

# Hillcroft Primary School

Friday 30th September 2022







We have had a great two weeks here at Hillcroft with lots of lovely learning opportunities happening across the school.

In Year 4, the children practised their mosaic skills for their art learning, and Year 5 were busy creating a Paper Mache solar system for their Science learning.



Following on from my previous message, regarding the celebration of children's interests and talents, we are able to send huge 'Congratulations' to Jessica in Year 4 for scoring a hat trick on the weekend for her football team – Gatwick. Such a fantastic achievement and the children enjoyed watching the video in our Friday's Celebration Assembly. If you have anything you would like to share please email Miss Swain at: <a href="mailto:a.swain@hillcroftschool.org">a.swain@hillcroftschool.org</a>



We hope you have a lovely weekend, and look forward to seeing you on Monday, Miss Summers

## **Key Dates:**

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GRqda7ebGuBAYPuijxUhvH8KIOH4r5UD/view?usp=sharing

## **Key Changes:**

School Photos moved to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

# **Key Additions:**

Parent Reading Workshop – Learning about 'Book Talk' – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 9am, Main Hall – more information to follow.

Parent Writing Workshop – 'How we teach Handwriting and Spelling' – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 9am, Main Hall – more information to follow



## A message from Mrs Pearson.

WOW! What a start to our new year- the children have been very busy in their whole class Thrive. We also wanted to do create an artwork which brings all of Hillcroft together as one whole community. Every child and adult in the school took part. The large red leaves were made by the teachers; smaller red leaves by the LSA's and office staff. The light green leaves by the KS1 children, the darker green leaves by KS2 children and the small grey leaves by the year 6 children. Well done to all – it looks fabulous!



#### **Hillcroft Primary School**

## **Pupil Parliament**

#### 2022-2023

We are pleased to announce the elected members of our committees and Pupil Parliament for this year. Well done to ALL the children who took part – they should be very proud of themselves and we are just sorry that there are not enough positions for all children to be elected.

Our congratulations go to the below children and Miss Swain and the other leaders look forward to working with the children this year on their journey in supporting the development of the school.

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

Tabitha and James Henry and Tammy

## Fundraising and Events Committee (Year 6)

Lovelace House Captains: Leela and Amira

<u>Brunel House Captains:</u> Fred and Elsie <u>Newton House Captains:</u> Lily and Olivia <u>Darwin House Captains:</u> Elina and Frankie

#### Well-Being Committee (Years 1 – 6)

Thea (Beech Class), Leo (Willow Class), Imogen (Chestnut Class), Charlie (Sycamore Class), Laila (Maple Class), Eloise (Rowan Class), Tommy (Birch Class), Toby (Cedar Class), Ethan (Larch Class), Isabella (Aspen Class), Fraser (Oak Class), James (Acer Class)

#### Eco Committee (Years 1 – 6)

Harry (Beech Class), Molly (Willow Class), Jack and Ava (Chestnut Class), Lucy (Sycamore Class), Matthew (Maple Class), Leo (Rowan Class), Alfie (Birch Class), Bella (Cedar Class), Danny (Larch Class), Jacey (Aspen Class), Mabel (Oak Class), Cameron (Acer Class)

#### Curriculum Committee (Years 1 – 6)

Kian (Beech Class), Elowen (Willow Class), Maddie (Chestnut Class), Zahra (Sycamore Class), Abbie (Maple Class), Katrina (Rowan Class), Sophie (Birch Class), Klaidus (Cedar Class), Abi (Larch Class), William (Aspen Class), Amy (Oak Class), Jess (Acer Class)

## Health Committee (Years 1 – 6)

Ayaan (Beech Class), Louie (Willow Class), Mira (Chestnut Class), Esther (Sycamore Class), Albie (Maple Class), Henry (Rowan Class), Bethany (Birch Class), Jacob (Cedar Class), Connor (Larch Class), Alvin (Aspen Class), Jack (Oak Class), Ollie (Acer Class)

#### Behaviour Committee (Years 1 – 6)

Freya (Beech Class), Sam (Willow Class), Darcie (Chestnut Class), Eva (Sycamore Class), Bella (Maple Class), Jack M (Rowan Class), Autumn (Birch Class), Allegra (Cedar Class), AJ (Larch Class), Grace (Aspen Class), Maison (Oak Class), Alesha (Acer Class)

## Reading Committee (Years 3-6)

Ava and Rose (Year 3), Nikie and Bonnie (Year 4), Alfie, Lacey, Zaylia and Krish (Year 5- the four founding members), Georgia and Nicolas (Year 6).

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## **A Reading Community**

This week, Mrs Geary – our Reading Lead – has shared her recommendations. They will be displayed in the front Reception and please do speak to an office member if you would like to borrow one – all are welcome to!



Pick a story

The best picture books can be read time and time again - with this you can read a different story each time. Vincent's dog has disappeared, what has happened to him? Well that's up for you to decide - Pirates? Aliens? Lost in the jungle? Can you make the right choices to reunite them? Will you find your favourite story?

KS1



## **Space Blasters**

Good novels for younger readers are sometimes hard to find. This is perfect for those early readers (and older readers too). Suzie's inventions aren't always the successes that she planned... When she invents the Super 3DTV Gizmo, she ends up being transported into her favourite TV show 'Space Blasters'. Will her inventions finally find a use? Can she save the day? Will she be able to return home?

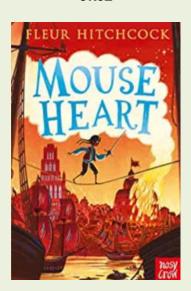
#### LKS2



# Alice Eclair spy extraordinaire: A Recipe for Trouble:

Firstly, a warning... This book is best enjoyed with cake! In her search for a spy, Alice finds herself aboard France's most prestigious train, The Sapphire Express. Disguised as a pastry chef (this is why you need cake) can she find the enemy before the last stop? A great, exciting read for those that love a mystery.

## UKS2



#### **Mouse Heart**

A historical murder mystery set in the heart of a theatre community. What's not to love? Fantastic characters and a mystery that will keep you guessing until the exhilarating climax! Mouse shows us that the right thing to do isn't always the easiest to do, especially when others are making it harder!

## GLF Schools' 10th Birthday!

To celebrate GLF Schools' 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, all schools in the Trust will be participating in activities across the same week in October.

The GLF Schools' Foundation is an initiative within GLF Schools which provides opportunities for all young people within GLF schools to have exposure to additional opportunities and experiences regardless of their financial background. Funds raised will provide additional extra-curricular programmes for children.

At Hillcroft we will be learning and performing the GLF Song as a whole school on October 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate.

Please also see the link to the GLF The Hummingbird issue – special 10th anniversary edition

https://glfschools.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/GLF-Schools-Hummingbird-Newsletter-Autumn-2022-Final.pdf?t=1664370093

#### In other news...

## **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.

## **Cookery Classes:**

