



Hillcroft Primary School

Newsletter 3 - Friday 4th October

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive

Dear Parents,

The start to the academic year has been a busy one for the children at Hillcroft and learning has commenced quickly. I have thoroughly enjoyed having learning, from across the school, shared with me at many points throughout the last couple of weeks. It has been particularly enjoyable to walk around the school and see the learning in art which has been taking place this half term.

It was wonderful to be invited down to Chestnut class's mini art gallery on Tuesday afternoon where I saw some wonderful bubble art work which was completed using their drawing and shading skills using pastels. The children were particularly proud of their art work;



I also saw the outcome of the Year 6 colour mixing practice that has been taught over the last couple of weeks on Monday afternoon when Oak class were mixing colours and painting their own version of 'the scream' by Edward Munch. It was lovely to see the confidence in the colours being mixed and the improvement in their painting skills.



This learning will continue until half term so I look forward to seeing the art work which is yet to come!

Have a wonderfully relaxing weekend.

Miss Brazier

School Council

The School Council is a group of students elected to represent the views of all the pupils, they work together to help improve their school, meeting regularly with Miss Summers to discuss ideas. One of the main focuses of the School Council this year is to continue working towards being an Eco-School.

The School Council representatives this year are:

Year	Representative
2	Vilyan Velikov
2	Ethan Barr
3	Alice-Rose Addy
3	Georgia Key
4	Sadie Osborne
4	Lillie Ellis
5	Kacie Anders
5	Oliver Tatara
6	Athena Nichols
6	Charlie Smith

Hillcroft Open Mornings

On Thursday, we had the first Open Morning of the term. It was wonderful to walk around the school and show off our learning environment, facilities and children's learning and behaviour. We have other tours booked in this half term so if you know any friends or relatives who might be interested in a position at Hillcroft for 2020, please encourage them to contact the school office to book onto a tour.

Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6, it is essential that you apply for a secondary school place by the deadline of 31st October. Applications are done online at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions>

Please let the school office know if you need any help with completing the application.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations for our Harvest Festival. We were pleased to welcome representatives from Oakhall Church who led the assembly. They explained the significance of harvest and discussed where in the world our food comes from. They also explained in a fun way, the role of The Caterham Food Bank and how to make donations.



The EU Settlement Scheme

We have been advised to inform any staff, parents or carers of pupils who are EU, EEA or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

Please read the guidance on EU Settlement Scheme to find out who needs to apply.

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU. Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to.

Cashless School

Hillcroft is becoming a cashless school. Please pay for school meals, workshops and trips via Wisepay. If you do not know your Wisepay log in please contact the office. The only time we will ask for a cash payment is for things like charity / sundry collections. Thank you.



We have a partnership with a company called Bags 2 School, which specialises in recycling good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used, and fundraising for the school.

Our next Bags 2 School collection is on **Wednesday 13th November**. The collection bags will be sent home before half term.

Dates for your Diary

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