



Hillcroft Primary School

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Friday 29th April 2022

Welcome back to Summer Term! We hope you had a fantastic Easter Holiday, and got time to relax and enjoy it with your family.

We have got a very exciting term ahead of us; we already had Millers Ark Farm visit our Reception children for their topic 'Do Cows Drink Milk?' and are looking forward to other trips and activities such as the Year 6 French Day on Friday 13th May and our Sports Days next half term!



We currently have a vacancy for a parent member on our School Standards Board. A formal election process needs to take place, and nomination forms and information about applying will be sent out soon. However, if you are interested, please contact Liam McGivern, Chair of School Standards Board at l.mcgivern@hillcroftschoool.org for more information.

I hope you have a lovely, safe Bank Holiday weekend and we I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd May,

Parent Survey:

At Hillcroft, our parents and carers views and thoughts are very important to us, and help inform our focuses moving forwards.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could take five minutes to fill out the below Parent Survey, by 9am on Friday 6th May.

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Key Dates for Summer 1 (and forward dates for Summer 2)

Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 6 th May	MUFTI Day- for a bottle donation (PTA)
Saturday 14 th May 10am – 4pm	Outdoor Learning Day – any parent / carer volunteers welcome. For more information please see the Parentmail that was sent out or email Miss Harborne on k.harborne@hillcroftschoo.org or Mr Fuhrmann on n.fuhrmann@hillcroftschoo.org
Monday 9 th May – Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATs
Friday 13 th May	Year 6 French Day
Friday 20 th May	MUFTI Day (PTA)
Saturday 21 st May	PTA Jubilee Fun Day 13:00-16:00
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 5 Celebration Assembly 9am – Entry through Main Hall
Tuesday 24 th May	RSE viewing (opportunity for Parents / Carers to view our Relationships and Sex Education lesson content – more details to follow)
Wednesday 25 th May	Class Photos
Thursday 26 th May	Year 6 Celebration Assembly 9am – Entry through Main Hall PGL Parents / Carers meeting 9.30 am Main Hall (more information to follow)
Wednesday 25 th May	Class Photos
Friday 27 th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 th June	Return to school for Summer 2
Monday 20 th June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 21 st June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 24 th June	INSET Day

Calling all Reading and Library Volunteers!

As part of our continuing commitment to ensuring that a love of Reading is promoted throughout our community, we would be greatly appreciative of any parents and carers who would like to volunteer as Library Volunteers and / or Reading Volunteers.

The Library Volunteers would help us and our new Reading Ambassadors keep the library organised and the Reading Volunteers would help listen to our children read.

There is no need to be able to commit to a regular time slot; any help would be welcome! If you are interested please contact our Volunteer and Visitor Co-ordinator – Mrs Page – at: a.page@hillcroftschoo.org



Thrive

A message from Mrs Pearson.

Welcome Back! This week my news update is about anxiety. Anxiety can have a huge impact on the children at any age, and so I would like to share some information to help you understand Anxiety should your child experience it.

What is Anxiety?

It is normal for children to feel worried or anxious from time to time – such as when they are starting school or nursery, or moving to a new area. However, for some children, anxiety affects their behaviour and thoughts every day, interfering with their school, home and social life.

Everybody experiences anxiety at some point in time. Anxiety is a natural response, useful in helping us to avoid dangerous situations and motivating us to solve everyday issues.

What is the root cause of anxiety in children?

For some, children who have endured trauma or witnessed traumatic events are at higher risk of developing an anxiety disorder at some point in life. Adults who experience a traumatic event can also develop anxiety disorders.

Symptoms of anxiety in children!

- *finding it hard to concentrate
- *not sleeping, or waking in the night with bad dreams
- *not eating properly
- *quickly getting angry or irritable, and being out of control during outbursts
- *constantly worrying or having negative thoughts
- *feeling tense and fidgety, or using the toilet often
- *always crying and being clingy
- *complaining of tummy aches and feeling unwell

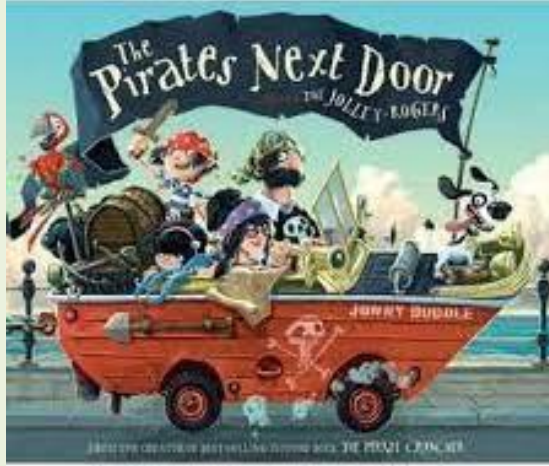
Here is a video link to watch about Anxiety:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfSbWc3O_5M

A Reading Community

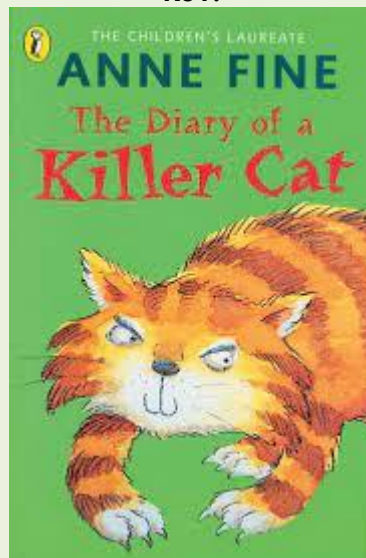
For this newsletter, Mrs Page has shared some of her favourite books. As always please do email Miss Swain if your child reads the books and has any comments (a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org) and the books can be found in our Reception area if you would like to peruse them with your child.

Early Years and Foundation Stage:



The Jolley-Rogers - a pirate family, are moving to Dull-on-Sea, a quiet seaside town. Stopping to fix up their ship, this unusual family get the whole neighbourhood spreading rumours. Defying the grown-ups, Matilda from next door decides to become friends with the youngest pirate son. When the Jolley-Rogers leave, the town discovers they were wrong to assume the worst - the pirate clan have buried treasure in everyone's gardens (shown in a stunning double-gatefold). Matilda feels sad until she discovers her own treasure - an incredibly exciting new pen friend.

KS1:



"Okay, Okay. So hang me. I killed the bird. For pity's sake, I'm a cat."

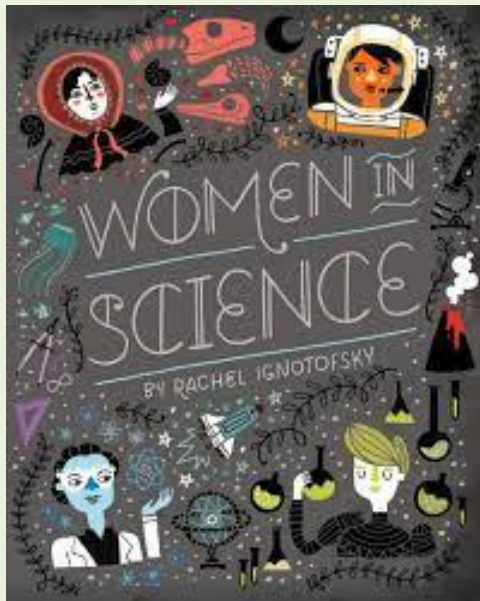
Poor Ellie is horrified when Tuffy drags a dead bird into the house. Then a mouse. But Tuffy can't understand what all the fuss is about.

Who on earth will be the next victim to arrive through the cat-flap? Can soft-hearted Ellie manage to get her beloved pet to change his wild, wild ways before he ends up in even deeper trouble?

The hilarious antics of Tuffy and his family as told by the killer cat himself.

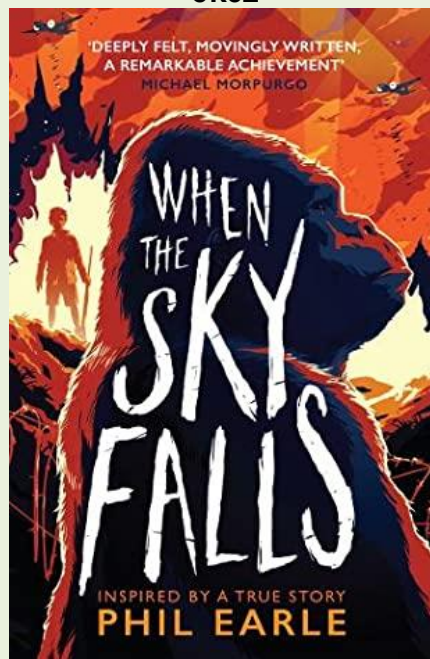
A Reading Community ... Continued...

LKS2



A gloriously illustrated celebration of trailblazing women. *Women in Science* highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, from both the ancient and modern worlds. The book also contains fascinating infographics and an illustrated scientific glossary.

UKS2



It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns the rundown city zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. Will Joseph be ready to pull the trigger if it comes to it?

Happy Reading!

Pupil Parliament update!

We are very proud of Zaylia, Lacey and Alfie in Birch class who came to Miss Summers and Miss Swain to 'pitch' the idea of starting a Reading Committee, alongside our other Committees in our Pupil Parliament (in which there are now over 70 children helping us develop our school!)

Their role will be to promote a love of reading across our school, and also help oversee the school Library.

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been chosen as Reading Ambassadors... congratulations and welcome to our Pupil Parliament!

Year 1: Maddie and Isla

Year 2: Heyan and Lara

Year 3: Toby and Nikie-Leigh

Year 4: Zaylia, Lacey, Alfie and Krish

Year 5: James and Lola

Year 6: Leon and David

Reading Competition winners!

During World Book Week, our Parent Ambassadors helped devise a Reading Competition – a selection of activities was given to children that they could choose to complete at home during last term. We have now had all the entries in and Miss Fox has been able to choose some winners who will receive a Waterstones Book Token. Well done to everybody who entered!

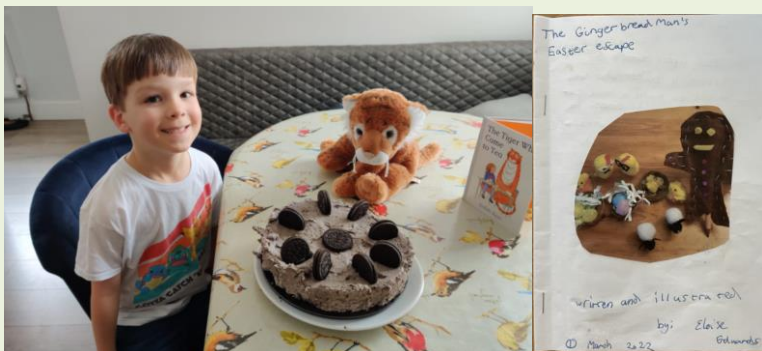
Bert in Ash

Eloise in Sycamore

Bethany in Maple

Tabitha in Larch

Sadie in Acer



The School of Adventure

By Bethany Turner

Chapter 1

Out of Bed we go!!

"I miss Jack and Philip," muttered Lucy-Ann. "Well at least Philip doesn't seem to have a gruesome pet at the moment," said Dinah, rather sharply. "We'd better get out of bed; Geography starts in ten minutes," said Dinah. Lucy-Ann clambered out of bed, when Dinah fell out of bed, with a loud THUMP!! Lucy-Ann and Dinah pulled on their clothes, and were horrified to find, that instead of their usual Geography, they were studying Romans instead! Then, two minutes into that lesson, a short, stern faced lady hurried in. She had a yellow fox fur scarf, bright yellow cardigan, yellow hat, and a yellow filly dress that went down to her knees. She also had orange curly hair that was nowhere near her shoulders.

Sports Round-Up

A message from Mr Fuhrmann

This year, after a two-year break, sport fixtures returned to Hillcroft - our football and netball teams have been competing with the other local schools in the league and two rallies. Everyone who played performed brilliantly and were a credit to our wonderful school.

Results:

Football

Waringham Village 4 - 1 Hillcroft

Woodlea 0 - 11

Audley 0 - 4 Hillcroft

Whyteleafe 2 - 0 Hillcroft

Hamsey Green 0 - 0 Hillcroft

Netball

Whyteleafe 8 - 1 Hillcroft

Hamsey Green 0 - 12 Hillcroft

In the rallies, the football team won their first game against St Johns and were very unlucky to lose their second game against Waringham Village (the eventual winners) meaning they missed out on a place in the semi-finals. The netball team played a round-robin tournament, playing nine games and finishing joint first on points but coming third overall due to goal difference.

A huge well done to all those children who have represented the school this year and those who have trained hard every week.

We now look ahead to our Year 4 and Year 5 rallies and District Sports.



Attendance Notice:

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority, they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

In other news...

Tandridge Independent Writing Competition:

Children's writing competition

The Tandridge Independent, in collaboration with The Festival Theatre at Hever Castle, is excited to introduce our new children's writing competition!

We have family tickets to give away for two of the amazing shows featuring at the Festival this summer: David Walliam's Awful Auntie, on 29 July, and theatre company The Three Inch Fools' production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, on 31 May.

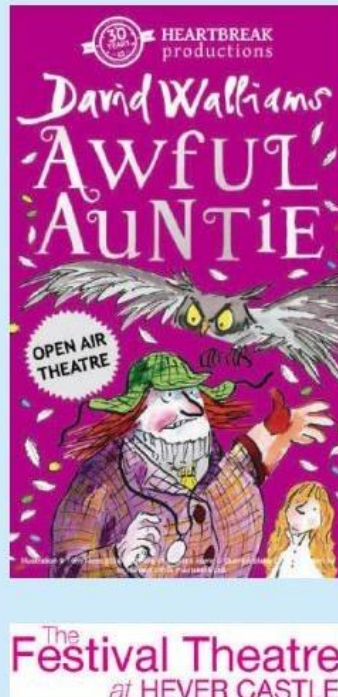
To win tickets to Awful Auntie, we're asking pupils in years 3 to 6 to create their own David Walliam's character, and write a vivid description of them in no more than 200 words.

Students in years 7 to 11 are invited to rewrite a scene from a Shakespeare play, in modern

English (maximum 500 words).

All entries must be submitted to competition@tandridgeindependent.com by **Friday 13 May**, and include the entrants name, age and school. Entrants and their family **must** be available to attend the performances on the above dates!

We will also be asking the winners to write a review of the show for publication in the paper.



Surrey Family Learning:

Enrolments for ONLINE courses are now open.

Surrey has plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support a range of areas. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>