

Newsletter 2024: Spring 2 week 1 Friday 23rd 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



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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 con-

PTA request



Donations Needed!



Hillsgrove PTA are asking for any pre-loved books and World Book Day costumes you are able donate to our recycle/resell upcoming preloved book sale!

To celebrate World Book Day the PTA will be holding a pre-loved book and costume sale at the end of February (More details to follow).



**If you have any books or costumes to donate can you please take them to the school office reception recycling PTA bins. This is a great way to recycle items and for children to enjoy! Thank you for your continued support.
Hillsgrove PTA**



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Hillsgrove PTA Call for Books!



Our pre loved book sale will be held on the 29th February after school, therefore we will be able to cater for adults too!

We would be very grateful for any books in good condition you are able donate.

All genres of books will be gratefully recieved.

Annuals

Novels

Fiction books

Non-fiction books

Cookery books

History

Thrillers

Biographies

Please bring any books to the school office recycling PTA bins by Friday 23rd February.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

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Hillsgrove Pre loved Book and Costume Sale



Thursday 29th February, from 2:30pm

**All are welcome to the School Hall from 2:30pm, this will give
you a chance to have a browse and purchase any
books and costumes.**

**Plus refreshments will be on sale, including tea/coffee and
doughnuts and sweets.**

**All children are welcome after school to purchase
books and costumes.**

**Thanks to your donations we have a great selection of children
and adult books to choose from at very reasonable prices.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Hillsgrove PTA





Thank you to the PTA for their donation of wet play games. We always try to get the children outside where possible but the children will be very pleased when they are stuck inside that they have a variety of fun games to play with their friends.

Parliament Outreach Assembly



KS2 had a special assembly about the role Parliament plays in our society, who our MP is and what their job involves.

British Values

Parliament Assembly

On the 20th of February 2024, a visitor called Nikki came to our assembly to teach us about Parliament. Although much of the information was new to us, she made the session interactive and there were challenges along the way to check our knowledge. We learnt about the two Houses: the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The House of Commons is green whereas the House of Lords is red. There are 650 elected members of the House of Commons. They are called MPs (Members of Parliament). Our MP is David Evennett.

In the House of Lords, there are 785 sitting members currently. The people of the House of Lords are called Lords or Baronesses. The members of the House of Lords are appointed for their skills; they need to have expertise in one particular area. In the House of Lords, there is a balcony where the public can come and view their discussions when making new laws.

We also found out that education, housing and health are the three key areas that Parliament discuss.

We all learned something new and enjoyed it so much.

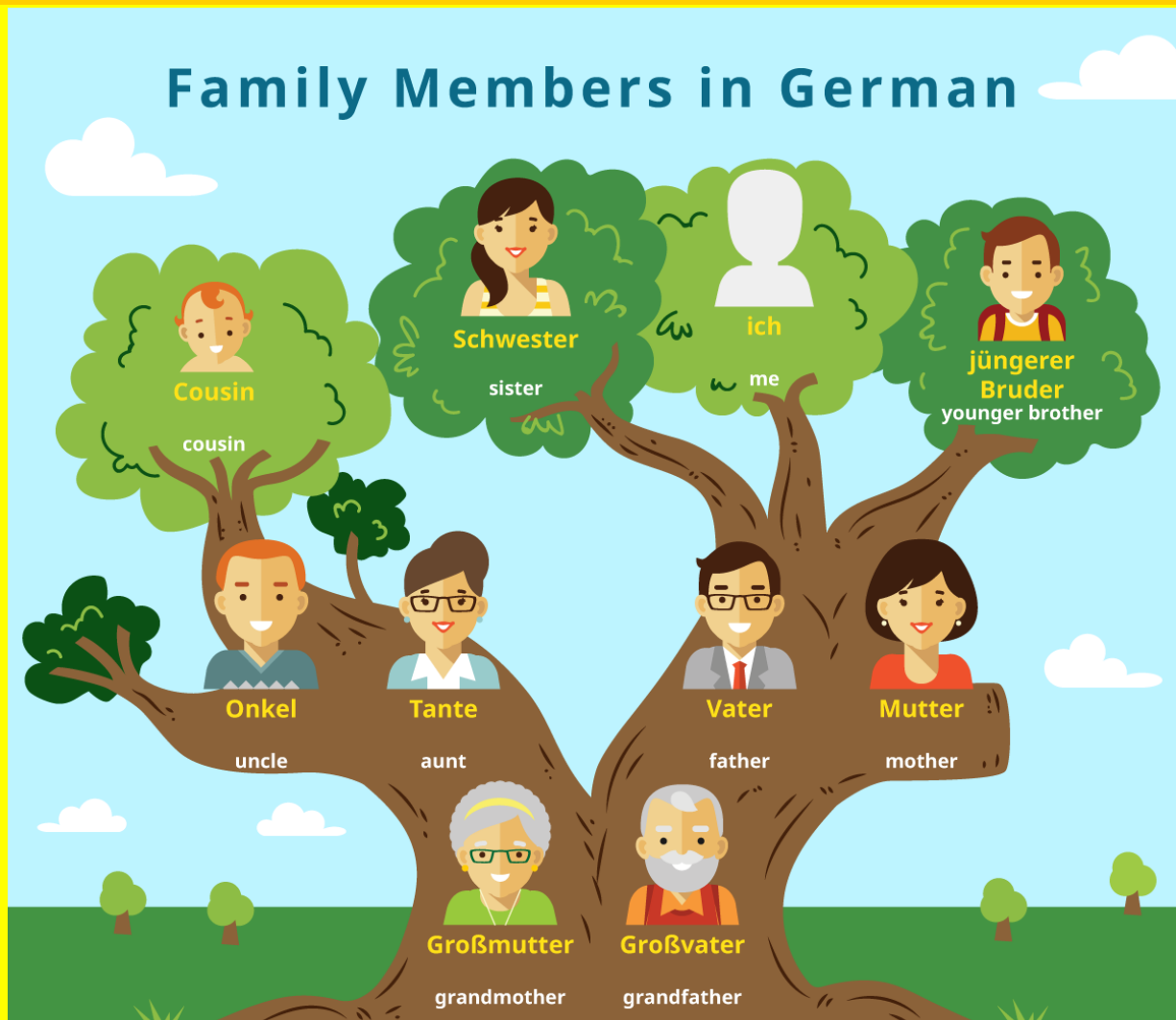
Jake and Mah (Kenya)

German phrase of the fortnight:

Meine familie

(Miner Fuh-mil-e-uh)

My family



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Well done to the Achiever's of the Week for 8th February

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Samy - for always displaying the 5rs and having a positive attitude to learning. He always tries hi for having a positive attitude to learning and always trying his best.	Ayaan - For adapting swiftly and embracing the challenges of a new school. For always following the the 5R's.	
Ireland	Jordhen- Always working hard and caring for others when they have hurt themselves by asking if they are okay.	Fletcher- Being our class space expert and helping us answer questions for our fact files on space.	Darsheel- taking time with his work to make sure it is the best it can be.
Spain	Prinsha – For always following the the 5R's and setting a good example to her peers.	Kaya – for always working hard and trying her best.	Rean – for taking responsibility over his learning especially in English
France	Tiwa - Is always a pleasure to have in the classroom. She is a great helping hand to new students and is always happy. Tiwa works incredibly hard everyday.	Elsie - For being kind and funny. Elsie is such a helpful and happy child.	Leila - has been working independently. Leila has written a beautiful letter all by herself. She was focused throughout the lesson.
Germany	Cianna M – for always showing brilliant resilience and responsibility.	Emma P – she is responsible and helpful.	Aiden T – for making such a positive start to Hillgrove, already reaching 20 dojos!
Poland	Zane - for always presenting exemplary behaviours for learning.	Casey - for being a kind and caring friend and always working hard.	Zakary - for his reasoning when sharing his brilliant ideas with the class.
India	Leyla (also class choice) - for being kind, caring and for always being a fantastic role model for others.	Noah - for being a kind and considerate friend who always cheers everyone up.	Marnie - for working incredibly hard on her times tables.
Australia	Mason For showing great resilience in the classroom and reasoning in his maths.	Annabelle For working hard, being kind, being funny, helpful and a great person.	Lennie Always working hard and showing resilience in his learning. Lennie always likes to try to work independently.
Argentina	Frankie for using his imagination to write an exciting and persuasive letter that echoed the character's thoughts.	Rudra- for bringing joy both inside and outside the classroom by embodying the 5Rs, for being a great classmate, friend, and demonstrating a good sense of humour, kindness, and hard work.	Kay for using her imagination to write an exciting and persuasive letter that echoed the character's thoughts.
Kenya	Victor – for always contributing his ideas and for making links with prior learning.	Crystal - For being kind & helpful and always working hard.	David - for his consistently high standard of work in mathematics. He has worked particularly hard to explain his reasoning more clearly.
China	Muhammad – for always setting a good example.	Dami – for being kind, cheerful and hard-working.	Miller – for excellent work in P.E.

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Well done to the Achiever's of the Week for 21st February

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Erin – for improving her confidence and resilience in all subjects especially in writing and reading.	Aleem - for always smiling, working well with his peers and having a positive attitude towards his learning.	Alex – For always following the 5Rs and for writing an impressive space fact file.
Ireland	Ajishan- For working extremely hard in his reading and writing and making significant improvement. Keep up the hard work!	Jasmir - For being a calm person in the class that is friends to everyone.	Sienna- For using her reasoning in maths to help her solve complicated word problems.
Spain	Brooke – For being a resilient learner and taking on feedback positively.	Florence – for being a good partner in Maths and explaining how to reason.	Mercy – for always being a kind and considerate member of the class.
France	Pyper - Always Trying her best and always reflecting on her own learning. Pyper shows resilience and never gives up.	Alyssa - Positive behavior, hard working, Great friend to other children.	Sencer - Last term Sencer offered support to his peers during maths. Sencer did not give the answer and explained his method of working very well. Well done.
Germany	Baani S - for always showing enthusiasm for her learning, gaining confidence and contributing to our class discussions especially in Maths.	Emma P – she is responsible and helpful.	Lilly G - for making a good effort to improve her confidence and behaviour for learning.
Poland	Gwen - for following the 5Rs and being a good role model.	Casey - for being a kind and caring friend and always working hard.	Mariia - for growing in confidence and speaking up more.
India	Mickey - for always being polite, asking how everyone is and wishing everyone a good day.	Dylan - for working hard, being a kind friend and staying at school longer each day.	Divyani - English is not her first language so she has been working really hard on her reading and writing. She also increased her arithmetic score from 9 to 24!
Australia	Yoanna Really turned around her attitude to learning and is consistently showing the 5Rs in the classroom.	Vivaan For being a kind and helpful friend and also extremely hard working,	Oliver For joining in with class discussions and making interesting points. For working hard on his maths work.
Argentina	Hridaya- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything, he does.	Tommy- for being a great friend with a good sense of humour, he is always willing to help others. Tommy shows resilience in all his lessons; he is a kind and happy person.	Anita- Confidence has been improving in all of her subjects, and she is now actively participating in class discussions.
Kenya	Thomas R For taking responsibility for his learning.	Rolled over to next week.	Jake G for his improvements in mathematics - particularly Arithmetic.
China	Eri For always demonstrating the 5Rs and contributing well to very lesson.	Jarrar For making a fantastic start to your time at Hillsgrove.	Bella For always working hard and being very helpful



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**.

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