



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

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Friday 16th July 2021

I cannot quite believe I am sat here writing our final whole school newsletter of this academic year!

When Covid first struck in March 2020, none of us could have imagined that it would still be having an impact on school life in July 2021.

Over the last eighteen months, we have had multiple lockdowns, school closures, bubbles, social distancing and more. For the Year 6s who are leaving us, school hasn't been 'normal' since the start of Year 5. Over this time, the community has pulled together to help each other and to support children to get used to the 'new normal'. In school and out, we have seen people show amazing flexibility and resilience. Between January and March this year, school was closed to most children: only key-worker children came on site each day. The vast majority of other children and teachers switched (almost overnight!) to online learning. Although this was a steep learning curve, children adapted quickly; many enjoyed the change of learning style and relished the chance to show off their technology skills.

We've all got our fingers crossed that next year we will be able to enjoy some sense of 'normality'!

For all our Year 6s who are leaving, good luck in the future! To everyone else, enjoy the holidays, relax and stay safe!

Miss Summers

Message from the Chair of the Hillcroft School Standards Board (SSB):

The members of the School Standards Board (SSB) are Liam McGivern (Chair), Henry Hubbard (Vice-Chair), Kelly Cardoo and Grant Wallis. The members of the SSB are appointed by the GLF Trust Board.

The role of the SSB is to provide support and challenge the school leadership on the core aspects of the education provision of the school. In addition, we also oversee risk management within the school and compliance with policies and regulations.

If you need to contact me my email address is l.mcgivern@hillcroftschoo.org

On behalf of the SSB may I thank you for your support to the school during these unprecedented times and hope you have a good summer.

Liam

End of Year Award Prize Giving Assemblies

This year, like last, we conducted our End of Year Prize Giving Assemblies virtually. All of these were recorded and uploaded onto your child's Google Classroom.



All the children have done so well this year, and it was incredibly difficult for the teachers to decide on the awards, however, the list is below. Congratulations to all the children's hard work and enthusiasm this year!

(Trophies are given for the Curriculum and Pupil of the Term awards; please can we ask that these are returned to us at the end of Autumn term – the school will be in contact nearer the time)

Curriculum Awards: These awards recognise the fantastic achievements and progress children have made in their learning as well as in their attitudes to learning and behaviour:

Years 1 - 2

Writing	Sophie in Sycamore Class
Reading	Owen in Beech Class
Maths	Darwyn in Willow Class
Science	Harry in Sycamore Class
Computing	Mason in Chestnut Class
The Arts	Arlo in Willow Class
PE and Sports	Marshall in Sycamore Class
Attitudes to Learning	Summer in Beech Class
Attitudes to Behaviour	Hazelyn in Chestnut Class
Improved Attendance	Harrison in Sycamore Class

Years 3-4:

Writing	Danielle in Maple Class
Reading	Libby in Cedar Class
Maths	Tabitha in Cedar Class
Science	Jenson in Rowan Class
Computing	Charlie in Birch Class
The Arts	Maggie in Birch Class
PE and Sports	Amelia in Maple Class
Attitudes to Learning	Prathiksh in Birch Class
Attitudes to Behaviour	Grace in Rowan Class
Improved Attendance	Maya in Birch Class

Year 5:

Writing	Alex A in Aspen Class
Reading	Tallula in Aspen Class
Maths	Kamauri in Larch Class
Science	Nico in Aspen Class
Computing	Joseph in Larch Class
The Arts	Tyler in Larch Class
PE and Sports	Alex B in Aspen Class
Attitudes to Learning	Richard in Aspen Class
Attitudes to Behaviour	Sienna W in Larch Class

Pupil of the Term Award:

These awards recognise pupils who have consistently displayed the STRONG learning and behaviour values and always try their best!

Willow	Amelia
Beech	Eleanor
Chestnut	Logan
Sycamore	Kristina
Maple	David
Rowan	Hazel
Cedar	Calum
Birch	Mabel
Larch	Danny
Aspen	Fareedah

Exemplary Behaviour Award:

These children have been recognised by their teacher for consistently role modelling and demonstrating our STRONG values

Elm	Darcie
Ash	Rory
Willow	Heyan
Beech	Conrad
Chestnut	Ewa
Sycamore	Olivia
Rowan	Grace
Maple	Archie
Birch	Elina
Cedar	Elsie
Larch	Caitlin
Aspen	Sienna R
Oak	Teddy
Acer	Antonia

Year 6 Leavers:

It comes with a heavy heart for us to say 'Farewell' to our Year 6 children; however, we know how exciting it must be for them to embark upon their journey in Secondary School. To celebrate this, the Year 6 team organised many things and this week the children performed their Year 6 Production 'Wow! What a Year!' as well as their Leavers' Assembly. Both of which are uploaded on to their Google Classroom's to watch from home. We were hugely impressed by their dedication and skill at performing both – well done you!



Year 6 also had a Prize Giving of their own, well done to all the children throughout the year! Below are the recognitions and awards:

Writing	Jasmine, Ethan B, Archie, Zac, Antonia, Owen and Maisie
Maths	Amber, Ollie, Dexter, Mia, James, Jamiella, Paige, Alex
Computing	Tiffany, Oliver, Veenaa
Science	Thammihha, Teddy
Drama	Stanley, Harry, Macie, Summer-Rose, Victory, Alexi, Bill, Ben, Scarlett
Attitudes to Behaviour	Sienna, Katie, Josh, Eleanor
History	George W.T. and George W
Enthusiasm and Effort	Kieren, Amelia, Blaine, Bella
Reading	Arayah, Rose, Alexz, Ethan H, Kathleen, Kacie, Jay, Charlie
Art	Aaron, Hannah, Lacey, Sam
P.E. and Sports	Lauren, Savana, Zayna, Violet, Riley

And special thanks go to the dedication and hard work of the following children:

Head Girl and Head Boy	Kacie and Oliver
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl	Bill and Bella
Lovelace House Captains	Ethan H and Keiren
Darwin House Captains	Amber and Harry
Newton House Captains	Ben and Rose
Brunel House Captains	Antonia and Blaine

Artist of the Term:

This term, Mrs Robe would like to award Jamie C in Chestnut Class with the Artist of the Term award. She says:

"Our Artist of the Half term is Jamie! She has absolutely loved art this year and even runs her own Friday art club during lunchtime. For this amazing piece of work, she explored printing and dyeing techniques to reproduce an island image of Year 2's 'Land Ahoy' topic. Well done, Jamie!"



Eco School Update!

We have received the Gold Wastebusters Award for all our hard work in teaching and learning about waste, recycling and the environment. Well done everyone!



Autumn Term Dates:

Start of School:

- Children return to school – Thursday 2nd September

Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

End of Autumn term: Friday 17th December

Inset Days:

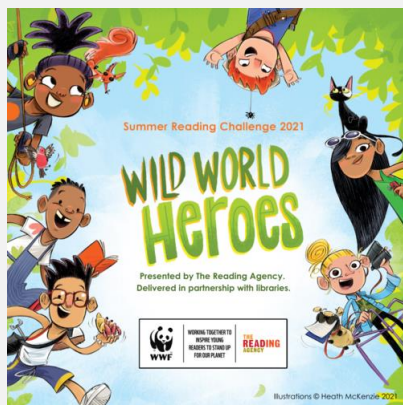
- Wednesday 1st September
- Friday 26th November

Summer Reading:

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Seuss

As we know, Reading is an essential part of supporting a child's development. This Summer, please do ensure that you keep reading with your child whenever possible. As part of this, the children have been introduced to the Summer Reading Challenge.



Please follow this link for more details on how to enrol. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

In Other News!

Colour Caterham FREE Woodland Story Trail Ends Saturday 31st July!

Looking for FREE activity ideas for the kids this summer? Then don't miss the Colour Caterham FREE Woodland Story Trail which ends on Saturday 31st July. Caterham Business Improvement District (known as Caterham Valley For You) has created vibrant window art throughout the town to form a FREE nature trail with a difference.

For more information please visit <https://caterhamvalley.co.uk/countryside-story-trail>

Family Learning Parent Bulletin Issue #23

There are many new and exciting courses to enrol upon in Surrey Learning. Please see this link to their bulletin: <https://mailchi.mp/f6b661e6f99e/family-learning-parent-bulletin-733352>

These also list workshops, including the below joint parent – child ones:

- The Gruffalo Storytelling Workshop (4-7 yr olds) Saturday 7th August 10-11.30am
- Elmer Storytelling Workshop (2-4 yr olds) Saturday 28th August 10-11.30am
- The Hungry Caterpillar Storytelling Workshop (2-4 yrs olds) Saturday 4th September 10-11.30am