



Hillcroft Primary School

Newsletter 9 - Friday 7th February 2020

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive

Newton House Charity Day

Thank you for your support and the kind donations to CHECK. We are pleased to announce we **raised over £756 for CHECK** (Community Health and Education of the Children of Kimilili).

Mr Jenkins is currently visiting Kimilili with a team from CHECK working on a project there. They were thrilled to hear how much we have raised and will be in touch with more information about how our money will help the children on their return.

Enrichment Activities

On Monday selected children from Year 3 had the wonderful opportunity to attend a workshop at St Francis School to work with author Robin Price. Robin performed extracts from his books and spoke about his love of reading, writing and history, inspiring the children to create their own characters and short stories.

On Thursday Year 2 enjoyed a drama workshop from Perform based around their topic on The Great Fire of London. They went on a fascinating interactive journey learning about London's disastrous fire and its key locations and characters, helping them understand British history and recognize the differences between today and 1666.

World Book Week 2nd - 6th March

This year we are excited to announce that we will be extending World Book Day to last an entire week! During this week the children will immerse themselves within a short story chosen by their teacher and create work related to it. Reading and English lessons will be based upon reading, performing and then adapting the text in some way, Maths lessons will be linked to the text where possible and afternoon lessons will be dedicated to creating artwork linked to the book.

Leading up to this event, the children will be set a homework task to design the outfit they will wear to school on Friday 6th March. This can be based upon a character in a book they have read or a character they have created based on something they have read.

On Friday 6th March we would also like to invite parents a carers into school to come and see the wonderful work the children have completed based on their classbook. EYFS and KS1 parents are invited to join their children in class at 2:30 and KS2 parents are invited to join them at 2:45. Parents will be required to leave the classroom 10 minutes before the children's usual dismissal time and the children will still be dismissed from the playground in the normal way.



Usborne Sponsored Read 2nd - 9th March

At Hillcroft, we believe that it is incredibly important to encourage children to enjoy reading as much as possible. In order to ensure this is achieved, we have signed up to complete a sponsored read with the book publishing company Usborne.

All children within the school will be given a sponsorship form for friends and family to sponsor them to read for at least 10 minutes each day during this week. The children are encouraged to read any text which engages them, this could be a novel, a comic, a recipe, a blog or webpage or even the newspaper! For younger children this includes being read to and engaging with stories being told.

On Monday 9th March the children will return their sponsorship forms and any sponsorship money to their class teacher. Once we have collected all of the money, we will be able to spend it on new Usborne books which will be used during Topic lessons such as History, Geography and Science. We aim to raise enough money to buy a range of books KS1 and KS2 friendly books which will help to deepen the children's understanding within these lessons. If we raise over £250 as a school, Usborne will give us an extra 30% on top of the value to spend on their books. If we raise over £609, they will increase this to 60%!



During this week, we would also like the children to take photos of themselves reading in strange places. The best photos will then be printed onto vinyl leaves and put up in the corridor leading towards our library.

Reminder

Please do not send personal items into school with your child, it can cause upset when they get mislaid or broken. The only personal items brought into school should be those requested by the class teacher for purposes such as 'show and tell'. We thank you for your understanding.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12 th February	EYFS – Fairytale Workshop
Friday 14 th February	INSET day – Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Back to school
Thursday 27 th February	Friends of Hillcroft – Movie Night – information to follow
Friday 28 th February	Year 6 – WWII Workshop
Monday 2 nd March	Ready Steady Read
Friday 6 th March	Dressing Up for World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	Author David Fuller visiting KS2