



Hillcroft Primary School

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture

Inspire

Strive

Friday 1st October 2021

It has been a wonderful two weeks at Hillcroft, with some exciting news and learning happening throughout the school.

We received this lovely certificate congratulating all the children who entered the Heroes Stamp Design Competition last year – well done to all!



It was also lovely to hear the sound of music ringing throughout the corridors once again, as COVID restrictions have been lifted in terms of singing in class. We also welcomed our new Ukulele teacher to class; he will be teaching the children in Year 4 the Ukulele each week.



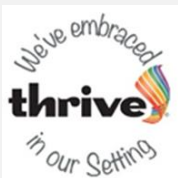
Key Dates for Autumn Term:

w/c 18th October - Harvest Festival donations – see link for more information:

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3rd November - Individual school photos

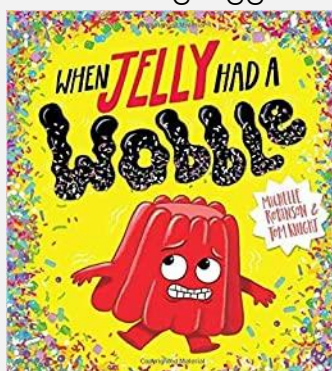
w/c 8th November – Parents Evening – more information to follow



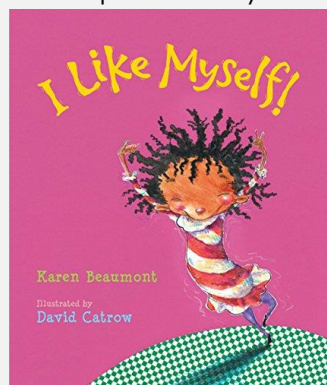
Thrive

Welcome to all our parents and carers. Whole-class Thrive is up and running allowing teachers to support emotional development in the classroom.

This term we are welcoming the children back in true Thrive style with an emphasis on emotions and making sure children feel safe and secure in school. So far, we have looked at “When jelly had a Wobble”; thinking about what it means for the children. They were able to recognise when and if they have a ‘wobble’ what strategies they could do to ensure it doesn’t escalate into something bigger.



We have also looked at “I like myself”; talking about how we are feeling, and how to express ourselves. The children particularly enjoyed this one because they were able to show everyone how special they are.



Over the next few weeks, the focus will be about learning how to talk more freely about feelings, and why each and every one is special.

Also, please remember our Thrive Coffee Morning!

Tuesday 19th October at 9:00am

if you are interested in popping along, please book your spot, emailing me at

D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org.

Pupil Parliament

Following on from the previous whole school Newsletter, we are pleased to announce the following members of Pupil Parliament for this academic year. All the children worked so hard, so we are so proud of all the children who took part.

Prime Ministers (Year 6)
Finnley and Chloe
Deputy Prime Ministers (Year 6)
Sienna W and Richard

Eco Committee:
Eco Ambassadors

Year 1:
Rory and Imogen
Year 2:
Jack M and Arlo
Year 3:
Sophie and Melissa
Year 4:
Danny and Hazel
Year 5:
Leela and Amy
Year 6:
Daisy B and Nikolas

Health Committee:
Healthy Schools' Ambassadors

Year 1:
Eva and Eden
Year 2:
Daniel and Amelia
Year 3:
Jayden and Bradley
Year 4:
Jack and Ella
Year 5:
Olly and Libby
Year 6:
Sienna R and Jae-Anna

Behaviour Committee:
Behaviour Ambassadors

Year 1:
Esther and Charlie C
Year 2:
Eleanor and Jaxon
Year 3:
Bethany and Amirah
Year 4:
Paige and Vilyan
Year 5:
Grace G and Tammy
Year 6:
Elisha and Shanay

Curriculum Committee:
Curriculum Ambassadors

Year 1:
Charlie and Daniel
Year 2:
Oscar and Klara
Year 3:
Olivia and Mason
Year 4:
Laurel and Evie
Year 5:
Tabitha and Daisy
Year 6:
Lenny and Logan

Well-Being Committee:
Well-Being Ambassadors

Year 1:
Rae and Quinn
Year 2:
Katrina and Abbie
Year 3:
Logan and Emily
Year 4:
Charlie and Morgan
Year 5:
Emilia and Charlie B
Year 6:
Harry and Sadie

Fundraising and Event Committee:

Lovelace:
House Captains: Zoe & Charlie
Brunel:
House Captains: Eric & Yiannis
Darwin:
House Captains: Daniel & Daisy D
Newton:
House Captains: Juliet & Freya



Now looking for new Committee members for 2021/22 – all welcome to get involved

The Friends of Hillcroft are a friendly group of parents, carers and friends who raise money for the school to provide additional resources. Our fundraising has purchased amongst other things a library mural and furniture, books and book corner furniture, chrome books, maths and sports equipment and an all-weather trim trail.

Want to know more? Come join our AGM Thursday 21st October @7.30pm

The current committee are now standing down and it is time to elect a brand-new committee so please come along to the Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 21st October at 7.30pm** in the Main Hall at school. If there is enough interest we will also connect via Zoom for anyone not able to attend in person. As we are a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity.

If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a Committee member or about Friends of Hillcroft and our events, please speak to Anne Fox or Susan Jewell and we are happy to have an informal chat.

Below is a taster of some of the events we have been able to hold in the past:



Please email Anne or Sue at Friends@hillcroftschoo.org if you would like to come to the AGM and if you require the Zoom details and also indicate if you are interested in any of the Committee roles – you will be supported with a handover. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Reading at home with your child.

At Hillcroft, we put great emphasis on all children reading with an adult at home. This poster may have some helpful hints to support you in this:

Help Your Child with Reading

Reread

Reread your child's favourite stories as many times as your child wants to hear them. Choose books and authors that your child enjoys.



Look

Look at the pictures and talk about them. For example, 'Can you find a bird or a cat?', 'What else can you see?', 'What are the children playing? Have you played that before?'



Talk

To help your child develop their vocabulary, talk to your child as much as possible about what you are doing. Ask them about their day. What have they been doing? What was their favourite thing? What games did you play today?

Visit

Visit the local library together. It is fun choosing new books to read. Keep an eye out for special story events at the library or local bookshops that you can join in with.



Sit

Sit close together and get comfy! You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages. Use funny voices, puppets or props to bring the story alive.

Storytelling Tin

Make a storytelling tin. Collect together a group of objects with a story theme. Open the tin and explore the objects inside. Your child can choose a character, talk about where the story will be and think about what might happen. Have fun making up a story with the objects from the tin.



Story Sacks

A story sack is a great way to get your child talking about a story. They are bags that contain the story itself, alongside a variety of items linked to the story. It could be the story CD, a related non-fiction book, puppets, models or objects that are in the story and a related activity.



Encourage

Encourage family and friends to share books with your child. The more your child sees you and others reading, the more they will want to read too.



Ask Questions

Ask questions when you are reading together, such as 'What can you see on this page?', 'How do you think the characters feel?' and 'What is the story about?'

