly this year due to the capacity of the hall.

**ALDI'S  
KIT  
FOR SCHOOLS**

There are 20 prizes of £20,000 to be won.  
All you have to do is get stuck in!

## Do you shop in Aldi?

We are collecting Team GB stickers from Aldi – if we collect 300 stickers to complete our poster the school will receive free sports kit and be entered into the draw with a chance to win a cash prize of £20,000.

Pick up a Team GB sticker with every £30 spend in Aldi. Please ask your friends and family to collect too and hand them in to the school office.

### **Muffi Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school if they make a donation towards the preparations for the Christmas Fair. This muffi day we would be grateful for any gift suitable for an adult that we can sell in the Secret Santa room, where the children can choose a present to buy and wrap for their favourite adult.

If you have any new unwanted gifts that are suitable for the Secret Santa Room we would be very grateful if you upcycled them with us. Last year it was an extremely popular stall, the children enjoy choosing a surprise present to put under the tree.

### **Bingo Night – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

Please join us for a fun bingo night, consisting of 6 rounds of bingo with prizes to be won! You do not need to have a child at the school to take part so feel free to invite your friends and family too. There will also be a raffle, all money raised on the night will go towards Friends of Hillcroft to benefit the children.

Tickets: £6.00 per person (includes bingo cards and dabber.) Please bring along your own drinks and glasses and any food you would like. More information will follow.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	School Photographer – Individual Photos
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival – collecting donations of non-perishable foods
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Muffi Day – information to follow
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Bingo Night – information to follow
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 Cake Sale – information to follow
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 – Street Art Workshop
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for half term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Perform Workshop for EYFS and KS1
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Bags 2 School Collection
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm Information to follow
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 7.00pm Information to follow
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Muffi Day – information to follow
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair – information to follow
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Year 1 Songs Around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm – Year 2 Songs Around the Christmas Tree
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery –Songs Around the Christmas Tree - times TBC Reception – Christmas Performance – time TBC
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Year 3 Songs Around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm – Year 4 Songs Around the Christmas Tree
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am – Year 5 Songs Around the Christmas Tree 2.30pm – Year 6 Songs Around the Christmas Tree
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am - KS1 Prize Giving Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Year 3 / 4 Prize Giving Assembly Year 1 Trip to the Pantomime
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am – Year 5 / 6 Prize Giving Assembly