



Hillcroft Primary School

Thursday 29th June 2023

Nurturing children to achieve their personal best

Nurture Inspire Strive

We have had a great two weeks, with our Class Swap day – all the children behaved so brilliantly and enjoyed meeting their new teachers. We also had some great Sports Days – we were so proud of all the children and their great resilience and Sportsmanship! Thank you to Mrs Fitzsimmons and Mr Fuhrmann for all their hard work in organising it all.



I will be sending out my staffing letter in the next couple of weeks, but I wanted to add to this Newsletter that Miss Swain – our Deputy Head – will be leaving us at the end of the term to further her career at Oak National Academy. We wish her all the best for her future.

Due to this being the last newsletter of the year, please note that Talents and Interests Celebrations will resume in September – so please send any, in September, to your child's class teacher.

We hope you have a lovely and safe weekend, Miss Summers

Key Dates:

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar for the Summer Term:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rWPK8puhPws0u_ByrsUBlouHWbMcCzM/view?usp=sharing

E-Safety updates!

As part of our continued dedication to ensuring our children stay safe online, Mrs Winsor – Computing and E-Safety Lead – will include an update to useful resources in each newsletter for parents / carers to use at home.

As amazing as AI can be it's the same old thing: where there are positives there are negatives. Already we're seeing some pretty significant and concerning negatives from image-based abuse to voice scams, where a person's voice is cloned using AI (some research suggests you only need 3 seconds of a person's voice to clone it). Imagine a child who posts videos onto YouTube, the voice data can be extracted and cloned.

In one voice-cloning scam a parent in the United States received a call from her daughter who was screaming down the phone for help, followed by a supposed kidnapper demanding money. Her daughter's voice had been cloned. Although an extreme (and I hope very rare) example, we cannot fall behind with this. Legislation and technical tools to combat these issues will take a long time and as always education is the best form of prevention. To read more about the voice cloning scam you can see an article in The Mirror [HERE](#).



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 and carers not to park on the double yellow lines outside the school at pick-up and drop-off as this causes issues with congestion for parents and carers.

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. We also ask that school ties and school shoes are worn and only stud earrings.

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

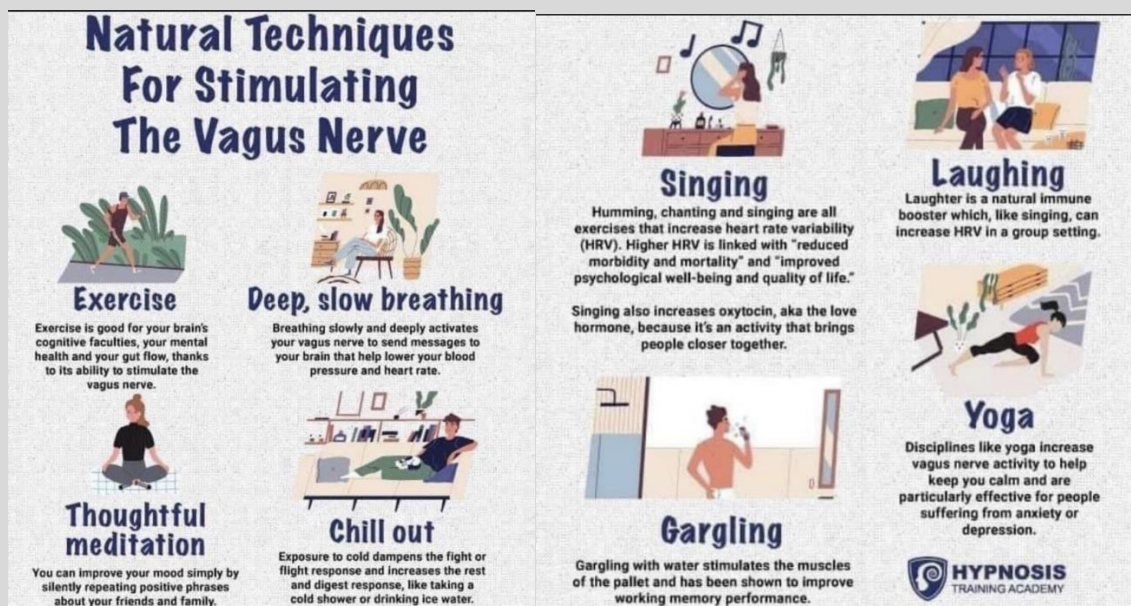


A message from Mrs Pearson.

I have recently completed some training, which I would like to share with you about regulating our Nervous Systems. In it, we learnt about the Parasympathetic (slows down body responses to rest and digest or freeze) and the Sympathetic Nervous Systems (speeds up body responses – Fight or Flight) and their role in how we manage stress.

The Vagus nerve is key to this system working well. Like any muscle it needs exercising to be efficient.

Some of the ways we can do this is: Being outside in nature and sunshine, quietening your environment and allowing for mindful moments, hugging a calm person, Yoga and the power of concentrating on your 'in and out' breaths with co-ordinated body movements, weighted blankets, exercise and cold activities (sea swimming, cold showers and holding ice in your hands). Quality sleep and singing and humming are also thought to be good as all these activities allow your body to enter a state of rest, digest, and recovery from stress.



Family Thrive Workshop – September 2023:

We are also doing a Family Thrive Workshop in September, that will run for 6 weeks starting on Tuesday 12th September to Tuesday 17th October. Time will be 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

Come from 5:30pm to have a cup of tea and biscuits to start at 6pm.

If you are interested in coming please email:

D.Pearson@hillcroftschoo.org
tcopard1@glfschools.org

There are only a few spaces left!

Our Children's Talents and Interests

Autumn – Year 4 – for performing over the last two weekends at the Caterham Festival and the Warlingham Festival as part of her Cheerleading Team – 'Intensity'.

Darcie – Year 2 – for creating an amazing Scratch presentation to showcase what she has learnt recently in Computing and Life Skills.

Lyra – Year 3 – for receiving her Bronze Level Chief Scout Award, presented by the Scout District Commissioner.

Amelie – Year 1 – for learning to ride her bike without stabilisers!

Joseph – Year 2 – for riding his bike around Kenley Aerodrome twice without stopping!

Phoebe – Year 4 – for achieving her Swimming Bronze Challenge and moved up to Silver Challenge.

Jaxon – Year 3 – for his first season playing football for a team and being awarded Player of the Season!

Polly – Year 5 – for taking part in a showcase performance with her acting group – Wods

Bella – Year 3 – and Zaylia – Year 5 – for composing such a lovely piece of music about Hillcroft!

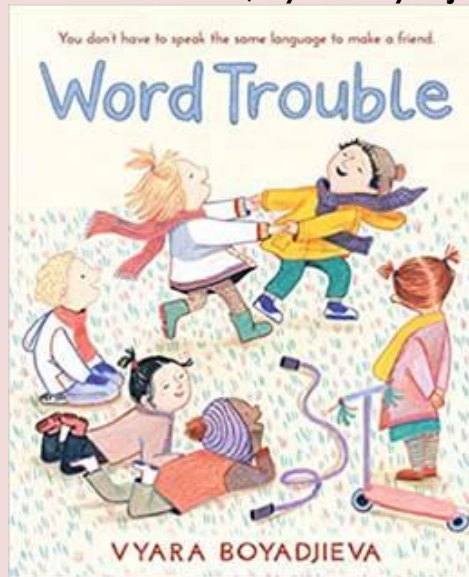
Sam – Year 1 – for performing with his Star Steppers group at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill in front of 500 people. They performed Revolting Children from Matilda the Musical.



A Reading Community

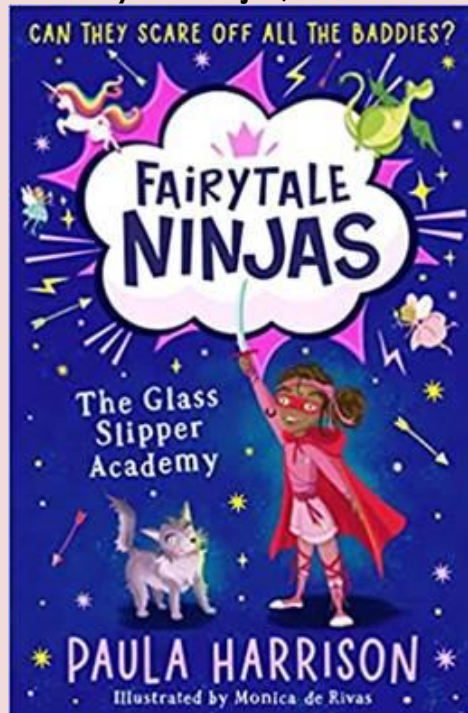
This week, Miss Swain has shared her recommendations. They will be displayed in the front Reception and please do speak to an office member if you would like to borrow one – all are welcome to!

EYFS - Word Trouble, Vyara Boyadjieva



Vyara Boyadjieva's warm and caring picture book about moving to a new country – and learning a new language when you're still learning how to do everything – is a wonderful story about acceptance and resilience. Her pencil drawings are sweet and friendly, and there's a reassuring message here that if we give new places a chance, they can often turn out to be great.

KS1 – Fairytale Ninjas, Paula Harrison



Red Riding is bored of living in Hobbleton, where nothing magical or exciting ever happens. She knows there are adventures to be had in the rest of Waybeyond, where there are forests full of fairies and trolls and such like. One day she and her friends Snow and Goldie discover a secret room in their ballet teacher's academy. It's filled with wooden swords, ninja clothes and a magic carpet! Madame Hart used to be an excellent sword fighter, and she teaches them sword fighting and ninja moves, but suddenly a troop of soldiers arrive and she is arrested for kidnapping the prince.

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- WEEK 1 - 31ST JULY & 1ST AUGUST
- WEEK 2 - 14TH & 15TH AUGUST
- WEEK 3 - 21ST & 22ND AUGUST
- WEEK 4 - 29TH & 30TH AUGUST



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GIRLS TRIALS - 23/24 SEASON! ALL POSITIONS WELCOME - INCLUDING GOALKEEPERS

From September:

- **U11 - YRS 5 & 6**
- **U12 - YRS 6 & 7**
- **U15 - YRS 9 & 10**
- **U16 - YRS 10 & 11**



- **Friday 7th July**
- **6 - 8pm**
- **Croydon High,
Old Farleigh Rd,
Selsdon, CR2 8YB**

Register attendance/more info:

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