



Hillside Primary School & Nursery

'Achieving Greatness Together'

Friday 13th October, 2023



*Dear Parents and Carers,
I hope you are well.*

At Hillside Primary School and Nursery, we uphold and promote an understanding of fundamental British Values. We ensure that all our children are taught about democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs([click here](#) for more information) . This week, we had a visit from Tom Hunt, MP for Ipswich who represents over 100,00 people. The School Council shared their ideas



on how Hillside Primary can spread kindness throughout Ipswich. Tom shared information about his role and responsibilities as MP and his

experiences of meeting the Prime Minister and members of the Royal family. Tom said, 'It was lovely to visit today. I was really impressed'. We even learnt that Tom is a big football fan!



Recently, we welcomed 2 students from Ormiston. Thank you to Ms Donnelly and Mrs Tibbitts for supporting them as class mentors. We wish you all the best in your career!

Looking forward to seeing you all with your children during the 'Learning Conversations' next Tuesday and Thursday. We are strongly encouraging all children to also attend. Refreshments will be available!

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend! Mrs Wass





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Phonics learning in Reception



Thank you to all the parents who joined us in reception on Tuesday to see how we teach phonics. It is always great to have you in the classroom so you can see what we expect the children to learn and also show you ways that you can help at

home. If you would like any more ideas on how to help your child with their phonics learning, please come and speak to Miss Thompson or Miss Cantin.



SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO the **BOOK FAIR!**

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

Books shown: **TOM GATES FIVE STAR STORIES** (Liz Pichon), **ZOMBIE SEASON** (Justin Wright), **OH MAYA GODS!**, **SPEAK UP!** (You can make a difference)



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Hillside Heroes

If you would like to praise a member of staff, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/N5LMsWXPJvXht5CM6>

Language of the month

**This month, we are
learning
Sveiki atvykę**

Weekly Award Winners

**Well done to all our
winners this week!**

**Tau, Phillip, Aoife
Alparslan, Evni
Sefora-Anastasia, Adalyn,
Matei, Tae, Alesia, Taim,
Jandra, Billy, Narin, Yasmin,
Flourish, Samanta, Abigail,
Diellza, Winter, Cristina,
David-Andrei, Majus, Elsie,
Wanda, Mikolaj, Inioluwa,
Jordan, Youssef, Andrei,
Gershon, Nicholas, Bushra,
Nhyria, Brodey, Hajarat**

Diary Dates

***End of half term- Friday 20th
October***

***Start of second half of autumn
term - Monday 30th October,
please note this is a non pupil
day.***

***Tuesday 31st October—
Children return to school***

***Flu vaccinations: 31st
October***

***Individual photographs: 6th
November***



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Days off school add up to lost learning!

100% attendance	No weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success Well Done!	
95% attendance	1 week 4 days of missed learning		
90% attendance	3 weeks 4 days of missed learning		
85% attendance	5 weeks 3 days of missed learning	Poor attendance Worrying!	
80% attendance	7 week 3 days of missed learning		
75% attendance	9 weeks 1 day of missed learning	Very poor attendance Very Concerning!	



The Active Learning Trust
ACTIVE LEARNERS · ACTIVE LEADERS · ACTIVE CITIZENS

World Mental Health Day

On Tuesday, we promoted World Mental Health Day.

World Mental Health Day (10 Oct) is a day to talk about mental health and show everyone that mental health matters. It's also a day to let people know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what you're going through.

As the theme of World Mental Health Day highlights, 'mental health is a universal human right'.



Active Learning Trust updates

This week, staff from the ALT Trust have supported us with our approach to reading and assessment.

For more information about our Trust, please [click here](#)



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Attendance and punctuality

As you know, a good education gives your child the best possible start in life. Their time in the primary school prepares them for transfer to secondary school and gives them a secure



foundation to build on. If you need any support with attendance matters, please contact a member of staff.



Attendance at Hillside Primary School

Every day counts!

Osprey 97%
Seal 95.5%
Fox 95.5%
Wren 95.4%
Badger 95.4%
Ladybird 94.3%
Kestrel 94%
Puffin 93%
Butterfly 92.7%
Deer 92.2%
Dolphin 91.3%
Hedgehog 90.3%
Kingfisher 89.7%
Squirrel 87.1%
Robin 89.6%

Overall attendance is 92.8% Target is 96%

Well done to Osprey for achieving the best class attendance award week!