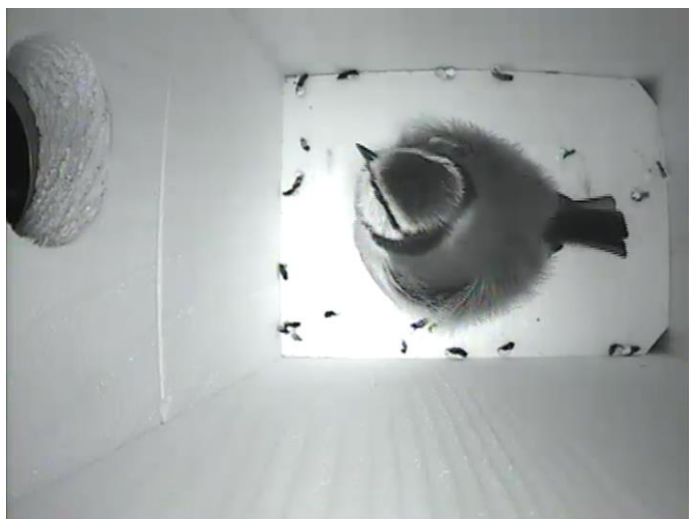


Bird Box Project

Friends of Hillcroft have bought a bird box with a camera, which we have had installed at the back of the school building, in a quiet area behind the year 2 classrooms. We have signed up to the Schools Bird Box Project, which offers the opportunity to stream and share live video of the birds that visit our nesting box.

At the moment we have a regular visitor to the box that roosts in there at night, keeping out of the cold.

To watch our bird box log on the the website www.seenature.org.uk click on the live stream icon and select Hillcroft Primary School. If our icon has a green dot it means the stream is live. You will also be able to look at bird boxes in other schools to see what activity they have.



We are hoping that when the weather warms up our bird, we think it's a blue tit, will start nesting and find a friend to share with.

Science Fair – Thursday 2nd February

We are looking forward to our first Science Fair. Entries for the science fair are due to be handed in on Monday 30th January in preparation for the Science Fair on Thursday. The projects will be judged in the morning, we have visitors coming in to help with the judging, then in the afternoon each class will have the opportunity to see the displays. After school the hall will be open for parents to come in and see the science displays .

The winner and runners up will be taking their projects to the GLF Science Fair Grand Final at The University of Surrey in Guildford on 1st March. This will be a fun day of science and they will be able to see the projects completed by children from other GLF schools. All the projects will be judged and an overall winner from each Key Stage will be announced on the day.

Paint Your Pinkie Purple in aid of the End Polio Now Campaign

On Friday 10th February we are holding a fundraising event on behalf of the Rotary Club to support their charity End Polio Now.

Polio is a disease that attacks the nervous system. It is spread person to person, typically through contaminated water. There is no cure for polio but there is an effective vaccine. In 1988 Rotary International and the World Health Organisation launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There were an estimated 350 000 cases of polio in 125 countries. By 2014 the cases had been reduced by 99.9% and there were only 3 endemic countries.

We are inviting children to make a donation and have the nail on their little finger painted with purple nail varnish. This is to recognise the fact that children under the age of 5 in the three remaining polio areas in the world, have their smallest fingers painted purple to show they have received the valuable polio vaccine. We will also have some Focus on the Crocus pin badges available in the school office for a donation of £1.

You may have seen the crocus maze in Queens Park, which was originally planted in 2011 as part of the End Polio Now campaign. If you haven't seen it, keep a look out in spring.

Representatives from the Rotary Club are hosting an assembly on Thursday 9th February to explain the campaign to the children.

Thank you for your support.

Parents Behaviour Forum – Tuesday 31st January at 9.00am

We welcome you to join us for our parents forum on Tuesday. If you are able to attend please can you let us know by emailing w.vicars@hillcroftschoo.org or leaving a message in the school office. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st January	Parents Behaviour Forum 9.00am
Thursday 2 nd February	Hillcroft Science Fair
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 10 th February	Paint Your Pinkie Purple – Charity Day End of half term
Monday 20 th February	Back to school
Monday 20 th February	Prospero Theatre Workshop for Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd February	Perform Workshop for EYFS and KS1
Monday 6 th March	Bags 2 School Collection
Tuesday 28 th March	Easter Bonnet parade – Reception – information to follow
Friday 31 st March	INSET Day – Break up for Easter holidays