

Newsletter 2024: Spring 2 week 3 Friday 8th March 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

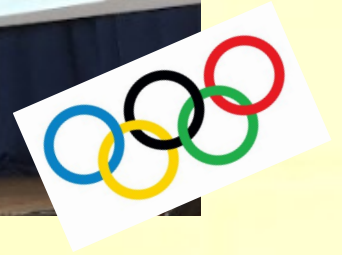
Mrs Fernandes (Assistant Principal) spain@hillsgrove.bexley.sch.uk

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-

Athlete visit; Olympian Saffron Severn



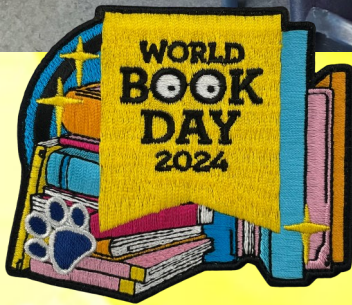
When the athlete, Saffron Severn, came to visit we had to do lots of different activities, like spotty dogs, leg drives, push ups and star jumps. She showed us some of her gymnastic moves and taught us to never give up. Her saying was, 'I am resilient, brave and strong.'

Aniya

For the activities, we did: spotty dogs, push ups and star jumps. Saffron is a rhythmic gymnast and part of the GB Team, I was really impressed by how flexible she was. She said that every time she put down, she told herself that she is resilient, brave and strong.

Vivaan

World Book Day



Well, what a fantastic World Book Day! One that we will never forget, I'm sure.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part and really helped raise the profile of reading across the school. The children looked fantastic, and there was a real buzz around school. It was so fantastic to see your brilliant costumes; well done to all of the children (and parents) who made their own costumes.

The teachers also had great fun in joining in. EYFS and KS1 teachers dressed up as characters from Alice in Wonderland. KS2 teachers dressed up as Harry Potter characters.

The children took part in a range of activities from designing Ms Laurie a World Book Day t-shirt, hearing a story from another teacher in the school and joining in with sessions with other schools in our Trust.

Well done everyone! We hope you had a really great day enjoying your favourite books.

I'm a dinosaur because my favourite book is 'What did dinosaurs eat for dinner?'

Gracie

Mother's and Others Day Sale



A big shout-out of thanks to our fantastic PTA for all their hard work setting up the Mother's Day Sale! Their dedication and creativity made it possible for our children to choose special gifts for their special person. It's these thoughtful gestures that truly make Hillsgrove a special place.

Did you know that the PTA relies on volunteers like you? If you're interested in lending a hand for future events, big or small, please don't hesitate to reach out to the PTA at ptahillsgrove@outlook.com Every bit of help makes a difference!

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German phrase of the fortnight:

Entschuldigung
Ent-shool-di-goong

Excuse me

German inspired recipe: Sausages with braised cabbage & caraway

Ingredients

1 tsp vegetable oil

8 good-quality, large pork sausages, or Bratwurst

1 tbsp [butter](#)

2 [onions](#), halved then thinly sliced

2 tsp caraway seeds

½ [firm, round cabbage](#), cut through the core into 4 wedges

300ml good-quality chicken stock

3 tbsp [crème fraîche](#)

mashed potato, to serve

[medium-hot mustard](#), to serve



Step 1: Heat the oil in a large frying pan. Add the sausages and fry them over a medium-high heat for 10 mins, turning as they take on colour. Remove from the pan, then wipe out the pan with kitchen paper.

Step 2: Melt the butter in the pan and tip in the onions. Season, cover and cook for 10 mins, stirring a few times during cooking, until the onions are softening and dark golden here and there.

Step 3: Sprinkle the caraway seeds into the onions, fry for 2 mins more, then nestle the cabbage wedges into the pan. Pour in the stock, pop on the lid and simmer for 5 mins. Add the sausages to the pan and cook for 10 mins more until the cabbage is tender but still holding some of its green colour, and the sausages are cooked through. Spoon in the crème fraîche and shake the pan a few times to help it mix into the rich onion sauce below. Serve in wide bowls with mashed potatoes and mustard.



We are thrilled to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal for their recent generous donation of office supplies, electronics, and stationery. This thoughtful gift of printers, ink cartridges, notebooks, office furniture etc. will be invaluable in our classrooms and offices, directly contributing to a more stimulating learning environment for our students. Thank you to Deborah Baljit, a member of our school community for organising this; it is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Ms Laurie on behalf of the Hillsgrove family



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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Well done to our Achievers for 29.02.24. There was no Achievement Assembly on Thursday 7th March due to World Book Day celebrations.

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Scotland	Riley - for improving his confidence and resilience in all subjects especially in writing and phonics.	Anavya - for always demonstrating resilience and being reflective in her learning. For being a kind and helpful mem-	Ryan - for being a resilient member of the class and having a go at challenging tasks.
Ireland	Lulabelle - for always using her reasoning when solving problems. She has excellent comprehension when reading and that	Tommy - for being a great mate to all the class! He is great at football.	Georgia - Outstanding comprehension when reading, using her reasoning skills to understand what is being read.
Spain	Lily – for always following the 5Rs and setting a good example	Finley – for being a kind member of the class	Tyler for being a resilient learner and responding back to feed-
France	Zoya - For always displaying the 5 R's, zoya always has a smile on her face and always tries her very best.	Kayden - for being brave and trying new and tricky things. Kayden is a valued member of the class. We are all very happy to have you back.	William and Olivia - For a wonderful maths demonstration.
Germany	Freddie B – showing great behaviour for learning and giving some fantastic responses in	Virat K – for settling so well into our school, quickly making friends and learning the rules	Lilly G - for making a good effort to improve her confidence and behaviour for learning.
Poland	Gwen - for always showing the 5Rs and being a good role model to others.	Zainab - for being positive and friendly and making a brilliant start to Hillsgrove.	Jimmy-Joe - for becoming a resilient learner and having a positive attitude to learning.
India	Henry - for always putting his hand up, trying hard and answering questions even if he isn't sure.	Charlie B - for being a kind friend and always working hard.	Elsie - for working hard and making improvements across all areas of the curriculum.
Australia	Alex Working hard in all lessons and showing the 5Rs at all times.	Yoanna For being a great friend, having a great sense of humour, amazing PE skills and smiling.	Aaradhya For being extremely responsible and working hard in all subjects in the class.
Argentina	Teddy- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything, he does.	Annabelle- for being a great friend with a good sense of humour, she is always willing to help others. She shows resilience in all her lessons; she is kind, happy person.	Sarang- Confidence has been improving in all of her subjects, and working hard on her targets.
Kenya	Class vote 2 Edward for always being kind and helpful.	Class vote 1 Mah for always working hard and being kind and helpful in class and on the playground	Lukas For his accurate work in DT. He makes detailed plans and is able to make adjustments to
China	Theeya For always trying your best and contributing to lessons.	Bella For being kind and friendly. You are always willing to help people out.	Aarab For working very hard to catch up on work you have missed.