



Hillcroft Primary School

Hillcroft News – Friday 3rd April

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive



Congratulations – we have all completed the first two weeks!

The Easter Holidays are now here and virtual learning will stop for two weeks. We appreciate that the routine of home learning may be useful during this unprecedented time, when we are unable to go out like we would do normally during the holidays. You can find many different home learning activities on our website in 'curriculum' for each year group, we hope you will find these useful.

Virtual Learning will be back from Monday 20th April.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Here are a few links you may find useful:

www.childmind.org –there are some great articles on here for parents about managing child anxiety around the Corona-virus (and lots of other things)

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> - for parents – offers advice, definitions etc for a range of concerns

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/> - singing is good for the soul!

Dr Zeedyk has created 8 short videos about practically managing anxiety. These have been uploaded to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/connectedbaby>

Directory of community initiatives for vulnerable people in the district

To help local people access support - Tandridge District Council (TDC) and Tandridge Voluntary Action (TVA) have compiled an [online directory](#) with contact details on the TDC website.

Examples of support available to those who are vulnerable or self-isolating include:

- Help with essential shopping, prescription collection and dog walking.
- Emotional telephone support for those who are lonely, isolated or are carers.

They will continue to update the [directory](#), so please refer back to it regularly, as well as share the information with anyone you know who could benefit.

Updated daily, visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/coronavirus to find out more about services affected, support available and ways you can help support the community,

You can keep up to date by signing up to the Tandridge District Council e-newsletters at www.tandridge.gov.uk/signup.

We would like to share a letter we have received this week:



27th March 2020

Dear Ms Summers and Mrs Vickers,

I write to thank you, your staff, your pupils and everyone associated with Hillcroft School for your wonderful support of the Primary Schools in Kimilili.

Your recent Mufti Day was a great success and raised the fantastic sum of £773.09p. for the children at the two Primary Schools. This money will be used to provide much needed resources mainly books and other educational materials as well as sponsoring many needy and poor children to attend school. Many of the pupils have written letters to your school to thank your pupils personally. Maybe I could attend an assembly and hand out these letters at some later and more convenient date. The Coronavirus has just reached Kenya too and all schools there have been closed for the foreseeable future.

I will convey this wonderful news of your fundraising to the pupils, teachers and Headteachers of the schools as well as the Principal Secretary of Education in Kenya and the British High Commission in Nairobi all of whom are keen to know about the amazing ways people in Caterham are supporting their schools in rural Kenya.

I look forward to coming into Hillcroft sometime in the future to thank you all myself.

Geraint Jenkins M.B.E.

We look forward to being able to welcome Mr Jenkins to school when we return, and sharing the letters with him.

RAINBOWS FOR THE

NHS

Rainbows are everywhere, posters, banners, cakes and all art is used to show support and appreciation for our key workers and the NHS! It has been uplifting to see all the beautiful rainbows you have drawn and displayed around Caterham. Can you spot yours?



BAKING! You have all been busy in the kitchen:

yum!



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STREET DETECTIVE

Year two have made models of local buildings out of recyclable materials. Do you recognise any of them?

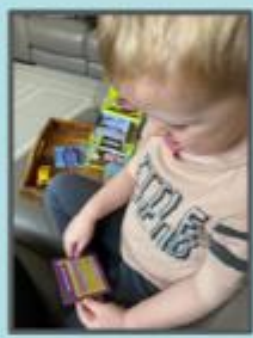


Rock Painting!



Home Learning

We are also very proud to see you all hard at work with your home learning!



Home Learning

We have enjoyed seeing all the pictures of your home learning, it's nice to see everyone working so hard, and to see how well you are doing. We would like to continue celebrating your successes so please keep sending in your pictures to share in our next newsletter. Please make sure you give us permission to use the picture in your email.

Don't be disappointed if your picture isn't here, keep a look out you might be featured in the next newsletter.

Please send evidence of your home learning to your class teacher or send photos to info@hillcroftschoo.org.

Hillcroft Bird Box



We have a blue tit nesting in our birdbox! If you would like to follow its progress go to www.seenature.org.uk click on live stream then find the Hillcroft logo. All the school logo's with a green dot are streaming live – so you can watch other bird boxes too.

Please note there seems to be a problem streaming using an ipad, however we are working on this.

E-Safety

Childnet has produced some important guidance on how to keep children safe online during the Covid-19 outbreak.

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/keeping-children-happy-and-safe-online-during-covid-19>

Beware of coronavirus email scams

Families who receive Free School Meals have been targeted by a coronavirus email scam asking them to pass over their bank details. The government has issued a warning urging people not to fall for it. Please be vigilant.

The Easter Holidays are here – they will be very different to what we are used to. We hope you enjoy the break and look forward to welcoming you back to the world of virtual learning on Monday 20th April.

In the meantime please follow us on twitter @hillcroftps for regular updates and home learning ideas.