

Newsletter 2023: Autumn 2 Week 8 Wednesday 20th 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



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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

Christmas Raffle Winners

1st £200 River Island Voucher
Lakeishia
Ticket # 01869

2nd £100 One4all Voucher
Laura Brownlow
Ticket # 01636

3rd £75 River Island Voucher
Nathalie
Ticket # 00014

4th Luxury Beauty Hamper
Sandra Fender
Ticket # 01924

5th £50 Restaurant Voucher
Hannah Burt
Ticket # 00588

6th Free week at Barracudas
Claire Fulco-Wood
Ticket # 01065

7th Make up and skin care Hamper
Lucy
Ticket # 01203

8th Tesco food Hamper
Terri
Ticket # 00848

9th Drinks Hamper
Stephanie
Ticket # 00422

10th £15 Entertainer Voucher
Chelsey Ticket
01140

11th Morrisons Biscuit Hamper
Sandy Cotter
Ticket # 01938

12th Breakfast for two at Twins Café
C.Rowswell
Ticket # 00607

13th Chocolate Hamper
Sandra Fender
Ticket # 00459

Winner of Game 'Winner takes all'
Ronni-Rose

**Congratulations to all of our winners and
thank you to everyone who bought tickets.
Can the winners please take their raffle
tickets to the main school office to collect
their prizes. Thank you
Hillsgrove PTA**



PTA CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2023

Happy holidays



Season's Greetings

A warm 'Hello and Merry Christmas' to our family and friends of Hillsgrove Primary School. Can you believe it's the end of 2023 already?! "Time flies when you're having fun" so they say! In April '23 the current committee was elected and what an 8 months it's been. In this short time we have been on a mission to try and plough as much time and effort into making the most of our resources to work alongside Ms Laurie and team to help improve our school.



Completed this year

Our main focus was to renovate a classroom into the new multi-use DT Room. Which was a huge and expensive task, but a very successful project. We would like to thank C&N Builders for their expertise and timely hard work. Next saw us knee deep in admin to apply to be a registered school charity, this will now help us in requesting community donations or discounts for any future projects. This was alongside this year's events such as the Kings Coronation, Discos, Summer fair, Bounce Party and Wonka Sale to name a few!

NEXT YEAR 2024

The wheels never stop turning for the team, as we are always looking for new exciting ideas for events. Plans for 2024 are already underway. These include fun events in the summer months to help replenish the fund raising pot. This enables us to do more improvements to make Hillsgrove Primary School even more appealing to our local community. Some ideas are to have a gardening club, bringing more colour and life to the school, recycling projects and new books for the library. Any ideas or suggestions would be welcomed from our Hillsgrove community, from both children and adults.



Final Message for 2023!

If your family has enjoyed the activities and achievements that the PTA Team have put into place this year, the biggest appreciation would be to have more volunteers in both the planning and running of these special events. We have another large project to be announced early 2024 which we are excited to get started. Finally, a huge "Thank You" to everyone that supports, attends and compliments the events. The reason the PTA work so hard is for the children of Hillsgrove School ❤️ From our families to yours - May you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year x



Hillsgrove PTA Christmas Events

Our amazing Christmas Events this year included:

Elfridges, Story time with Santa, Jingle Bell Discos and Christmas Fair

**Amount Raised:
£4873!**

The PTA are absolutely over the moon with the amount that was raised. Also remembering its about creating great memories for our children. We thank you all for your continued support which enables us to provide these fantastic opportunities as well as raising vital funds for our school. We wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Hillsgrove PTA.



WANTED



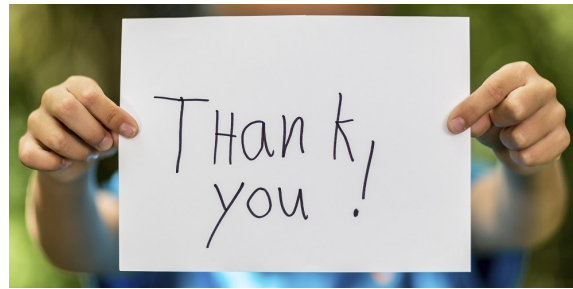
Thank you to everyone that has donated toys; we have now ordered the storage boxes and hope to have enough toys available for all children to play with after Christmas. There is no deadline for toys to be donated, they will always be accepted.

- **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**
- **No longer used pots and pans for the EYFS outdoor area**

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

Thank you for your generosity!





On behalf of the Hillsgrove school community, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who have generously donated toys for our school playground. We have held an assembly in school about the use of toys at playtimes and the children were very excited about the chance to make playtimes more creative.



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Well done to all of the Achievers for 7th December

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Delilah – For being a caring, funny, resourceful and kind friend. She always tries her best.	Nellie for making excellent progress in all subject areas and for always being a kind friend.	Shayden - For developing resilience and confidence, listening closely to teaching points and including these in his work.
Ireland	Willow - For being an amazing supportive attribute to the classroom. She is always willing to help her teacher and her peers. She is resilient and perseveres in the face of challenge.	Erin D - For being a gentle kind soul in the classroom that always looks out for others.	Tommy - For working hard with his reading and phonics and excelling. He has used his phonics knowledge to help him read words and can talk about what he has read with an adult.
Spain	Anaya – for always taking back feedback positively and acting on it.	Amelia – For being kind to others and including children at playtime.	Jibril – for explaining his answers to his peers.
France	Besart -always trying his best. Completes tasks without a fuss. Always a positive role model for other children.	Courtney - for being a loving and kind friend gto all of his class mates. Courtney is a funny little boy who makes us all smile.	Leo - Leo has been working very hard to learn his lines for the play. He always puts on a show during rehearsals.Leo gives 100% well done.
Germany	2 x teacher choice this week	Cianna M - she is responsible, kind to others and makes us laugh.	Zacharia & Aidan U - for having the confidence to perform in front of the class in our music lesson.
Poland	Casey - always shows exemplary behaviors for learning and always tries her best.	Lyra - for being kind, helpful and respectful.	Tallulah - for having a positive attitude to learning and showing resilience.
India	Noah - for always trying his hardest, especially in maths where his confidence has soared!	Leyla - for always being kind, caring and working quickly.	Eliza - however Eliza is receiving her certificate next week as her parents are unable to attend this week.
Australia	Layton working hard and doing the right thing in the classroom and trying his best to make the right choices in the playground.	Kajus for being a hardworking, responsible, resilient and funny friend. Also for being a great football player	Yoanna for trying really hard with her work and in the playground.
Argentina	Sebastian-For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything he does	Rudra- For bringing happiness to our class.	Nevaeh- Showing resilience in working hard to understand how to find equivalent fractions. Well done!
Kenya	Crystal A-B for always being ready to learn. She is becoming more reflective and takes time to check and edit her work to ensure that it is her very best.	David T for always being ready to learn; he was especially helpful to his partner when creating a presentation in RE. Also, he is very kind and caring on the playground.	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. (Carried over from week 5) Janelle A for her work in writing. She is beginning to use her own voice. Her diary entry was particularly well written in role.
China	George – for always taking an active part in every lesson.	Alex – for being a responsible learner and for being a funny classmate who always cheers up people.	Dami – for always listening to the teaching points and applying them to your learning, particularly in English.

Writing competition

Year 4



A group of children in India have been chosen to have their War Poetry published. They based their poems on 'Sympathy' by Paul Dunbar. Their poems were full of emotion and heart. Miss Walters was very impressed with how they tackled a sensitive subject and translated it into writing. We can't wait to see the published book!

Year 6

Lest we forget

In the competition we had to write a poem about what happened to soldiers in the war. When we wrote the poem we had to add how the soldiers felt during the war. We had a diary about a soldier who fought in the war to help us write our poems. We had to do a lot of planning to make sure they were the best we can do.

The poems that we made inspired us to make more creative writing. We found it a bit difficult however that didn't stop us from making the poem. The new found love for writing we found while writing the poem really pushed us closer. We feel very proud knowing that our poems will be published and put into the British Library.

By Emily and Amira





Blue Peter Badges



Well done to Charlie, Florence and Elsie, who have earned Blue Peter Badges. Elsie created a collage of an elephant and Florence made a collage of a giraffe to earn their Blue Peter Badges. The girls used different coloured paper pieces and glued it onto the picture. Charlie wrote a piece about endangered vultures and what can be done to help to save them. .

If you would also like to apply for a Blue Peter Badge, please follow the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

German phrase of the fortnight:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frohe Weihnachten und ein glückliches neues Jahr.

(Fr-oh-a vine-ak-ten und ine gluck-lick-es noy-er y-ar)

You can sing along with 'Oh Christmas tree'
in German using this link:

<https://youtu.be/lS4wTuvR7Ik>





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/>



The autumn term has been a whirlwind, and we couldn't have done it without your fantastic support! Your encouragement, patience, and understanding have been invaluable, especially during the Ofsted inspection .

On behalf of myself and all staff, I would like to thank you for your generosity; with your gifts, kind words and donations to the school.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all when I return to Hillsgrove.

Ms Laurie