

Newsletter 2023: Autumn 1 Week 6 Friday 13th October



We want pupils at Hills Grove 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.

Safe guarding– who are we?

We are committed to the safety and happiness of the children at Hills Grove 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



HILLSGROVE SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on



Twitter: @HillsgroveSch

Instagram: hillsgroveprimarysch

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

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...



[View the Worry Button](#)



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:

Mrs Harrison (Mental Health Lead) wales@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Ms Hilton (SENCO) senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

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

Ms Laurie (Principal) admin@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Ms Hilton (SENCO and DSL) senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Mrs Fernandes (Assistant Principal) spain@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

Miss Rice (Year 6 Raising Standards Lead)

kenya@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

Upcoming PTA events...



Spooky Boogie Disco

Ticket Sales End on the 16th Oct
Book your Tickets Now
No tickets will be sold after this date

Thursday 19th October
In School Hall
KS1 3:15-4:15
(escorted to disco by class teacher)
KS2 4:30-5:30
(entry and exit via main entrance)
£5 a ticket per child which includes soft drinks and party snacks.
Please book your ticket via
www.pta-events.com/hillsgroveprimarypta
Closing date for ticket purchase 16th October



SPOOKY SPOON COMPETITION

Have a go at creating your very own spooky spoon over the half term. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes to be won!



£2 per child to enter which includes a free wooden spoon.
Closing date for entry 15th October.
Please return your entry to the school by the 31st October to be judged.
We look forward to seeing your spooky spoons.
Please book via
www.pta-events.com/hillsgroveprimarypta





Own Clothes Day!
19th October

Hillsgrove Primary School are inviting all Children to wear their Own Clothes on the day of the Spooky Boogie Disco. Please no fancy dress costumes or face paint. Thank you.

We are asking for any Donations of pre loved books KS1 and KS2 for our book sale. Also any pre loved Christmas jumpers for School Christmas Jumper Day. We will collect any donations at the school gates in the morning of the 19th Oct. Thank you for your continued support.
Hillsgrove PTA





Author Visit-Banji Alexander



On Friday 29th September, we were very lucky to have a special visit from the author of Lockdown Looms: Reggie's birthday, Banji Alexander! He talked about his book and asked children to share their memories of lockdown. He also answered questions that the children had about becoming an author, writing and being a teacher. Banji then went on to introduce his new book and discussed the characters interacting with the children. Pupils from year 2 to 6 enjoyed the visit and learnt about being a writer. The children commented:

It was so much fun!

I really want to be an author, like Banji, I'm going to keep on practicing my writing

I cant believe we met someone who has been on Britain's Got Talent'.

Reception Intake September 2024

We will be hosting an Open Evening for the parents of children who will be starting school in September 2024. Classrooms will be open with interactive events for the children to join in with.

Please support the school by sharing this flier.

Thank you in advance!

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**OPEN EVENING FOR
PROSPECTIVE
PARENTS**

Are you looking for an aspirational school where your child can obtain the skills and knowledge needed to succeed? Then join us for a hands-on look around the school.

**Thursday 9th November
4:00 - 6:00pm**

Head Teacher talk at 4:00 and 5:00

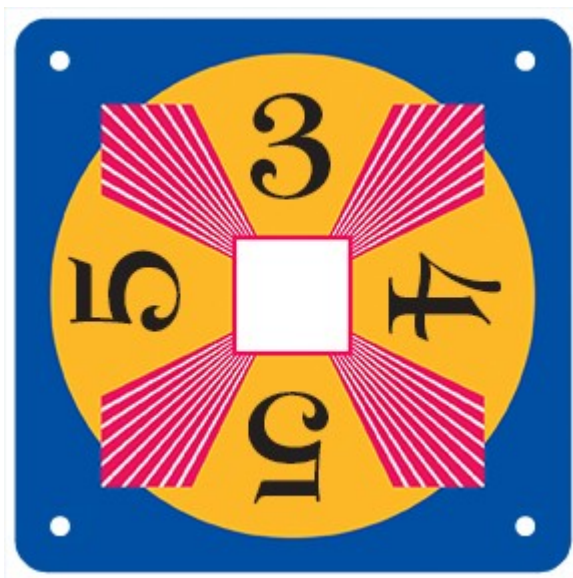


Year 6 Maths Competition

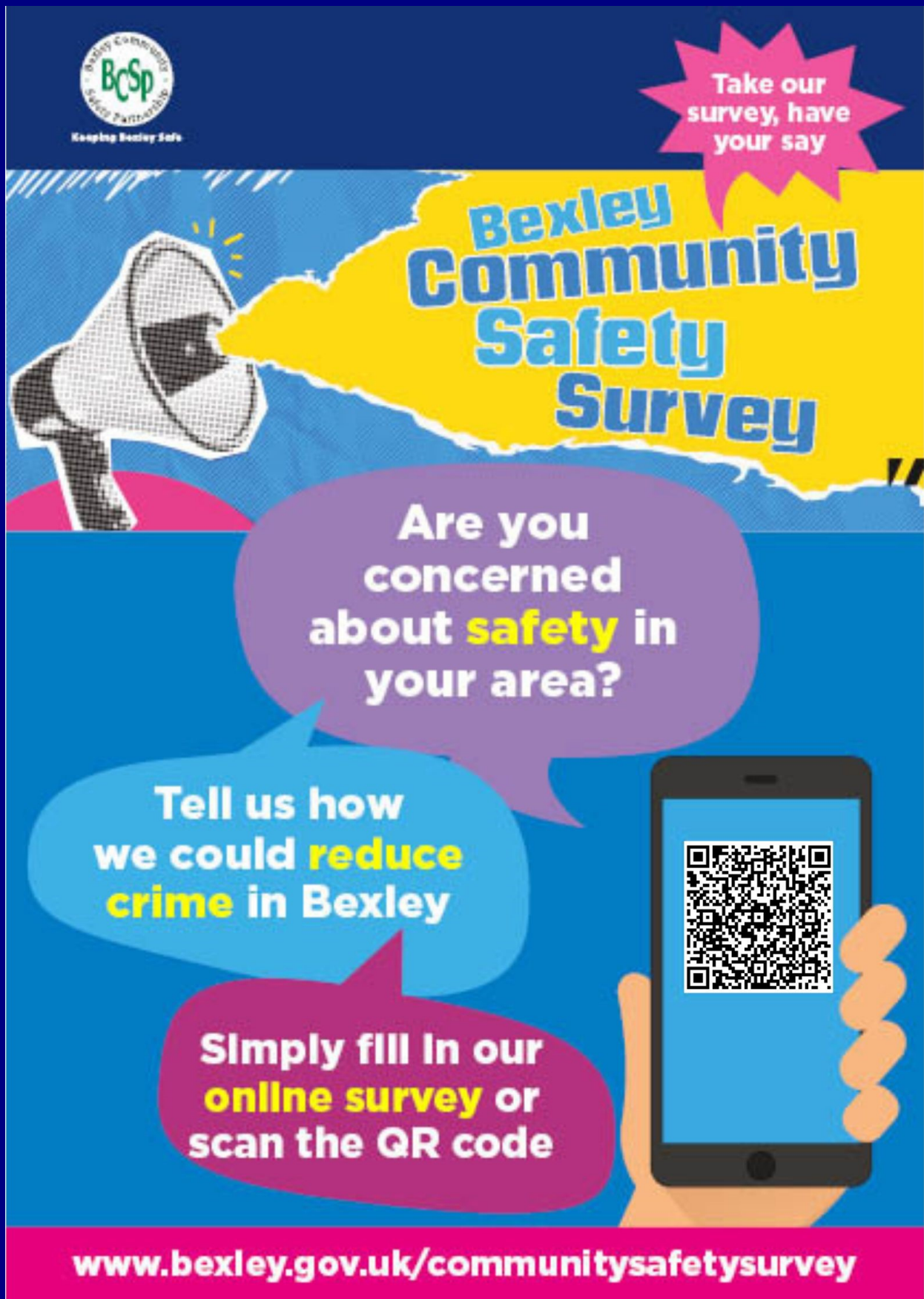


On Wednesday 11th October, Ken, Dami and Radhika in Year 6 took part in a Maths competition at Bexley Civic Centre. The children had to play the game 24 and took part both as a team and as an individual. It was a very high pressured game and all of children did really well. Ken got through to the final and Radhika won an award for Team Spirit.

I was exceptionally proud of all three children for the way they handled the pressure and rose to the challenge. Well done!



You can add, subtract, multiply and divide. Use all four numbers on the card, but use each number only once. You do not have to use all four operations.



The poster features a blue background with a yellow torn-paper effect on the right side. In the top left corner is the Bexley Community Safety Partnership logo, which includes the text 'BcSp' and 'Keeping Bexley Safe'. A pink starburst in the top right corner contains the text 'Take our survey, have your say'. A megaphone on the left points towards the title 'Bexley Community Safety Survey' in large, bold, blue letters. Three speech bubbles contain survey questions: a purple bubble asking 'Are you concerned about **safety** in your area?', a blue bubble asking 'Tell us how we could **reduce crime** in Bexley', and a pink bubble stating 'Simply fill in our **online survey** or scan the QR code'. A hand on the right holds a smartphone displaying a QR code. The bottom of the poster has a pink banner with the website address.

Bexley Community Safety Survey

Are you concerned about **safety** in your area?

Tell us how we could **reduce crime** in Bexley

Simply fill in our **online survey** or scan the QR code

www.bexley.gov.uk/communitysafetysurvey

We are proud to announce that we remain a Halo School and this is now embedded in our School Uniform Policy.



Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

At this school, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed.

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Well done to the Achievers on 12th October...

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Anavya – Always following the 5R's and showing fantastic behaviours for learning.	Sofia Being a great friend and supporting children in the class. Always polite and well-mannered as well a very hard worker.	Freddie for being a resilient member of the class and having a go at challenging tasks. He has made excellent progress with his handwriting.
Ireland	Benjamin - For always bringing a smile into the classroom. He has been working hard and his pencil control is much better.	Dulcie - For helping others with work and trying hard with her own work.	Ajishan- Always trying hard and showing resilience with challenges. He has taken responsibility for his own learning and his work has significantly improved as a result.
Spain	Mercy – For always being polite	Grant – for being a kind friend	Brooke for responding to feedback positively and acting on it.
France	Amelia - For always trying her best, For always being kind to her classmates and always displaying the 5 R's	Elsie - For working hard to learn her spellings and complete her homework. For showing resilience when she finds things tricky and never giving up.	Tia - for being a kind friend to her classmates.
Germany	Lilly G – always making good choices and following the 5 R's	Chet R – because he is funny and always makes us smile	Freddie S – increased resilience shown, especially in Maths.
Poland	Gwen – Gwen is displaying the 5 R's, she is kind and respectful. She remembers her manners and always tries her best.	Beau – Beau is funny, kind and a nice friend who helps people when they are sad.	Ricco – Ricco puts effort into his work and makes sure he is including everything he needs to. He wrote an amazing diary entry in English.
India	Mysa for always trying her hardest across all areas of the curriculum but especially her writing (will bring book to read some).	Mickey for being a fantastic friend, smiling and being there for others.	Cordelia who has worked incredibly hard over the last two weeks on her reaction to mistakes, friendships and being thoughtful towards others.
Australia	Annabelle Trying her best at all times and always showing the 5Rs	Lennie For being a good friend and kind in the playground.	Thisath Being an excellent role model in the class. Always willing to help and completing all his work to a high standard.
Argentina	Moustapha Always demonstrating the 5Rs	Kay HER KINDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS AS A FRIEND. SHE ALWAYS GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO ASSIST OTHERS	Lisa For maintaining a positive attitude towards her learning.
Kenya	Crystal – for always being ready to learn and for showing initiative.	David T- for always being willing to help others both inside and outside the classroom.	Janelle for reflecting on her writing and making improvements independently. She is
China	Aashiyana – for always working hard and following the 5R's.	Shravya – for being kind, resilient and responsible. She is al-	Jack – for challenging himself in maths.

So that you can support your child's German learning at home, we are introducing a...
German phrase of the fortnight:

Hallo! Wie Gehts? (pronounced– Hallo! vee gates?)

Hello! How are you?



Mir geht's gut.



Mir geht's
prima.



Mir geht's
nicht gut.



Ich habe Angst.



Ich bin böse.



Ich bin verliebt.



Ich bin müde.



Ich bin traurig.



Mir ist kalt.



Mir ist warm.



Ich bin krank.



Ich bin nervös.