

# Newsletter 2024: Spring 1 week 4 Friday 2nd February 2024



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](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)

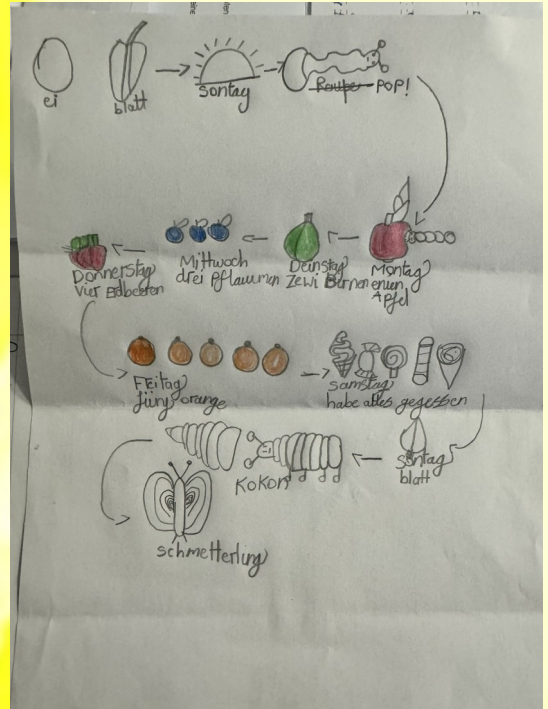
Miss Rice (Year 6 Raising Standards Lead)

[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 con-



Our outdoor learning is in full swing. Reception have the opportunity every week to go outside and embrace their learning. They have been making homes for creatures, exploring the insects and retelling stories.



Year Four are learning the Very Hungry Caterpillar in German! They have story mapped out the book and have begun rehearsing their German phrases and sentences.



Take a moment to look on our Instagram and Twitter to see some fantastic learning such as this writing by Year Six—China!





Our fabulous singers attended Young Voices 2024 at the O2, where they sung their hearts out! We are very proud of them and all the effort which they put into practising and performing.



### **Can you help us?**

Reception have started an outdoor learning session which we will be doing every week. But not all of the children have appropriate outdoor clothing.

I was hoping we could ask if any parents have any old outdoor clothing that their children have grown out of that they would like to donate to us.

#### **Items such as:**

Wellies (sizes around 6 - 11)

Gloves

Hats

Waterproof jackets

Waterproof trousers

All-in-one waterproof suits



IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN MY INTEREST FOR PEOPLE TO  
READ, FOR THEM TO READ FICTION, FOR LIBRARIES  
AND LIBRARIANS TO EXIST AND HELP FOSTER  
A LOVE OF READING AND  
PLACES IN WHICH READING CAN OCCUR.  
SO I'M BIASED AS A WRITER.  
BUT I AM MUCH, MUCH MORE BIASED AS  
A READER.  
EVERYTHING CHANGES WHEN  
WE READ.



### **Volunteers needed!**

We are looking for some volunteers to help read with children and maintaining our libraries.

Should you have any time available in the week to do either, please let either Miss Walters or Mrs Fernandes know.



**Class assemblies**

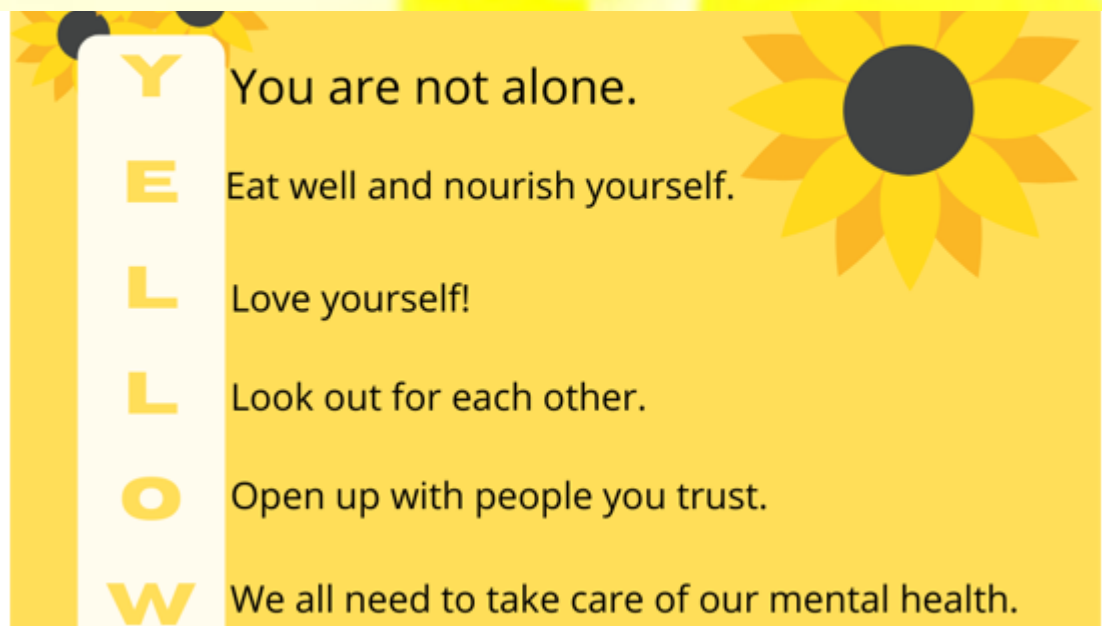
Monday 5th February, 2:45—  
Ireland

Tuesday 6th February, 2:45—  
Kenya

**Last Day of Term**

Thursday 8th February 2024

Normal school hours.



The children are invited to wear yellow to school on Thursday 8th February as we discuss mental health amongst children.

On the same day, the PTA are asking for chocolate donations for their chocolate tombola.





# SAVE the DATE

## Safer Internet Day

2024 | Tuesday  
6 February

[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



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**Safer Internet Day takes place in February of each year to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.**

As part of this annual celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet". Save the date for **Safer Internet Day 2024** which will take place on **Tuesday, 6 February 2024**.

German phrase of the fortnight:

***Ich habe eine Frage.***

I have a question.

### **Uniform reminder**

Children's hair should be neat and tidy.

Long hair should be tied back with hairbands that are blue, black, grey or white. Hairbands, ribbons/bows or 'scrunchies' should be plain and should not have large flowers and adornments attached. Any beads in hair should also be in the school colours.

Extreme hairstyles such as shaved designs, Mohican or 'rats tails' hairstyles are not appropriate for school. Fashion accessories such as coloured extensions and large colourful hair bows are also not appropriate for school.

All long hair must be tied back.

Jewellery is not acceptable in school except for small stud earrings (which must be removed for PE by your child). If your child is planning to have their ear(s) pierced, please could this be done at the beginning of the Summer holiday.



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/>