



Hillcroft Primary School

Friday 27th January 2023

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture Inspire Strive

We have had a wonderful two weeks since our last newsletter! The children have enjoyed many activities, including a Stone Age Workshop in Year 3 and a Castles workshop in Year 2!



A few reminders looking ahead to the next two weeks:

We have our Friends of Hillcroft School Disco on the 9th February so please do book a ticket if your child would like to attend. Also, due to the possible Strike action taking place over the next couple of months we have taken the decision to move the Year 4 and Year 6 Assemblies – please see the next page of this newsletter for more details. I apologise for this, but want to mitigate and minimise any possible disruption there may be.

Please also do remember to email in any talents or interests your child does outside of school to Miss Swain (a.swain@hillcroftschoool.org) or your child's teacher so that they can be celebrated in assembly and through our newsletters.

We hope you have a restful and safe weekend,

Miss Summers

Key Dates:

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14n00CTdap0Jh-0TwxiSRVrcmZ46KxODs/view?usp=sharing>

Change of date for Year 4 and Year 6 Assembly –

Please note that there has been a change of date for the above assemblies due to the possibility of Strike Action. Year 4's assembly will now take place on Thursday 2nd February and Year 6's assembly will now take place on Monday 13th March.

Assembly times are as follows, and we ask that only two adults per performance attend due to the capacity in the hall (entrance through the Main Hall doors):

Year 4: Thursday 2nd February

1.45pm – Cedar Class Parent / Carer performance

2.30pm – Birch Class Parent / Carer performance

Year 6: Monday 13th March

1.45pm – Oak Class Parent / Carer performance

2.30pm – Acer Class Parent / Carer performance

Lovelace Charity Event – 3rd February

On Friday 3rd February, Hillcroft School will be taking part in a danceathon, and we ask that the children bring in a donation to take part. There will be a timetable for the day, and each year group will be invited up to the main hall to get their bodies moving and dance away - non-stop if they've got the stamina!

The children can come into school in their PE kits for the event.

EYFS - danceathon will last 15 minutes

KS1 - danceathon will last 30 minutes

KS2 - danceathon will last 45 minutes

All the money donated, however big or small, will go towards a very important local charity called DELIGHT who are based in Caterham Valley. DELIGHT uses the joy of the arts to create magic in learning. They deliver high-quality arts-based learning programmes to support the creative development, learning and well-being of children.

Their vision is for every child to have an equal opportunity to thrive during their school years and beyond, whatever their starting point or background. They support schools in closing the opportunity and attainment gap for those children affected by disadvantage or additional needs. They do this by working in long-term partnerships with primary schools and professional arts partners to immerse children in the world of visual arts, contemporary dance, drama, creative writing, and storytelling.

We ask that the children bring in their donation on the day of the event, but we will also be taking in money the following week as well - week commencing 6th February.

We thank you in advance for your kind donations, and it promises to be a very fun and energetic day!



A message from Mrs Pearson.

Below is an interesting video about the shift in parenting, over time, from focussing on giving consequences for negative behaviour to ensuring our children are self-regulated. This is the bedrock of our Thrive Approach and through Family Thrive we help to support parents and carers to use this approach in the home environment: this way the children are seeing this at home as well as school.

This video was by Dr Vanessa Lapointe and she said, if this inspires one adult to question the "old school" method of parenting, then it is worth the share.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hglC6ffErFM>

We are also running a six weeks Thrive Workshop every Tuesday Night 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Hillcroft School. There are a few spaces left, if interested please message on D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org

Reminders and Notices:

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.

Parking Reminder:

Please can we politely remind parents / carers to avoid parking in the entrance way of Hillcroft Court to drop-off and pick-up as residents are unable to then leave or enter the grounds.

Uniform Reminder:

Please can we politely remind parents / carers that the uniform policy – due to E Safety reasons – does not allow Smart watches of any brand to be worn in school. Please do refer to the Uniform Policy on our website, or by following this link:

http://www.hillcroftschoo.org/uploads/asset_file/Uniform_Policy_Final_-_22-23.pdf

A Reading Community

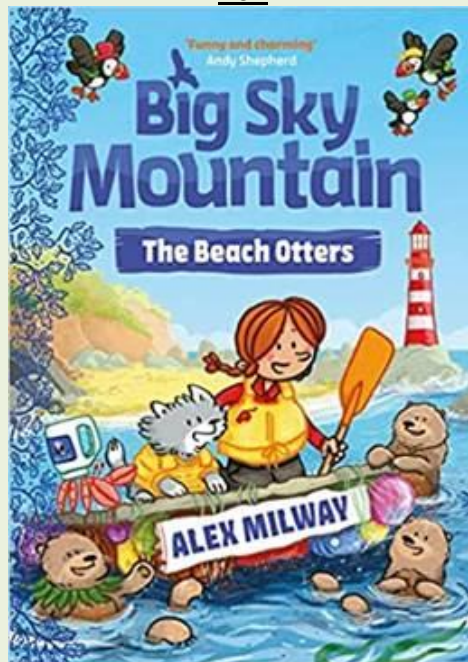
This week, Miss Swain – Deputy Head Teacher – has shared her recommendations. They will be displayed in the front Reception and please do speak to an office member if you would like to borrow one – all are welcome to!

EYFS



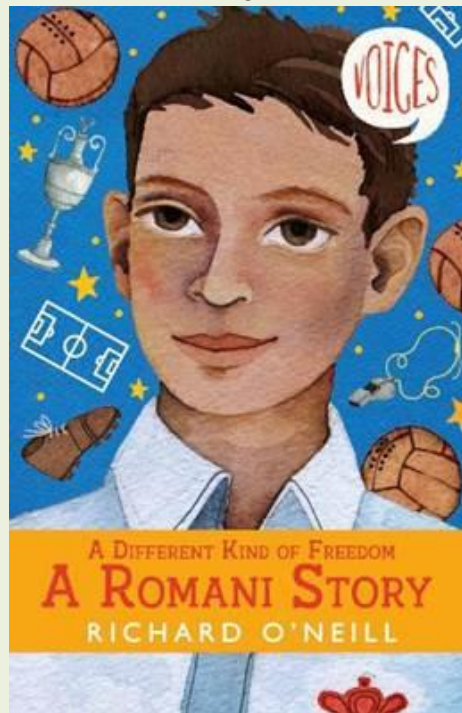
Faizah's teacher asks the class what kind of world they want. Some want an ice cream world or a unicorn world or a funny world. Faizah would like a kind world. She and her friend Sophie set about creating one in school. They help Andre find someone to play with, put a plaster on Priya's hand, and play basketball with Asiya, Faizah's older sister. Their class photo is full of big smiles. But when it comes to the sibling photo, and Faizah sees everyone else matching their siblings, she's upset. She and Asiya don't look like they match. What can they do? Luckily, kindness from their friends helps save the day!

KS1



This is the third in Alex Milway's lovely and highly illustrated Big Sky Mountain series, and this time Rosa and Grandma Nan have to investigate who has let off a distress flare in Toe-Dipper Bay. When they arrive, they find the beach covered in plastic rubbish and a family of beach otters trying their best to tidy up. But who has let off the distress flare, and how can the otters, Rosa and Grandma Nan work together to save the day?

LKS2



Written by a Romani author, this story sheds light on a little-known community who've been in Britain since Henry VIII's time. It expertly depicts the struggle between tradition and following your own passions, meaning readers will have a lot of empathy for Lijah, and respect for Romani customs

UKS2



This heart-warming novel incorporates themes of friendship, bullying, parental separation and environmental issues. It sensitively explores what it's like to live with a stammer and will help readers to develop empathy and understanding. Each chapter heading features hedgehog drawings and facts, which are pertinent to Lily's experiences and add another dimension to the tale.

In other news...

Caterham Brownies:



The 9th Caterham Brownies meet on a Tuesday evening during term time from 6 until 7.15. We are a small unit and are always looking for new brownies to join us!!

Please spread the word to your friends, family and others locally.

contact Claire Wilson
caterhambrownies@live.co.uk