

# Newsletter 2023: Autumn 1 Week 2 Friday 15th September



We want pupils at Hillsgrove to be confident in having the **skills** and **knowledge** they need to thrive in the world beyond school. We want all pupils to share our high **aspirations** for themselves and to develop a **love of learning** for life.

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Admissions Policy 2020/2021  
Hillsgrove Primary School is part of the Amadeus Primary

## Safe guarding– who are we?

We are committed to the safety and happiness of the children at Hillsgrove Primary School



Miss Rice

I am here for you anytime you want to talk.

I am the Safeguarding Lead. I will meet with everyone at school to make sure we are all safe.



Ms Fernandes

I can help if you are worried about a family member.



Ms Hilton DSL

Come and find me anytime to talk about anything.

I will listen to any of your problems about home or school.



Ms Laurie

In an emergency call 999. For advice if you're not school call NSPCC 0800 800 500 or Childline 0800 1111

## The Worry Button

Last year we introduced the 'Worry Button' on to Google Classroom. This was a chance for children to share their worries about returning to school. However we have decided to reintroduce this to Google Classroom in case children want to talk to us about something they are worrying about. If we think we can help, your class teacher or one of the teachers above will get in touch...



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### The Pupil Worry Button (Hillsgrove)

Please tell us your class and your worry. A teacher will get in touch to talk about your response. For younger pupils, parents/carers please type exactly what the children say.

THIS IS A CHANCE FOR SCHOOL TO FIND OUT WHAT CHILDREN ARE WORRIED ABOUT NOT WHAT PARENTS/CARERS ARE WORRIED ABOUT.

## The 'Parent' Worry Button

If there is ever a time you need to contact us, either to talk about your child's learning or for any other support, here is a list of people who you can speak with:

Miss Rubie (Mental Health Lead) [curie@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:curie@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Ms Hilton (SENCO) [senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk) (in office Thursday and Friday)

Miss Hilton also runs Parent Contact Sessions every Friday between 10-11 and 1-2. These can be booked by calling the school office.

Miss Rice (Parent Forum REP) [lutherking@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:lutherking@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Ms McKean (EYFS Lead) [jeanking@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:jeanking@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Mrs Fernandes (Year 1,2,3 Lead) [teresa@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:teresa@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Miss Rice (Year 4,5,6 Lead) [rossetti@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:rossetti@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

We are all here to help our wider community so please do get in contact if there is something you would like help with or if you have ideas about how to move the school forward.

Dear Parents and Children,

A warm welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday.

This year sees the launch of our updated curriculum, with a focus on Geography and History hence the new class names. We have now joined Twitter and Instagram, where teachers will be uploading pictures of the children's learning throughout the week.

The PTA have also been busy tidying up the outdoor areas and I would like to express my gratitude to all those that helped.

Parent Engagement is a key focus for the school this year and if you can commit any of your time to help the PTA, read with children, run a club, help children to learn about your language, culture or career or can support in any way, please speak to your child's class teacher or email [admin@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

I hope you have all had a good start to the half term,

Ms Laurie



## **HILLSGROVE SOCIAL MEDIA**

Follow us on



**Twitter:** @HillsgroveSch

**Instagram:** hillsgroveprimarysch

to see what is going on day-to-day  
in our school.

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As with all of our fundraising events, the School Council got to choose a local charity that we would donate some of the profits to. Bexley Snap was chosen; Bexley Snap offers disabled children and young people aged between 1 and 25 years old a varied program of clubs to provide parents and carers guidance and support, as well as some respite from their caring responsibilities.

At the end of the summer term, Jake and Lola got to meet Amy, who runs Snap and were given a tour.

Bexley Snap were extremely grateful to receive the donation and are going to spend the money on new toys for the baby room.





Over the summer, the PTA started their 'Smarten Up Early Years Project'. A huge thank you to Sandra Fender & Family, Claire Fulco -Wood & Family and Laura Brownlow & Family.

*Before*



*After*



*The outdoor garden*

Buddy bench was up cycled by Dylan Smyth and his dad Russell Smyth.

This has been a welcome addition to the Key Stage 2 playground.





*Before*



*After*



*The surrounding fence for Nursery & Reception*





*Before*



*After*



*Outdoor play area for Nursery & Reception*

**THANK YOU!**

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Well done to our Achievers for the 14th September.

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Alisa For being a reflective learner and responding positively to feedback about how to improve her work.	Isaac – for being kind and sharing his apples from his garden.	Shayden for showing resilience in all his subjects and always trying his best!
Ireland	Elijah for always working hard and getting on with his work. He listens to instructions and always tries his best.	Georgia - for helping others when they are sad.	Tillie for showing resilience coming into school and taking responsibility to help others when she has finished her work.
Spain	Prinsha - -- for making a good start to the year and demonstrating the 5Rs	Grant- - for being a friendly member of the class and including his peers in games	Rean - for having confidence when speaking to people and in front of the class.
France	Zoya for always displaying the 5 R's. Zoya has been a loving friend within the class to other children and offers support to all. Brilliant role model.	Basart for being a good friend to his peers, a responsible learner and a good listener.	Leila for being resilient in the first week back to school. Leila has shown confidence in class and supports her peers.
Germany	Montana – showing the 5Rs and always working to the best of his ability.	Rocco – for being a responsible learner.	Ava – fantastic work on place value in Maths.
Poland	Ethan – always following instructions and making the right choices.	Harper B – she is kind and helpful and a good friend.	Casey – shows resilience in her work and created a lovely design for her Polish Folk
India	Mustafa - for always demonstrating resilience and being reflective in his learning. For being responsible and helping others.	Karion - for being very kind on the playground, for being brave when joining a new class and trying his best.	Eliza - for always being helpful and kind. For putting others before herself and supporting her peers.
Australia	Vivaan for showing the 5Rs and working hard from the first day.	Tyrell for working hard and being a good friend.	Daniel for having much more confidence when speaking to people and in front of the class.
Argentina	Teddy -for demonstrating the 5Rs and putting in consistent effort since day one.	Dara- for her kindness and thoughtfulness as a friend. She always goes out of her way to assist others.	Lily-Anne wrote a detailed biography of Eva Peron, demonstrating fantastic resilience and independence.
Kenya	Teddy C – for making a good start to the year and demonstrating the 5Rs	Victor I – for always being kind and helpful both in the classroom and the playground.	Sinem H- for reflecting on her drawing, identifying areas to improve and being resilient.
China	Stephanie – for always working hard in class and at home.	Amira – for always trying her best, being kind and helpful.	Muhammad for researching China at home and bring the information it to share with the class

## **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

**Parents: Meet the Teacher Night**

**Monday 11th September 4-5pm (Session 1 4-4.30pm and Session 2 4.30-5pm)**

**Bexley Selective Test**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**PTA-Roald Dahl Golden Ticket event after school**

**(details to follow)**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**International Day of Languages**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 3 and 4 Harvest Service**

***Thursday 5th October 2.15pm***

***PTA Spooky Disco***

***Thursday 19th October 2023 (non-uniform but not Halloween costumes)***

**Parents Evenings**

**Wednesday 15th November 4-7pm**

**Thursday 16th November 4-6pm**

**EYFS and KS1 Open Morning**

**Monday 20th November 9.30-10.30**



**Nursery Stay and Play**

**Monday 20th November 11-12pm**

**KS2 Open Morning**

**Thursday 23rd November 9.30-10.30pm**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

**PTA Christmas 'Jingle Bell' Disco KS1 and KS2**

**Friday 8th December 3.30-6pm (non-uniform day)**

**Year 2 Christmas Concert**

**Monday 11th December 2pm**

**EYFS Christmas Concert**

**Tuesday 12th December 2pm**