



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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Strive

Friday 19th March 2021

We are so pleased to have all the children back safely with us – it has been wonderful to witness how well they are settling back in to school life, and hear laughter ringing out on the playground once again!

These two weeks have been busy, with settling in and learning. Children have embraced being back in the classrooms with their teachers, and are focusing well and engaging with their lessons. We are so proud of them!

Our School Council were finally able to judge our Eco Poster competition winners from the Autumn Term, which are displayed on the next page. Well done to everyone who entered!

This year, we are working towards becoming a Thrive Ambassador School of Excellence, which is incredibly exciting! More details are included on page three of the newsletter – as well as some lovely learning from Year 1 and Year 5 from our weekly whole-class Thrive sessions.

We also have our bird box live streaming up and running. Follow this link below to see what is happening throughout the coming months:

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/hillcroft-primary-school/>

Lastly, I would like to thank all the children who have bought in donations towards the Red Nose Day pens – it is such an important cause to support.

I hope you have a lovely and safe weekend and we will see you on Monday,

Miss Summers

Key Dates

1st April – End of Term

19th April – Start of Summer Term

Eco Poster Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Eco Council poster competition last term. All the entries were fantastic, and it was very difficult to judge a winner and two runner-ups. The School Council individually voted on whom they thought should win, and we are pleased to announce that...

The winner is Eric in Aspen, with his wonderfully colourful poster 'There is no Planet B!':

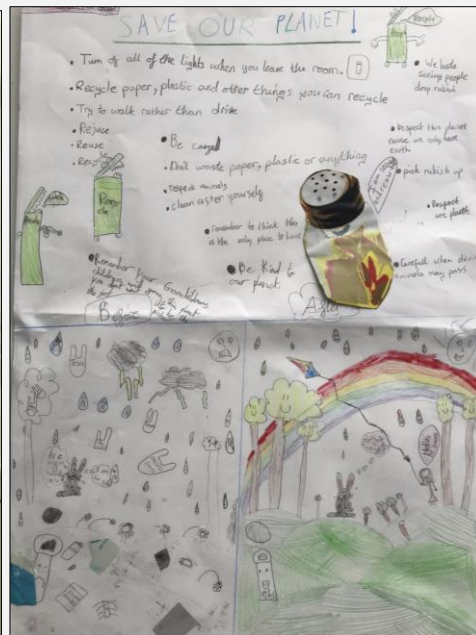


Eric - Aspen

The runner-ups are Freya in Larch and Tabitha and Amy in Cedar who entered the competition together:



Freya - Larch



Tabitha and Amy - Cedar

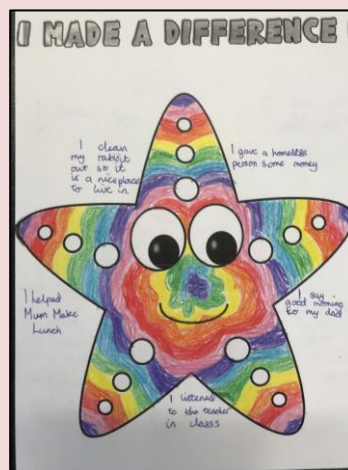
These posters will be copied and displayed around the school to raise awareness about the necessity of recycling.

Thrive Ambassador Schools and Schools of Excellence award!



At Hillcroft, every child is supported through our school-wide Thrive approach. Thrive is a systematic approach to the early identification of emotional developmental needs in children so that differentiated provision can be put into place quickly by the adults/teachers/LA working closely with the child. The Thrive Approach helps adults prepare children and young people for life's emotional ups and downs.

Below are two examples from our school's class based Thrive sessions. 'Safe Place' is by a Year 1 child who drew their 'safe place', which was amongst their friends. 'I made a difference' is by a child in Year 5, who has explained how she tries to make a difference to the lives of those around her.



In celebration of our commitment to developing healthy, happy children through our use of the Thrive approach Mrs Pearson has put Hillcroft forward for the Thrive Ambassador Schools and Schools of Excellence awards scheme, within the area of the Environment. We will keep you posted on any news we receive!

If you should like to enquire further about the Thrive approach, all information is available on our website or contact Mrs Pearson (Lead Thrive practitioner) on: d.pearson@hillcroftschoo.org

In Other News!

Tandridge Council Competition time - Name our new collection vehicles

Can you help name Tandridge's new rubbish and recycling collection vehicles?

They would like you to get creative and come up with some fantastic names for these vehicles, which will be collecting your:

- Food waste.
- Recycling.
- Rubbish.
- Garden waste.

They would love to hear your ideas for names. The best ones will appear on the new waste collection vehicles and the lucky winners will receive a goody bag.

Please complete their competition form (<https://tandridge.tfaforms.net/389>). The closing date for entries is Friday 16 April.

A selection panel consisting of Council and Biffa staff will select the winning names.

Terms and conditions

- The competition will open on Monday 15 March and close at 5pm on Friday 16 April.
- Multiple entries can be made.
- The winning names will be put on the new waste collection vehicles.
- The winners will be advised using details in the competition entry form.
- The winners' names will be used by the Council in relation to the competition e.g. on social media and any related publicity.

For more information visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/nameourvehicles.

