

Newsletter 2023: Autumn 2 Week 1 Friday 3rd November



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.

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



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

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO CAME TO OUR SPOOKY DISCO AND
ENTERED THE SPOOKY SPOON
COMPETITION. TOGETHER WE RAISED A
TOTAL OF**

£1001.50

BUU!



Thank you for your continued support
and we wish you all a great half term.
Hillsgrove PTA





Spooky Disco

The Spooky Disco was a huge success raising £1001.50 for the school. These events would not be possible without the efforts of our amazing PTA, who go above and beyond to make sure Hillsgrove is an exciting place to be. Thank you!

As with all of our events, 20% of the profits are donated to a charity chosen by School Council. Therefore, £200 will be donated to Save the Children to support those affected by the conflict in Gaza.



Save the
Children

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>



Upcoming PTA event.

Christmas Wreath making at Hillsgrove



Come along and
enjoy an evening to
make your very own
Christmas wreath
run by 'Denise
Thompson designer
florist'



Friday 24th
November
7pm-9pm

All you need are
your own
scissors or
secateurs and
get ready for
Christmas!

Price is £40 per person which includes a 2 hour
wreath making workshop including all
materials plus a free glass of Fizz and nibbles!

Extra refreshments available to purchase.

Please book your tickets via

www.pta-events.com/hillsgroveprimarypta

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



Spooky Spoons

Well done to everyone that took part in the spooky spoons competition, I hope you all enjoyed making them as much as we have enjoyed looking at them. Mrs Bradbury had the very difficult decision on choosing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and wishes she could have chosen them all!



Casey (Poland Class)

1st Prize: Foil Art Kit



Amira (China Class)

2nd Prize: Rock Painting kit



Oliver (Australia Class)

3rd Prize: Slime kit

Cats Protection League



This week, the Cat's Protection League were in school to talk to the children about how to look after cats. As a nation of pet lovers and with many children saying that they have cats at home, they need to know how to give them the right care. Children also learned about reading cats' body language to know whether they should or should not attempt to pet cats in the street. The classes that did not access the talk will have theirs on the 8th December as this was moved due to CPL staff absence.

I have learned that if my cat is on the floor and showing me her tummy, she feels safe around me.

I don't really like cats but I enjoyed learning about them and it was interesting to find out about their body language. It's like they can talk to us.

Well done to the Achievers on 2nd November

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Delilah - for showing resilience in all subjects and for being a kind friend.	Noel – For settling into Year 1 and for improved contribution to class discussions.	Erin – For showing resilience and creativity in her Superhero writing.
Ireland	Karla- For always trying hard with her work. She is a quiet person but will always get her head down and try her best.	Darsheel - For being a good friend by sticking up for others. He will include people in his games in the playground.	Jorden - For being resilient with his writing and producing an excellent short narrative.
Spain	Ridhima – always taking pride in her work and explaining her reasoning to others.	Albie – For using being a class messenger and talk to adults around the school.	Zeynep – for being a kind friend.
France	Wilkin-for always trying his best in every lesson and for asking lots of questions.	Tiwa- settled in really well and for being friendly.	Pyper- really resilient during literacy. Created a lovely piece of writing through resilience and determination.
Germany	Dominic H – always showing enthusiasm and asking questions about his learning.	Freddie B – chosen by his class for always displaying the 5 R's – especially responsibility.	Aiden C – fantastic work in maths, neat presentation and resilience shown.
Poland	Mariia – always follows the 5Rs and is a good role model to her peers.	Yahya – he is the fastest boy and makes everyone laugh. He follows the rules and is a cool friend.	Isabella – has put more effort into her work and has a positive attitude for learning.
India	Julia - for being kind, responsible and fitting in with the class quickly on her first week.	Marnie - for always smiling, working with her peers well and having a positive attitude towards everything.	Hannah - for always working hard. She has made a massive improvement in her handwriting.
Australia	Kayson Always follows the 5Rs and an excellent role model.	Nadiia Caring, funny, resourceful, kind friend. Always trying her best.	Alessia For showing perseverance in her swimming lessons and moving to the next group in her weekly swimming sessions.
Argentina	Anita- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything she does.	Jordhen- for consistently demonstrating resilience in his work, as well as having a great sense of humour and being very caring.	Nathan L- For demonstrating perseverance when focusing on his work and stays resilient when facing maths problems.
Kenya	Mah N -for always being ready to learn and for being a good role model.	Taylan D – Because he has been trying his best recently and for his enthusiasm in the singing assembly.	Cemal O – for demonstrating resilience and good reasoning to devise a general rule as part of a mathematics investigation.
China	Caitlyn – for always working hard and demonstrating the 5R's.	Theeya – for always trying her best and making people laugh when they are feeling sad.	Jessica – for always working hard, particularly in English.

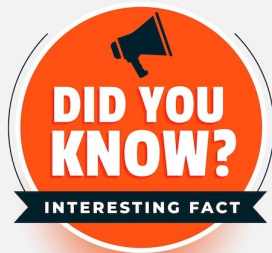
German phrase of the fortnight:

What is your name?

Wie heißt du? (Vee heist do?)

My name is...

Ich heiße ...(*Eek high-se*)



The letter ß, is also known as the "**sharp S**", "**eszett**" or "**scharfes S**", and is the only German letter that is not part of the Latin/Roman alphabet. The letter is pronounced (like the "s" in "see"). The ß is not used in any other language.



Spaces available...

At Hillsgrove, children have access to a breakfast and after school club. The morning sessions start at 7.30 until the children are taken into class (£6 per session) and the after school provision is open until 6pm. (£12 per session).

Cherry Tree Kids Clubs are committed to providing an organised, stimulating, safe environment for children from schools in Bexley Borough during out of school hours. The Club has met Ofsted requirements and has received the Sure Start Investors in Children Quality Assurance kite mark, 'Aiming High 4 Children'.

The staff will encourage a range of activities which will include sports and team games, arts and crafts, cookery, drama and many more. There is an opportunity for children to do their homework and they will have access to encyclopedias, dictionaries and other reference books.

Cherry Tree Kids Clubs will employ an adequate number of staff with a recognised child care qualification and experienced volunteers who have all undertaken recent medical and police checks. All our staff are first aid trained.

If you are interested in accessing this service or require further information please contact Judy Atkinson, Janet Dellavalle or Cathy Farmer on the main office number **0208 303 7344**.

<http://www.cherrytreenursery.com/>