

Newsletter 2024: Summer 1 Week 1 Friday 19th April



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

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-

Congratulations!



Big congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Smith (formerly Miss Collins)! They recently tied the knot and are starting their happily ever after together. We wish them all the best in their new adventure as a married couple. We hope they have lots of fun and laughter along the way!

Police visit



Year 5 and 6 were excited to see a friendly police officer enter their school today. The officer wasn't there for trouble, but to chat about something important: staying safe online. They discussed cyberbullying, how to be kind online, and what to do if they ever come across something scary on the internet.

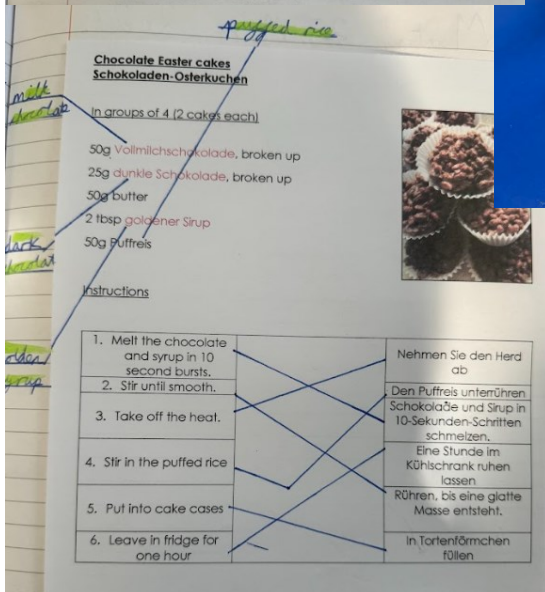
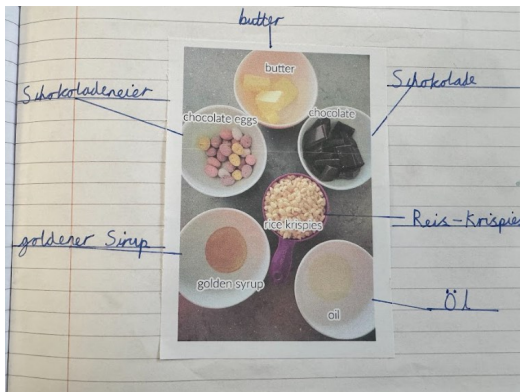
You should only talk to people online that you know in real life and never give them your details.

Layton

You should behave the same way online as you would in person. If you wouldn't say it to their face, don't say it behind a screen.

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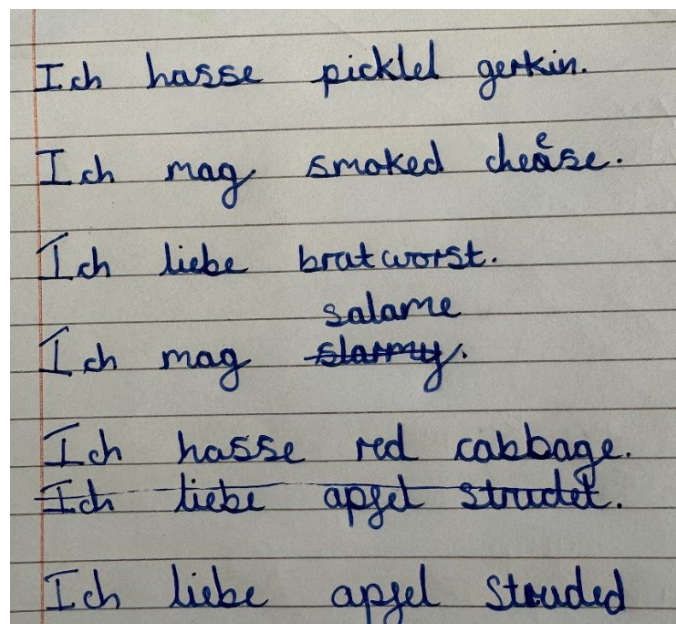
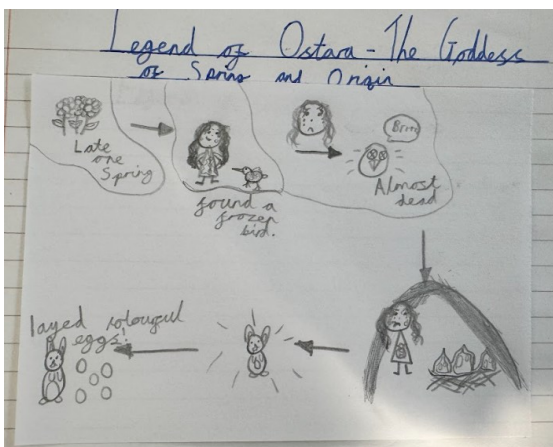
German Day



Years 3, 4 and 5 took part in German Day, where they followed instructions written in German to make their own Easter Nest cakes. They had to recognise the food and the verbs in order to be able to make their cakes successfully.

Did you know that the origin of the Easter Bunny began in German with The Legend of Ostara—The Goddess of Spring. Ostara came across a bird which was injured and almost dead. To save the bird she transformed it into a rabbit which laid colourful eggs in return!

All children also tried traditional German foods. Can you tell what foods they liked and disliked?



German phrase of the fortnight:

My favourite colour is...

Meine Lieblingsfarbe ist...

(Pronunciation: Miner leeb-lings-farber ist...)

Coloring in German



weiß
(vighss)



rot
(roht)



grün
(gruun)



gelb
(gelp)



orange
(oh-RAHNGSH)



blau
(blou)



lila
(Lee-lah)



schwarz
(shvahrts)



braun
(brown)

Fox Cub Rescue

Well done to India Class, Miss Walters and Mrs Galley, who rescued this fox cub from the Key Stage 2 Playground this week. The cub was collected by Greenwich Wildlife Network , who named her Merida, was diagnosed with severe jaundice. The vets bill was fundraised and Merida is now receiving the treatment that she needs before she will be released back into the wild.

<https://www.greenwichwildlifenetwork.org/>





HILLSGROVE PTA AGM

Wednesday 24th April 9am

Everyone Welcome!

Tea/Coffee available

Come along and meet our team. We will be discussing past and future projects, what we do as a PTA to fund resources and create lasting memories for our children.

Think someone else will go? they're probably thinking the same so come and support the PTA, your vote counts.

Positions are available on our committee if you want to get more involved.

**Give as little or as much time as you can,
it's totally flexible!**

Please email us at: ptahillsgrove@outlook.com if you would be interested in joining our team.

As always we are very grateful for your support.







Coming Soon

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Fabulous Family Entertainment
FOR ALL AGES!

Amazing Aerial skills, Hula Hooping,
Comedy, Juggling and much much more!...

"FANTASTIC,
ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC"
"WE HAD SUCH A GREAT
TIME"

IT'S SHOWTIME!
SATURDAY 11TH MAY
11AM, 1PM & 3PM
PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS VIA :
www.pta-events.com/hillsgroveprimarypta



Hillsgrove PTA



Volunteers NEEDED

As you know we have an amazing circus joining us
on

Saturday 11th May!

We really need the help of
our school community to make this event great for
the children

We have rides, stalls and inflatables all that need
volunteers.

If you can spare us an hour, half the day, or all day

Please get in touch

Set up is starting on Friday straight from school

Saturday from 7.30am.

Contact us on: ptahillsgrove@outlook.com



thank you



Hills Grove Bouncy Bunnies Grand Total of Sponsorship Donations:

£638.18

*Thank you all very much to
all of you who kindly donated
sponsor money. It was great
to see the children having so
much fun bouncing and
cheering each other on!*



*The Class Winner is:
Ireland
followed by
Poland and India.*



Disclaimer: Please note that some of the money raised will be used for future events as well as school projects.



Hillsgrove PTA Donate a Pot Plant



As our Summer term is here it's time to brighten up our school outdoor areas with some plants. We would like to offer all children the opportunity to bring in a flowering plant which they can plant in their own outdoor playgrounds.

Please label the pot plant with your child's name and class so we can ensure they can plant their own donation.

Please make sure the plants do not have thorns or produce berries.

Pot plants can be brought into school from the 29th April-3rd May.

Thank you very much for your support. We look forward to planting your beautiful flowers with the children and seeing them brighten up our school.



Well done to our Achiever's this week...

	Always Thursday	Class choice	Teacher choice
Ireland	Darsheel - for always having neat handwriting and taking responsibility for his presentation of work. He always ensures it is neat.	Elijah - For being a good friend and caring for others. He always helps others with their work.	Anaiya -For settling in well. She has made some friends, is starting to settle in and does good work.
Spain	Sophia – for always taking on feedback positively and trying her best.	Mercy – for always being kind and considerate to her peers and the adults around her.	Albie – For being a responsible learner and making a real effort to learn his times tables.
France	Tiwa - Always tries her best, she comes to school everyday with A smile on her face. Tiwa always plays nicely and looks after her friends.	Emmanuel - Is a kind member of France class who is always happy to play with everyone. He is kind and caring.	George - George has been working very hard on his handwriting.
Germany	Montana S - for setting a fantastic example and being a wonderful friend.	Arthur S - for settling so well into our class.	Amara R - for working hard and showing resilience with her reading.
Poland	Freya - for being a responsible and resilient learner.	Lily - for being helpful and looking out for others.	Joell - for working hard and having a positive attitude towards his learning.
India	Joey - Joey is always working very hard. He listens and always tries to apply what he has heard to his work.	Dylan - the class have chosen Dylan as our class choice as he is always working hard.	Hannah - today is Hannah's last day with us and we wanted to recognise how hard she has worked and how kind she is.
Australia	Thisath Always ready to learn and make valuable contributions to class discussions.	Annabelle Setting a good example after coming back after the holiday.	Layton working hard in maths and trying hard in the group.
Argentina	Callen- For setting a good example by demonstrating the 5Rs in everything, he does.	Janyah- for being smart, a great friend with a good sense of humour, she is always willing to help others especially in Maths. Janyah shows resilience in all her lessons; she is kind, happy person.	Nathan L: His writing has shown increased confidence, effectively utilizing expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases.
Kenya	Radhika – for taking responsibility for her learning and being and excellent role model	Prince – for being kind and helpful. If someone is upset he always tries to help them.	Thomas for being resilient and making effective use of resources in Mathematics to divide decimals by whole numbers.
China	Sire – for always working hard and contributing to lessons.	Aashiyana – for always trying her best. She is a kind person, who always makes me smile.	Emily – for working hard in every lesson, but particularly your work in maths.



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/>