



Hillcroft Primary School

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Friday 17th September 2021

Welcome Back!

Having now been back at school for a couple of weeks, we are so happy that all the children have settled in so well, especially our new Nursery and Reception children.

There have been some fantastic examples of learning throughout the school, including being able to sing again in the classrooms during Music lessons! Our 'Learning' section of this newsletter showcases just a few examples of all that has been happening at Hillcroft!

Thank you to all the parents that attended the 'Meet the Teacher' event this Wednesday – it was wonderful to welcome parents and carers back into Hillcroft.

We have also had some exciting news this week; Surrey County Council – through Modeshift STARS - have accredited our 2021 Travel Plan with their bronze award. The STARS Education scheme recognises schools and other educational establishments that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. This is fantastic news, and helps further our work as an Eco School.

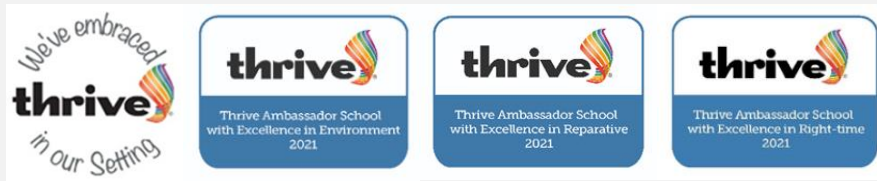


In the following weeks, we have many other exciting events and news – including the elected children for our new Pupil Parliament (see section below). Additionally, we are pleased to share with you that external and school-led clubs will resume following the October half term. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

We look forward to continue greeting you on the playground each morning and afternoon.

Miss Summers

Thrive



This year, Mrs Pearson – our lead Thrive practitioner – will be including a Thrive section in each of our Whole School newsletters. This may be to update you on our Thrive work at school with the children, or information for you to help your child Thrive at home. Thrive is for all children, and last year Mrs Pearson successfully introduced whole school Thrive lessons which the children found greatly rewarding. Additionally, we have two spaces dedicated to Thrive; for KS2 children we have the Treehouse and – newly opened this year – for EYFS and KS1 children we have the Enchanted Forest.



If you would like more information on Thrive, please visit our website and navigate to the 'Our School' tab and then 'Thrive' in the drop-down menu.

Mrs Pearson will also be introducing coffee mornings and workshops throughout the year, open to all parents / carers. If you feel your child would benefit from seeing our Thrive team, please do get in touch with Mrs Pearson at: D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org

If you are interested in attending our first Thrive coffee morning, please see the following link for details:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10gCpQWVdi-zCeKS4wzZoshxok-gBKazg/view?usp=sharing>

Pupil Parliament

Following on from Miss Summer's Start of Year letter, Pupil Voice is a Key Priority for us this year. As part of this, we are developing a Pupil Parliament as we strongly believe that providing pupils with key roles of responsibility is paramount to their development and learning experience.

Our Pupil Parliament will be formed of a well-respected body within the school and consists of pupils from Years 1 to 6.

The Pupil Parliament will be structured much like the government as it will be made up of different sub-committees. Each of these committees is designed to have a specific focus on improving our community.

Our Parliament Structure for this year is as below and is led by Miss Swain, with an allocated member of staff leading each sub-committee:

Prime Ministers (Year 6)
Deputy Prime Ministers (Year 6)

Well-Being Committee (Years 1 – 6)
Fundraising and Events Committee (Year 6)
Health Committee (Years 1 – 6)
Eco Committee (Years 1 – 6)
Behaviour Committee (Years 1 – 6)
Curriculum Committee (Years 1 – 6)

For more information, please follow this link to our Pupil Parliament presentation:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a1fd16L-JCdMBh6kr5MfixEEG3EWHDS/view?usp=sharing>

Elections are taking place across Years 1 – 6 until Friday 24th September and will be announced in the following Newsletter.



Lovely Learning!

Below are just a couple of examples of all the lovely learning that has been happening across the school since we have returned.

Birch Class completed some fantastic Science investigations, investigating different materials and their properties



Chestnut Class have created some wonderful artworks for the start of their topic 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures!' many of which are based on the work of artist Jackson Pollock



Term Dates 2020-2021:**Autumn Term**

Start of Term	Half Term	End of Term
1 Sept 2021	25 Oct - 29 Oct 2021	17 Dec 2021

Spring Term

Start of Term	Half Term	End of Term
4 Jan 2022	14 Feb - 18 Feb 2022	1 April 2022

Summer Term

Start of Term	Half Term	End of Term
19 April 2022	30 May - 3 June 2022	15 July 2022

School will be closed on the following INSET Days:

Friday 26th November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 24th June 2022

Monday 18th July 2022

Tuesday 19th July 2022

Key Dates for Autumn Term:3rd November - Individual school photos

w/c 8th November – Parents Evening – more information to follow

Other News!**Morrisons – It's Good to Grow**

Hillcroft have signed up to the 'Morrisons - It's Good to Grow' collector scheme.

For every £10.00 you spend in Morrisons the school will receive one grow token - these can be redeemed against a wide range of gardening equipment for the school.

If you would like to contribute please sign up for a MyMorrisons store card, register it online and nominate Hillcroft as your chosen school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Surrey County Council Family Learning:All Surrey Family Learning Autumn term courses are now available to enrol on through our webpage www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning. There are a broad range of courses, including those focusing on Parenting, Managing Behaviour, Parents / Carers who speak English as an additional language, Maths and Family wellbeing and cookery.

Other News! Continued...

The Rock Project:

A pop and rock school in Caterham is boosting the musical skills and self-confidence of its students.

The Rock Project offers young people of all abilities the opportunity to learn electric guitar, bass guitar, drums and vocals as well as experience playing together as a band.

Students are taught by professional, working musicians and each class is split into junior or senior sessions, to ensure teaching is tailored to the students' abilities and experience.

Over the past decade, The Rock Project has developed into the UK's leading school for children's contemporary music tuition with more than 90 schools nationwide.

"The Rock Project stimulates the imagination and creativity of young people. It helps them develop not only their musical abilities but also their self-confidence."

The Rock Project takes place on Saturdays at Marden Lodge Primary School, Caterham, with juniors (7-11 years old) from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and seniors (11-18) from 12:15pm to 2:15pm.

On Fridays it is at Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church, Purley.

Use our instruments or bring yours! For more information call 07719830599, email Croydon@TheRockProject.com or visit www.therockproject.com, www.facebook.com/therockprojectcroydon