



# Hillcroft Primary School

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture**

**Inspire**

**Strive**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Wow!

What a busy and fun two weeks we have had!

Firstly, well done to all the Year 6 children who have now sat their KS2 SATs. We are so incredibly proud of all their hard work and tenacity – we can now look forwards towards their end of year play... with more detail to follow.

The rest of the school have also had a great couple of weeks. Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported Year 1 in their Danceathon; the children had a fabulous time and raised an amazing £827 so far to support the Ukraine. This is a huge achievement!



Lastly, please do feel free to come and join us for our Outdoor Learning day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 4pm – all help would be very welcome in making our outdoor space as fantastic as possible for our children! If you are able to pop along, even just for half an hour, please enter the school grounds via the Park Road entrance.

This week we are also saying 'goodbye' to Lisa Whickman who has been working in the School Office for over 14 years! She has been a bedrock to the school and its families, so will be greatly missed, but I am sure you will all join us in wishing her all the best.

Miss Summers

### **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.

### **The Wonderful World of Music!**

#### ***A message from Mrs Scott***

We were very lucky to have Mr Beagley from Surrey Arts join us for a special music assembly on Thursday 5th May of KS2 children. He is a Brass specialist and demonstrated the trumpet, the French horn, trombone, tuba and the euphonium. The children loved hearing the different sounds the instruments made!



Excitingly, Mr Beagley is able to offer brass or piano music lessons to KS2 children at Hillcroft, so, if your child has been inspired, they can attend a group or individual lesson.

If your child is interested, please apply for lessons with Howard directly using the Surrey County Council online application form (see below).

Please state on the application form whether your child would like to learn brass or piano at Hillcroft School.

He offers individual piano lessons and individual or group brass lessons. If your child would like to learn the piano, then they must have access to a piano or keyboard at home so that they may practise but the brass instruments can be hired from Surrey Arts.

Surrey Arts also offer concessions for low-income families and carers. If you are interested in your child learning an instrument and believe that you would be eligible for this, then please look at this link (under concessions).

[Apply and pay for children's music lessons - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

If you have any further questions, please contact [SurreyArtsMusic@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:SurreyArtsMusic@surreycc.gov.uk)

## The Wonderful World of Music... continued...

### Dorking Halls

On Thursday 5th May, our amazing choir took part in a Surrey Schools performance at Dorking Halls.

Mrs Page and I were so proud of the children's behaviour and their performance. We performed a mini musical all about environmental issues called 'My Planet, Your Planet' and sang various different songs from all around the world.

The children absolutely loved it and they all received a standing ovation!

The children and parents left the theatre with beaming smiles and felt full of pride, as did the teachers. It was such a wonderful event and as soon as the children began to sing I was covered in goose bumps (the good kind!) and had a tear in my eye.

Well done to everyone in the choir who worked so hard to learn all those words and sing so beautifully with a smile on their faces all night.

There is always space in the choir, so please encourage your child to join and they too can have the opportunity to take part in these fabulous memorable events! The more the merrier! Our choir is at 8am each Friday so please do let myself or Mrs Page know if your child would like to try it out.



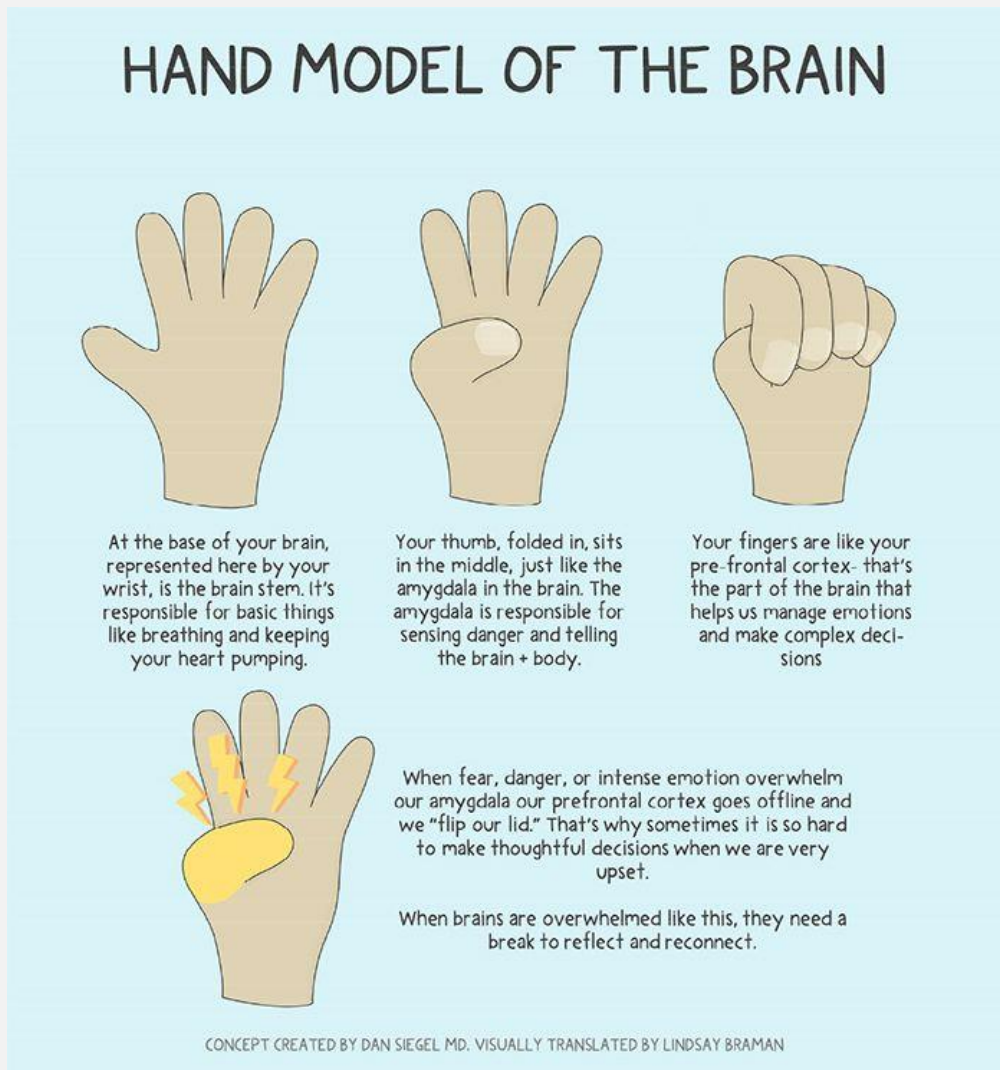
### Reading Ambassador update!

Following on from our announcements about the Reading Ambassadors in the last newsletter, we apologise as there was a mistake in the name of one of the Year 5 ambassadors. For Aspen class it is Georgia who will be Reading Ambassador. Well done Georgia!

# Thrive

## ***A message from Mrs Pearson.***

This week my news update is about "The hand model of the brain." This model explains how your brain reacts when you are feeling sad, angry or stressed. It can help to show children visually how, when they lift their fingers ("flip their lid"), their thinking brain is no longer connected to their feelings. In this model, the palm represents our basic bodily functions, the thumb represents feelings such as anger or stress and lives tucked into the palm, in the 'downstairs' brain. The other fingers represent the thinking parts, which live in our 'upstairs' brain. Using this model, your child can show you when they feel angry or stressed if they are not able to voice it.



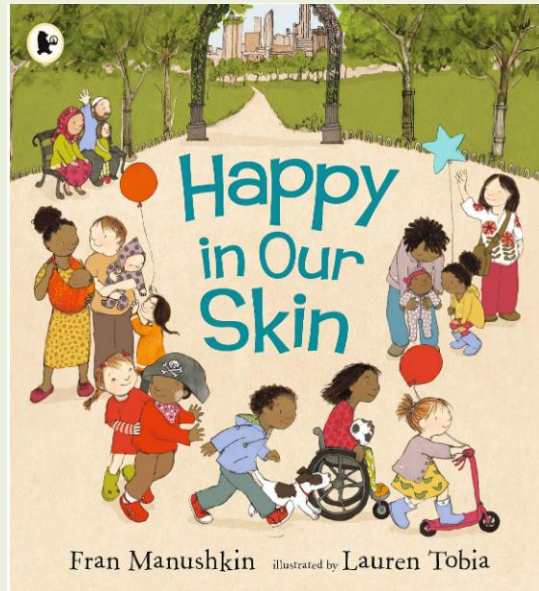
Watch this video with your children so that they will understand how their brain works when feeling sad, angry and stressed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRmnVmELMn8>

## A Reading Community

For this newsletter, Miss Latham 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](mailto:a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org)) and the books can be found in our Reception area if you would like to peruse them with your child.

### EYFS



A delightfully rhythmical read-aloud text is paired with bright, bustling art from the award-winning Lauren Tobia, illustrator of Anna Hibiscus, in this joyful exploration of the new skin of babyhood. All children can see themselves, and open their eyes to the world around them.

### KS1



When she was ten years old, Floella Benjamin, along with her older sister and two younger brothers, set sail from Trinidad to London, to be reunited with the rest of their family. Alone on a huge ship for two weeks, then tumbled into a cold and unfriendly London, coming to England wasn't at all what Floella had expected.

This is a true story with a powerful message: that courage and determination can always overcome adversity.

## A Reading Community ... Continued...

LKS2



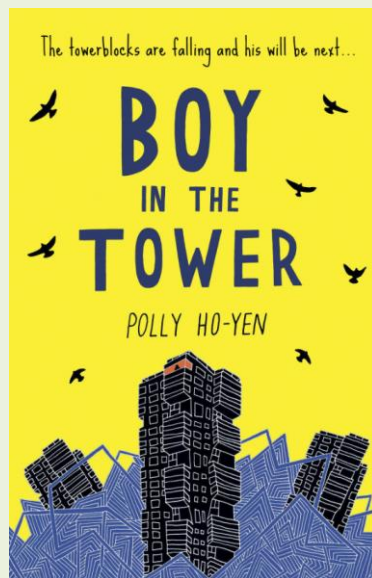
Lucy wakes up one morning to discover something very strange indeed. All the grown-ups in her town have disappeared.

All the other kids in Whiffington are so excited! No more grown-ups means no more school! No more bedtime! No more rules!

But Lucy wants her mum back - and nothing is going to stop her.

So - along with her friends Norman and Ella - Lucy sets off on an unbelievable adventure into a topsy-turvy, back-to-front and inside-out new world . . . The world underneath her bed. The world of . . . The Creakers!

UKS2



When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tip-toed into the world when we were all looking the other way.

Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him.

His mum doesn't really like looking outside - but it's going outside that she hates. She prefers to sleep all day inside their tower, where it's safe.

Except it isn't any more. Strange plants have started to take over and tower blocks are falling down around them.

Now Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out .....

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

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:k.harborne@hillcroftschoo.org">k.harborne@hillcroftschoo.org</a> or Mr Fuhrmann on <a href="mailto:n.fuhrmann@hillcroftschoo.org">n.fuhrmann@hillcroftschoo.org</a>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	MUFTI Day (PTA)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PTA Jubilee Fun Day 13:00-16:00
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Celebration Assembly 9am – Entry through Main Hall
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	RSE viewing (opportunity for Parents / Carers to view our Relationships and Sex Education lesson content – please see previous letter that was sent out)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Celebration Assembly 9am – Entry through Main Hall PGL Parents / Carers meeting 9.30 am Main Hall
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school for Summer 2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day

## Fundraising for the Little Princess Trust

Following on from Jessica's (Rowan Class) fundraising for the Little Princess Trust last term, we are also proud of Ruby (also Rowan Class) who is now also having her hair cut off for the cause on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

If you would like to support Ruby, please follow the below link to her Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ruby-Cocksedge>

As always, if your child / children are fundraising for a charity, and you would like them mentioned in the newsletter, please let Miss Swain know ([a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:a.swain@hillcroftschoo.org))

## Sports Round-up!

### A message from Mr Fuhrmann

Tuesday 3rd May saw the conclusion of the football tournaments with our Year 4 and Year 5 teams representing Hillcroft at St John's. The Year 4s played two games, beating Woodlea 4-0 before unfortunately losing 3-0 to St John's. However, this was enough to secure them a second-place finish in the Year 4 tournament! Congratulations to all of the children who competed, with special mentions to Ollie for scoring a hat-trick and Jessica for being generally fantastic!

The Year 5s put in a string of great performance's beating St John's B and drawing with Hamsey Green and Warlingham Village to secure their place in the semi-final. They won a tightly contested match against St Francis with a single goal from Dylan making the difference. In the final, they faced St John's A and a closely-fought game resulted in penalties, which Hillcroft won 3-2. Special mentions here must go to Jacob for scoring the winning penalty and Oliver for saving St John's final penalty.

Champions!

In other news...

Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge:

## Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



### **LIVE MUSIC EVENT**

Come and see  
**THE WILDFIRES**

Friday 20th May 2022

7.30pm - 11.30pm

Tickets £25 including food!

Get tickets via

[www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/sunnydownevents)

Helping to raise money to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/SunnydownCC22](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SunnydownCC22)

**Any donations are gratefully received.**

## Sunnydown School Caterham Cycle Challenge



### **The Community Needs You!**

Between 13th & 20th May, the students of Sunnydown School will be cycling 660km around Kenley Aerodrome.

We want to raise £35,000 for to support local schools by providing additional Specialist Mental Health and Wellbeing Practitioner hours for those families in need.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/SunnydownCC22](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/SunnydownCC22)

[cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:cyclescheme@sunnydown.surrey.sch.uk)

**Please help by sponsoring this event - any donations are gratefully received.**

**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>

**The Cycle Training Team:**

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are interested in applying, please follow this link:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=23517>

**Parent Workshops run by 'Contact':**

There is a wide range of interesting and useful workshops for parents and carers run by Contact – an organisation dedicated to families with disabled children. Please follow the link for more information:

<https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/workshops-and-events/workshops/all-ages-workshops/>



In other news...

St. Mary's Church, Summer Fair:



**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 11am-2pm**

Come and join us for some summertime fun

- Plants and books
- Food and treats
- Bottle tombola
- Fun activities
- Homemade cakes
- Grand draw
- Refreshments
- Jewellery and gifts  
...and lots more!



Entry: Adults by donation. Children FREE (must be accompanied)

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