

# Newsletter 2023: Autumn 2 Week 5 Friday 1st December



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

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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](mailto:wales@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Ms Hilton (SENCO) [senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Ms Hilton (SENCO and DSL) [senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:senco@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Mrs Fernandes (Assistant Principal) [spain@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:spain@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk)

Miss Rice (Year 6 Raising Standards Lead)

[kenya@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk](mailto: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

## Coming soon...

We are excited to announce that both the key stage 1 and key stage 2 playgrounds are getting new equipment. We have been given a start date of 8th January for the installation to start and we are hoping they will be up and running by 22nd January (this could change if we have poor weather) .

**Key Stage 1** The key stage 1 playground is getting two new trim trails. Trim trails are a great way for children to develop their gross motor skills, coordination, and balance. They also provide a fun and challenging way for children to get exercise.



**Key Stage 2** The key stage 2 playground is getting a new racing trail. The racing trail will be a great place for children to challenge their friends to a race and to improve their speed and agility.





## Year 1 Educational Visit to Bostal Woods

Scotland and Ireland both had a wonderful visit to the local shops, with the aim of delving into the history of how they have changed over time and what contributions these shops make to the local community.

The children then ventured into the Bostall Woods where they observed the fascinating signs of the seasonal change to Autumn. Additionally, the classes enjoyed learning about the vast range of animals in the woods and their respective habitats.



We saw lots of different colour leaves and we found animal habitats in the trees.

Nellie

In Autumn the leaves fall off the trees because there is not enough sunlight.

Anavya

I go to the cost cut shop to buy sweets and milk because its near my home.

Tayanna

It was fascinating to watch the squirrels and birds playing and eating nuts together.

Freddie

My dad and nan own two shops in the local community.

Ruby

We found lots of bugs under the logs.

Riley

**Handball Competition**



On Wednesday 29th November, some Year 5s went to play handball at Goals in Bexleyheath. The started at 3.45 and ended at 5pm. When we arrived, we learned the rules of handball and how to play. Once we had learned the rules, we started to do drill. Handball is very similar to football but you have to use your hands to shoot, pass and dribble. After a few drills, we started our matches. There were 5 matches between 6 schools. Hills Grove won 3 matches, lost one and drew one. In the end, the hosts started to reveal the positions from 6th to 1st. Hills Grove placed 2nd and Mrs Gill was really proud of us.

Thank you to Mrs Gill for organizing the competition and to parents for taking us,



## Upcoming PTA events

**Wednesday 6th December– Elfridges/ Santa's Grotto**

**Thursday 7th December– Christmas jumper day and Jingle Bell Disco after school**  
**KS1 3.15-4.15pm KS2 4.30-5.30pm**

**Friday 15th December– Christmas fair**  
**3.15-5.30pm**



**Hillsgrove PTA**



With the PTA Christmas events all approaching we are in need of any volunteers who can help us please.

The events are:  
Elfridges 6th Dec  
Disco 7th Dec  
Christmas fair 15th Dec

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.  
The more support we have the better the experience will be for the children.

If you are able to offer us any help please can you comment on our social media pages, speak to one of our team or email us at:  
[Ptahillsgrove@outlook.com](mailto:Ptahillsgrove@outlook.com)  
Thank you



### Message from the PTA

Hello Hillsgrove parents,

Many thanks firstly for those parents who joined us for a cuppa and chat in the new DT room last week and kindly passing on your details to potentially helping us at future special events the PTA arrange. We were thrilled with the amount of people that came along.

We hope you can see we are striving to make Hillsgrove a more inviting place for parents, but more so, a fun learning environment for our children.

The work that the PTA team do behind the scenes to ensure the events run smoothly and safely for all involved is done by the committee members. However, no matter how much planning goes into these activities. They will not run efficiently without help from the wider school community.

This means, the bigger and bolder our events become the more hands we need to help with the workload of organising, setting up and running on the day. This is where we need any help you are able to offer.

If you can spare a few hours on event days to help set up, as well as us needing help after school, for instances running a stall, maybe helping to keep order for the bouncy castle's or whatever maybe required.

For those that can help, we do not expect you to be at every single event, but what we would love is that you share and remind people that events are happening, and hopefully help draw more of your school parent friends to come along and assist the next time we have something special planned.

The PTA stand by the moto:

“The more we put in as parents, the more our children will gain through fun and memories of their school journey at Hillsgrove”

Again, it was loving meeting you all and we wish you a great weekend ahead!

The PTA team.



# WANTED



## **Are you having a clear out before Christmas?**

We are asking for your help to collect gently used toys for our school. Your donations will help to make playtimes more exciting and engaging for all children; provide children with access to a wider variety of toys and teach children the importance of sharing and giving back.

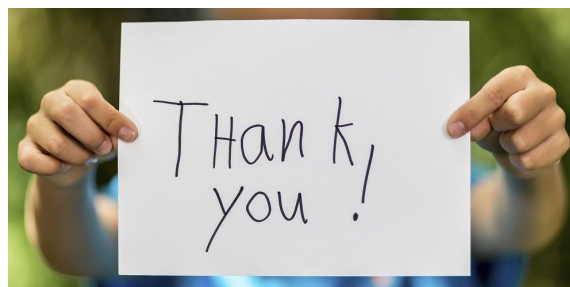
We are accepting all types of toys (except for pretend weapons), including:

- **Action figures and dolls**
- **Building blocks and construction sets including Meccano, Lego, Duplo etc.**
- **Prams, push along vehicles and hobby horses**
- **Cars, trucks, and other vehicles.**
- **Fancy dress**

**These toys will be available for children to play with in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2**

Thank you for your generosity!

**Together, we can make a difference!**



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Well done to all of the Achievers for 23rd November

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Alisa –  Always following the 5R's and showing fantastic behaviours for learning.	Ella - For starting school and settling in well to Year 1 and	Isaac – for using fantastic observational skills in science.
Ireland	Georgia- Always working hard and willing to help in the classroom. She enjoys helping others and has patience to support them in their learning.	Laynie - For being the bestest friend to the whole class. She is always willing to help everyone and is so kind.	Elijah - for his creativity in his writing. He is resourceful in using vocabulary from books he has read in his writing.
Spain	Yohana – For being a resilient learner	Caleb – For being a friendly member of the class	Florence – for getting a Blue Peter badge
France	Zoya is always displaying the 5 R's, but recently she has been showing great resilience in her work. She has shown dedication when things are tricky. Well done!	Maisy rose for being a loving friend.	Elsie Kirk outside achievement (Blue Peter badge).  Emmanuel has been working hard in practising his singing. Emmanuel has been singing alongside his classmates and following his words for each song. Well done Emmanuel.
Germany	Rocco R – always displaying the 5Rs and showing responsibility	Chet R – chosen by his class for making a fantastic lizard from	Daniel C – a great effort using column addition and subtraction
Poland	Ross - for always showing the 5Rs. He is always ready to learn and contributes his lovely ideas to discussions.	Harper A. - chosen by her peers because she is a kind and helpful friend. She shares her good ideas.	Prashna - for showing great resilience and reasoning in Maths when using the column method.
India	Rania - for always being positive, working hard and helping others.	Mickey - for always being happy, playing with his friends on the playground kindly.	Maysa (class choice also) - for always working hard, making new friends and adapting to new situations.
Australia	Anastasia – always working hard and being an excellent role model for other children.	Martin – for being kind and a great friend on the playground.	Alex – for really working hard in all lessons. Showing resilience when things get difficult, never
Argentina	Sienna- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything she does	George – for being a great friend with a good sense of humour. He is knowledgeable and always willing to help others with their work and on the playground. He shows resilience in all his lessons and is kind and happy.	Tommy- for being a dedicated worker who accepts feedback and strives for improvement.
Kenya	Lexi for always being ready to learn. She is a responsible learner who shows initiative.	Alice – class vote. For always working hard and for being kind to others.	Jake for his great work in science.
China	Stephanie – always going above and beyond, completing extra	Miller – for always being kind and working hard. He is also a	George – for his excellent descriptive writing.



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Well done to all of the Achievers for 31st November

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Noel – for having a positive attitude towards his learning and trying his very best.	Marnie - – for showing resilience, being a funny and great friend.	Anavya –for great reasoning across all subjects and extending her learning at home.
Ireland	Kara- for always having wonderful ideas and imagination when writing in English. She has original and fascinating ideas.	Tillie- for being a good friend and always being there to pick you up when you are down.	Eric- for working extremely hard in maths and progressing at an outstanding rate. He is independent in his work and resilient when he faces challenges.
Spain	Tyler –For being a resilient learner especially with his times tables	Alfie Joe – for being a kind member of the class.	Zeynap –For being a responsible learner and trying really hard to learn her 2 times tables
France	Amelia - Is always doing her very best, she shows resilience when things are tricky, she is respectful to each member of France class. I have chosen Amelia because of her sincerity and kindness to others. She is always supporting her friends and it is wonderful to see.	Adeline - for showing kindness and respect in the classroom and playground. For always listening to children when it is their time to speak in lessons.	Leila - has been working very hard at developing her independence in lessons. She has been working hard and listening to instructions.
Germany	Baani S – exemplary behaviour for learning. Gaining confidence to share her ideas with the class.	Hannah M – for always being happy for her friends and making us laugh.	Ava L – very accurate work in Science explaining using diagrams and written explanations.
Poland	Zakary - for following the 5Rs and he is always ready to learn.	Gwen - for being a kind and helpful friend to others.	Willow - for being a resilient learner and trying her best at all times.
India	Henry - Henry kind, caring, hardworking and always smiling.	Charlie - for trying to be reflective, think about his reactions and work on his friendships.	Lucy - for showing resilience both in her learning and outside of the classroom.
Australia	Aniya – excellent behaviour at all times and showing the 5Rs.	Jack – being a kind, caring and loyal friend. Always working hard and quietly. For being funny and cheering people up.	Teddy – being resilient with his learning and with subjects and concepts that he struggles with. Trying hard to focus in the classroom.
Argentina	Callen- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything he does	Miss Granville- For being a good teacher, kind, and always willing to help.	Jordhen- For being a great learner who always listens carefully to instructions and has a positive attitude towards his learning.
Kenya	Prince G – for being an excellent role model who always follows the 5Rs.	Edward M- for playing fairly in team games, ensuring that he passed the ball to all members of his team. Also when playing board games at wet lunchtime.	Thomas R- for working hard at Design Technology exploring different circuit types and the positioning of switches to control different combinations of components. He took time to help and support absentees to catch up.
China	Megan – always challenging yourself.	Bella – responsible, helping others and kind.	Zofia – for her excellent work in geography.

# German phrase of the fortnight:

When is your birthday?

My birthday is...

Wann hast du Geburtstag? (Van hast do Geb-ort-starg)

Mein Geburtstag ist.. (Mine geb-ort-starg ist..)

E,g. Mein Geburstag ist der 1. Juli

English	German	How to pronounce the months in German
January	<b>Januar</b>	<i>yah-noo-ahr</i>
February	<b>Februar</b>	<i>fay-broo-ahr</i>
March	<b>März</b>	<i>mehrts</i>
April	<b>April</b>	<i>ah-pril</i>
May	<b>Mai</b>	<i>my</i>
June	<b>Juni</b>	<i>yoo-nee</i>
July	<b>Juli</b>	<i>yoo-lee</i>
August	<b>August</b>	<i>ow-goost</i>
September	<b>September</b>	<i>zehp-tehm-ber</i>
October	<b>Oktober</b>	<i>ok-toh-ber</i>
November	<b>November</b>	<i>no-vehm-ber</i>
December	<b>Dezember</b>	<i>deh-tsem-ber</i>





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/>