



Hillcroft Primary School

Hillcroft News – Friday 22nd May

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive



As I am sure you are aware, the Prime Minister announced that schools should plan to reopen from 1st June to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 subject to the five conditions set out by the government.

As a school, we are working extremely hard to plan for the possibility of reopening and are putting stringent safety measures in place following the government and DfE guidelines. Please find the guidance for parents and carers document [here](#).

The staff and I would like you to know that we are very grateful for all of your support during the past few weeks especially as we realise that these are very challenging times for everyone.



4th – 11th June 2020

In 2019, Hillcroft took part in the first UK-wide #Grounds4Nature Schools' BioBlitz.

The Grounds4Nature Schools BioBlitz is back again this year, however with schools affected by COVID-19, they have developed different ways for children to take part: either at school with their teachers in the school grounds, or at home with their family in their garden.

The event will involve spending an hour or two searching for as many different types of wild plants and animals you can find, to record what species inhabit the local area.

Why take part?

- Research shows that connecting children with nature is an excellent way to boost their mental and physical wellbeing, alongside their engagement with the science in their school curriculum.
- With many species in decline, you are encouraged to engage in a fun and meaningful way with local wildlife, and provide useful data for research.

Full instructions on how to take part at home are attached separately and can be found on the school website in the letters section.

We hope you will take part between 4th and 11th June and look forward to seeing photos or drawings of some of your finds.

Mental Health Awareness Week 2020

Mental Health problems can affect anyone, at any time. This week it is Mental Health Awareness week, which is a time where awareness is raised on Mental Health and Mental Health problems. Each year the Mental Health Foundation chooses a different theme, and this year they have chosen kindness, to reflect the current situation.

Let me give you an example of why I think kindness is good.

A few weeks ago, I waited in a socially distanced queue outside the supermarket as the rain started to fall. One of the staff noticed we were getting wet. He scurried away to find a pile of umbrellas, carefully disinfected the handles and passed them out with a smile. To my surprise, my eyes started to well up. At a time when I felt alone, I suddenly felt connected.

Helping others is good for our own Mental Health and Wellbeing. It can help reduce stress and improve emotional wellbeing. Why not try one random act of kindness this week? It could be giving a compliment, tidying up without being asked, letting your sibling go first or smiling at someone on your walks. By doing something kind for someone else, it makes you feel happy, and the person receiving your act can make them feel happy too.

Here are a few ideas that you may be able to do:

Acts of Kindness:

- Smile
- Give a compliment to your Mum and Dad
- Thank someone who you appreciate
- Be a good listener
- Make Mum and Dad a cup of tea/coffee
- Do a picture for a friend or neighbour and drop it off
- Help Mum and Dad around the house or garden
- Give your Mum or Dad a hug
- Do something nice for your class teacher and send it in to them

Please share your stories, pictures or photos of an act of kindness, send them to:

D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org L.Simons@hillcroftschoo.org

We will share some of your stories next week, so please do send them to us. We look forward to hearing from you.



Year 4 — creating art using natural materials



Zoe



Nico



Finley



Tallula



Harrison



Tallula



Patrick



Sadie



Lenny



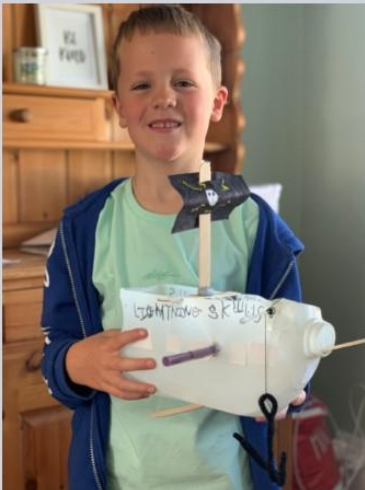
Eric



Lenny

Year 2 - Pirate Ships and Treasure Chests

Topic - Land Ahoy



More examples of your Home Learning.....



Rainbow by Joe



VE Day—by Nico

Handwriting Weather for a Week
Write the weather each day by drawing in the boxes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Windy 10°	Partly Sunny 12°	Sunny 11°	Sunny 11°	Sunny 16°	Light Cloud 18°	Sunny 18°

After did you notice about the weather?
If your chart look the same when the season changes? Why or why not?

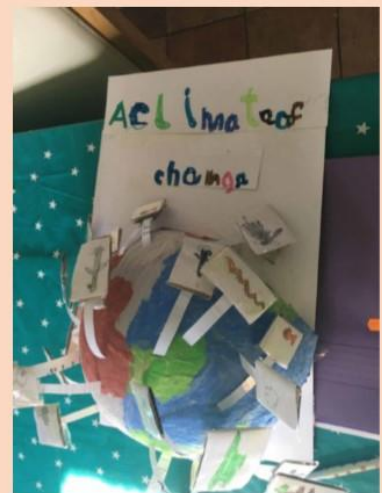
Weather Chart by Alexi



Amazing tie-died t-shirts!



A Train Ride.

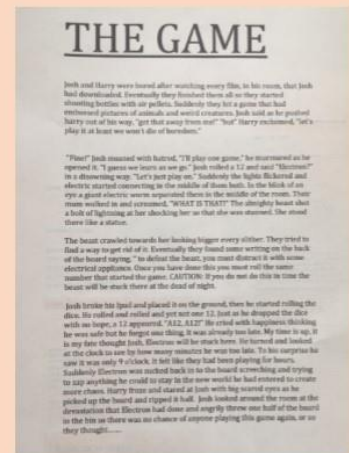
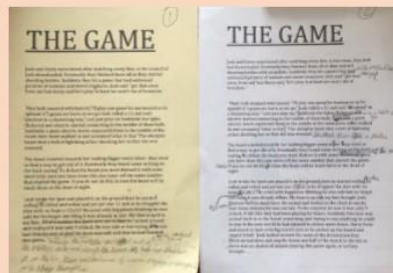


Finlay—Save the Planet

What's the main idea?

Think about...	Find ideas
What is the main idea of the text?	Write down the main idea.
What are the key points?	Write down the key points.
What are the main characters?	Write down the main characters.
What are the main events?	Write down the main events.
What are the main themes?	Write down the main themes.

James—Year 5



Keeping fit with The Body Coach



Read Write Inc

Dear Family,
I have safely arrived in Antarctica. The journey was through big waves and storms. The penguin climbed off the boat and I sailed back home. The more I thought the more I realised that he wasn't lost he was just lonely. So I went back to find him. He was floating in the water on an iceberg. I was so happy to see him. I was so happy to see him. I was so happy to see him.

Mumma
Daddy and
Jason
Catherine
Surrey
England

Alexi