



# Hillcroft Primary School

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Nurturing children to achieve their personal best**

**Nurture Inspire Strive**

Dear Parents & Carers,

With only 5 weeks left of this academic year we still have so many exciting things planned across the Hillcroft community. Next week are our annual sports days which is one of the most competitive and well attended events of the year. A separate letter has gone out regarding the dates and times but a reminder is also below:

| Date                            | Year Group                         | Time            |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June    | Years 1 and 2                      | 9:30 – 11:00am  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June    | Reception                          | 1:45 – 2:45pm   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June   | Years 5 and 6                      | 9:15 – 10:45    |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June   | Years 3 and 4                      | 11:00 – 12:30pm |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Nursery (Mon, Tue, Wed children)   | 10:45 – 11:10am |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June | Nursery (Wed, Thurs, Fri children) | 2:20 – 2:45pm   |

- Parents of 30 hour Nursery children may attend either event.

In the event of poor weather on the day we will contact parents via Parent Mail and another date will be arranged based on the weather forecast.

This half term brings with it a new learning project. The projects for across the school for Summer 2 are:

Nursery- How are cultures expressed around the world?

Reception- How are cultures celebrated around the world?

Year 1- What is unique about the United Kingdom?

Year 2- How does my locality compare to areas around the world?

Year 3- All European countries are the same. Support or Challenge?

Year 4- What is Africa like?

Year 5- Countries are more similar than different. Support or challenge?

Year 6- Is culture unique to individual countries?

Have a lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing you on the gate on Monday.

Miss Summers

**Key Dates:**

Please see link to whole school Key Dates calendar:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18bNylZgww2qdmfwcFkypQe-ZxIRc6hJTGnHXv9cLGrM/edit>



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

***We are getting to that time of year when we all start to think about things changing. It may be leaving school, starting a new school, meeting the new teacher, leaving the area, parents spitting up, new home or even a loss. Life's always changing, but sometimes we face a big or sudden change that is hard to deal with, such as moving home, having a baby, leaving school, or starting to care for someone. Even a positive or expected change can be difficult to deal with or cause stress, which usually lasts for just a short time.***

***Starting a new school or meeting your new teacher can be an exciting new experience, but it is normal to feel anxious and stressed. If it is the first time you have left home, you might feel unsupported or lonely because your usual support network of family and friends is not around. You might have had hopes or set ideas about what your time at school would look like, but now things are just not what you expected.***

***Looking after someone else can be a positive and rewarding experience, but it can also be mentally and physically draining. Helping someone else gives you less time for your own needs and thoughts. Although you may really want to care for them, you may also find it difficult and upsetting, or might feel overwhelmed and unable to look after yourself properly.***

***Things like moving into a new area, making new friends, and starting a new timetable at school might make you feel under pressure to adapt. All of this can naturally put a strain on your mental wellbeing. This can be hard to deal with if you have no-one to talk too.***

***In a few weeks' time your children will be meeting their new class teacher, some of the year groups will be mixed and they will have different children in their class, they may be going from one end of the school to the other end, or it could be that they will be at the top of the school. All these changes will have an effect on your child whether it is big or small. Over the next few weeks, we will be doing work with the whole school on transition. This will hopefully help them to understand and manage the move and for them to know that there is help if they need it.***

***If your child comes home with any worries about anything to do with school, new teacher or even leaving, please pop in and see myself or Tara. We are always in the playground at the beginning and end of day.***

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***Next Coffee Morning is on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 9am in the Treehouse. This will be the last one this school year, so pop along. Please come through the carpark.***

## A Reading Community

This week, Miss Mayhew, a Year 5 teacher, shares her recommendations:

### EYFS

#### **The Emerald Forest by Catherine ward**

Following an orangutan and her family in tropical Sumatra as they raise their young, live in harmony with nature, and deal with the impact of humans. This memorable picture book employs thought-provoking illustrations and to highlight topics of environmental protection, habitat damage, and species extinction.

### KS1

#### **First big book of why**

This is a wonderful book to keep children occupied, interested, and asking questions. There are over 100 questions verified by Britannica experts. Spanning a range of topics including animals, the body, machines, space and more, this book provides clear and accessible explanations - and even explores some of the mysteries that experts are still trying to solve! With big, bold graphics, eye-catching photography, this will appeal to all readers. There is also a quiz section.

### LKS2

#### **Einstein the penguin by Iona Rangeley**

When the Stewarts spend a sunny, frosty December day at London Zoo, they're enchanted by one small penguin. At the delight of young Imogen and Arthur, Mrs Stewart insists the penguin "must come and stay with them whenever he likes."

But not one Stewart expects the penguin to turn up at their door that evening, rucksack labelled "Einstein" on his back...

The family's new feathered friend helps Arthur to come out of his shell and makes massive demands on Imogen's amateur sleuthing. But together they must find out why Einstein came to them and they must keep away from the mysterious white-coat man.

And Einstein can't stay forever, can he...?

### UKS2

#### **The nowhere emporium by Ross MacKenzie**

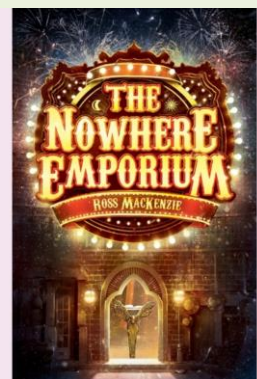
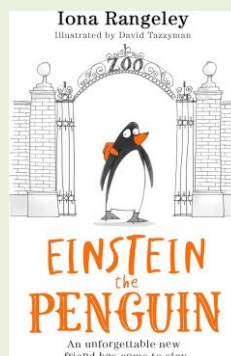
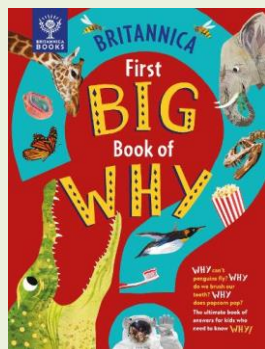
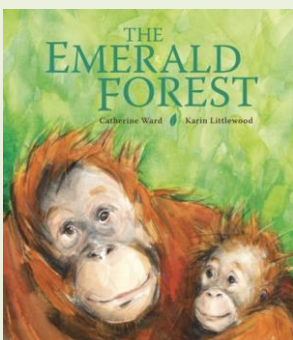
The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie is a fabulous fantasy story for UKS2! This is the same author as the book 'The Colour of Hope', which Mrs Page recommended earlier this academic year.

When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' - and its owner, Mr Silver - draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.

Recruited as Mr Silver's apprentice, Daniel learns the secrets of the Emporium's vast labyrinth of passageways and rooms -- rooms that contain wonders beyond anything Daniel has ever imagined.

But when Mr Silver disappears, and a shadow from the past threatens everything, the Emporium and all its wonders begin to crumble.

Can Daniel save his home, and his new friends, before the Nowhere Emporium is destroyed forever?

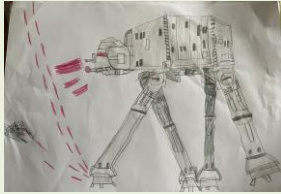


## Our Children's Talents and Interests



Lewis and Owen Year 4 - were in a tournament last weekend and both did well to come 4th as they have never been in a tournament before.

Well Done!



William Year 2 - has been working very hard on his picture of a snowspeeder battling an AT-AT.

Well Done!



Bethany Year 5 and Nathan Year 3 - They showed no fear when completing 2 zip wires over a kilometre long, high above a slate quarry in Wales in half term.

Amazing!



Madeline Year 3 and Florence Year 1 - conquered the treetop adventure plus course at go ape Bracknell. Madeline was great encouraging and supporting Florence to get through the course whilst Florence overcame some difficult challenges for her age and ability.



Mason Year 5 - attended his football presentation as it's the end of the season and received a trophy for his Contribution to the Team this season and also a trophy which he is very proud of for Clubman of the Year which is selected specifically by his coach who is an ex-footballer and someone he very much looks up too for this reason, he was chosen for his continued hard work and dedication to football and the great role he has played as Captain of his team.



Laila and Abbie Year 4 - had their 2nd tournament this weekend. They played amazing only lost one game the whole tournament. Which then made them come first in the tournament. So proud amazing team.

Well Done Girls!



Poppy Year 3 - has passed her stages 7,8 & 9 for her gymnastics, which she was so happy about.

Well Done!

## **In other news...**

### **YMCA Year 6 transition workshop**

If parents would like some help with the transition from primary school to secondary school, the YMCA is doing a small workshop in July with Q and A. Please log in to book your ticket.

Parents you will find this very useful!

[Book your place – Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school – Zoom \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

### **Attendance Notice**

A reminder to 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.

### **Volunteers**

We are always looking for volunteers in school to hear children read or support on school trips. If you are able to offer any support, however big or small- please email Mrs Page on [a.page@hillcroftschoo.org](mailto:a.page@hillcroftschoo.org). Your time and support is really appreciated.