



# Hillcroft Primary School

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**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**



Welcome back to the Summer Term, it's going to be a very different term to what we are normally used to.

Our virtual learning is being uploaded daily to the website, with the exception of EYFS which is weekly. If you have any trouble accessing the learning, or you need any help, please contact your child's class teacher, their email address is on the website in the staff list. There are also many ideas on the Home Learning page too.



The All Together Programme is a whole school anti-bullying programme. Schools audit their current anti-bullying practice and create an action plan tailored to their individual need.

Together with the help of our Behaviour Ambassadors, we have been working very hard towards the All Together Programme. We are pleased to announce we have been awarded the All Together School SILVER status.

Well done everyone, we are very proud to be an All Together Silver School!

## **Our Voice Matters Survey**

This year, Surrey County Council are conducting a county wide survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. They want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. They would like to get as many children and young people as possible to complete these surveys. Any feedback received will go a long way to helping improve the services that Surrey offers.

Due to the closure of school sites we have been asked to promote this survey via our internal communications using the links below:

The Our Voice Matters survey for Primary – 4-11 years <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

The link to the easy read surveys is <https://easy-read-online.co.uk/erdocs/our-voice-matters/>

If you have any questions, please contact the User Voice and Participation team at [user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:user.voice@surreycc.gov.uk)

## A Community Art Exhibition - "We Can Beat the Lockdown Blues"

In conjunction with the Westway Community and Wellbeing Centre an exhibition of work will be staged later in the year when we are back to normality. A date for work to be submitted will be advised once an exhibition date can be confirmed.

### For Young People (up to the age of 16):

1. A coloured picture of '**Flowers**' on A5 paper, painted or drawn - Tesco Caterham Cup (Caterham and District Horticultural Society Class 41)
2. Handwriting "**Pebbles**" on A5 paper. A specimen of joined up handwriting of the poem "Pebbles on A Beach" by poet Simone (2004). (Caterham and District Horticultural Society Class 43)  
Group A up to 6 years old - first four lines only  
Group B 7-9 years old inclusive  
Group C 10-14 years inclusive  
Group D 15-16 years inclusive

### Pebbles on a Beach - Simone

We are all like pebbles on a beach  
Some are well rounded  
Some are sharp  
Some are flawed  
Some perfect to the naked eye  
Some are round and feel  
Good to hold  
Some are weighty  
Others light  
We are all individuals when apart  
But when together the same  
We are like the pebbles on a beach

3. '**Thank You NHS**' hearts for a community collage installation. A cardboard heart made from the back of a recycled cereal box (maximum size 5" x 5"). Any medium may be used to decorate and should be as colourful as possible but must include the text. **Open to all ages (1-100+).**
4. '**A Day in Lockdown - What I Did Differently**' - a photograph 7" x 5" to form part of a community photo collage. **Open Open to all ages (1-100+).**
5. '**We Can Beat the Lockdown Blues**' A painting, drawing or collage - any subject (maximum size A3) produced during the period of lockdown. **Open to all ages (1-100+).**

Here are some suggested titles but the list is not exclusive. If we could have work that reflects the current situation that would be great.

My Hero  
Inside Outside  
Caring is Sharing  
Wishing I was There  
The Natural World

### Details for submitting the work

Once we have a firm date for when we can hold the exhibition we will be able to receive the entries at The Westway in preparation for putting the work on display. We will advertise in the press and on local social media and keep you updated on the Westway webpage.

Please ensure that your work has your name, age, if you are under the age of 16, and title of the piece shown on the back.

CONTACT DETAILS: Jean Burns [jbwatercolour@gmail.com](mailto:jbwatercolour@gmail.com)

We have really enjoyed hearing from you and seeing the pictures of what you have been up to during lockdown. If you would like to share your home learning, good deed or creative play idea please email your class teacher or [info@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:info@hillcroftschoo.org) and we will select a few each week to share. Please don't be disappointed if yours isn't chosen to begin with, it will depend on the response we get, but we will endeavour to include everyone over the coming weeks. If you chose to share a photo, please ensure you express permission for us to use it in your email, to cover GDPR.

Year 1 have started the topic 'Bright Lights, Big City'. Here are some picture of the fabulous home learning that has been going on showing their models of London landmarks.





What amazing models you have created!



You have all been working really hard!  
Well done!



Would you like to see what some of the adults have been up to during lock down, after they have prepared your home learning?

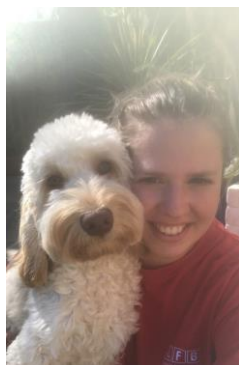


Miss Latham has made a 'Garden Golf Range' to practice her putting, she has also completed a jigsaw puzzle this week.

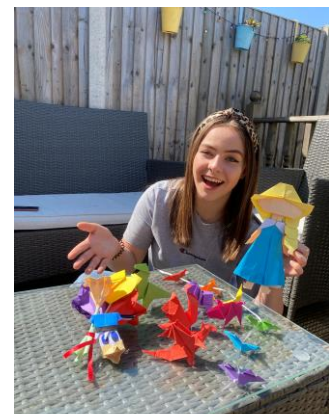


That looks difficult -so many of the colours are similar!

Miss Frost has been enjoying the sunshine with her dog.



Miss Wickman has been busy making amazing rainbow coloured origami!

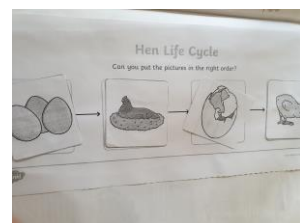
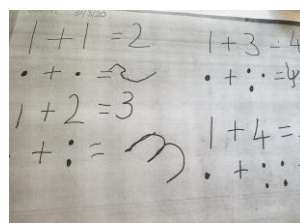
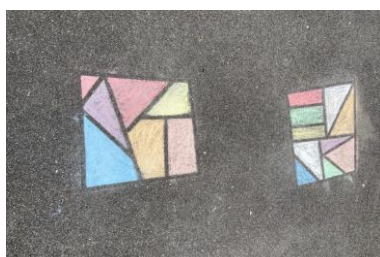


More pictures of your home learning:



View from a window.....

Lots of fantastic artwork!



## 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](http://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.

We spotted the first egg on 8<sup>th</sup> April, and we think an egg has been laid daily until yesterday when she started sitting on the eggs.



In this picture she is head down in the nest turning the eggs.

## International Workers' Memorial Day

Tuesday 28 April is International Workers' Memorial Day, and the focus for this year is the Coronavirus pandemic and in particular remembering those key workers, including teachers and school staff who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

**A one minute silence has been proposed at 11am that day** and GLF would like to support this, please join us in remembering all key workers at 11.00am on Tuesday.

There has been lots of speculation in the press recently about when schools will reopen. The government has made it clear that schools will not reopen until scientific advice is that it is safe to do so, and at present there is no timetable for this.

The position currently is that schools remain open only to provide essential childcare for specific groups of children, and that there is currently no timetable for schools to reopen.

In our letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> April we provided the following information. Please note the change of email address in red:

### **Surrey Children's SPA (formally MASH)**

Phone: 0300 470 9100

Out of hours' phone: 01483 517898

Email: emails are dealt with during normal office hours

For concerns for a child or young person: [csmash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:csmash@surreycc.gov.uk)

Secure email: if you want to report concerns for a child or young person using secure email, please contact: [cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)

**For concerns for an adult:** [ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Childline** 0800 1111

**NSPCC** 0880 800 5000