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**'Achieving greatness
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Friday 29th September, 2023



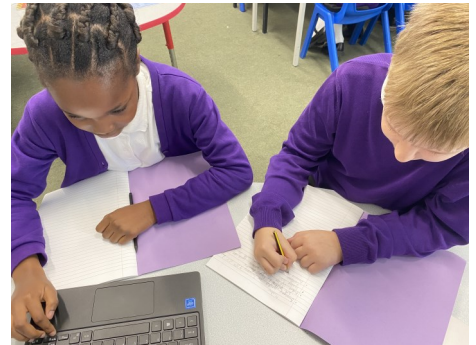
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

It has been a really positive week at Hillside. On Tuesday, we celebrated **'European Day of Languages'**. Mrs Doling led focused assemblies to launch this event. Mrs Doling said, 'I'm delighted with how successful Hillside's European Day of Languages has been.



The children right across the school, from Nursery right through to Year 6, were all engaged in their learning about the languages and cultures of many different European countries. Happily, they are all really enthused about learning languages in future.'



Throughout the day all classes completed a variety of activities linked to a European country. This was the perfect opportunity to both celebrate the wonderful diversity of European languages spoken in our school and beyond, and to launch our new Modern Foreign Language of French and the fantastic

resources which teachers and pupils will be using. Willow in Year 6 said, 'I loved European Day of Languages because I like to learn about other countries and how fascinating they are'. Please refer to a selection of photographs on page 2. Thank you to Mrs Doling, our Leader of Languages and Culture and all the staff for their support with this event!



Sticky questions have been launched at Hillside!

This week, every child has taken home a juicy philosophical puzzler stuck to their jumper. We are encouraging everyone to talk about it at home with their families and then bring their thoughts back to school the next day.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend!

Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wass



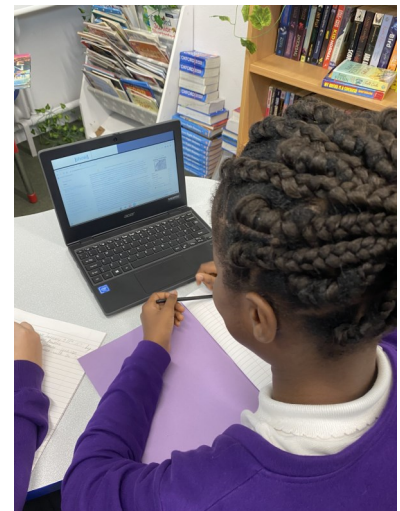
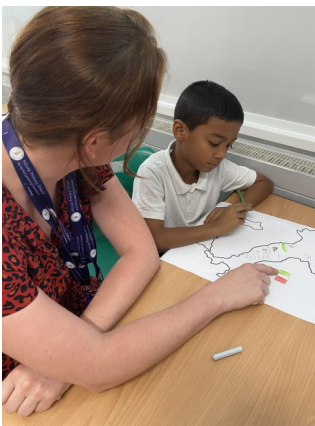
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Spotlight on languages at Hillside Primary School 'Fostering a love of languages'





We will ensure that attendance keeps improving - our target is 96%+



We will provide an enjoyable and interesting curriculum to ensure good learning outcomes for everyone.



Hillside Primary School will be calm and orderly so that you can focus all of your attention on learning.



What we are doing to improve Hillside Primary School this year

We will help your families support you with your learning.



We will enhance our personal development curriculum.



We will improve feedback and marking to help you understand how well you are doing and what you need to do to make progress.



We will listen to the views of pupils through our school councils.



Hillside Heroes

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



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Weekly Award winners

Well done to all our winners this week!

Andrei Dinu	George	Arabela
Evie	Riley	Casie-Mai
Maya	Amarlah-	Isaiah-Dion
Nikolai	Aya Arif	Patrick
Corey	Preston	Daron
Amelia	Tylian	Ariana
Andreea-	Stefanie	Ava
Layla	Oscar	Sahil
Rafael	Natalia	Demari
Imogen	Sami	Ioan-Angel
Ayshe	Kaisey	Maxim
Jessica	Katrina	Dawan
Janice	Frankie	Leo



PE days (children to arrive in full PE kit)

**Monday: Year 2
Tuesday: Year 4 , Year 1
Wednesday: Reception , Year 3
Thursday: Year 5
Friday: Year 6**

Diary Dates

We are pleased to invite you into school to find out how to best support your child with reading at the following dates:

Year 3, 4 , 5 and 6 parent meeting: Tuesday 3rd October

Year 1 and 2 parent meeting: Wednesday 4th October

Reception parent meeting: Thursday 5th October

All meetings at 3.30pm in the lower hall

Individual photographs: 6th November

Flu vaccinations: 31st October



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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!

Kingfisher - 94.5%

Osprey - 94.4%

Dolphin - 93.8%

Puffin - 93.4%

Fox - 92.7%

Deer - 92.6%

Seal - 92.6%

Ladybird - 92.4%

Butterfly - 92.4%

Badger - 91.7%

Squirrel - 91.3%

Hedgehog - 90.3%

Robin - 87.4%

Kestrel - 89.9%

Wren - 88.5%

Overall attendance is 91.9% Target is 96%

Well done to Kingfisher class for achieving the best class attendance this week!



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday 14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

- 1. BE POSITIVE**
Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.
- 2. OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.
- 3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS**
If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.
- 4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY**
We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.
- 5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it. It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.
- 6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY**
It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.
- 7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM**
We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.
- 8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS**
If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.
- 9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ**
Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.
- 10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT**
Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.
- 11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING**
Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.
- 12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS**
You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.
- 13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS**
If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.
- 14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS**
Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.

Meet our expert
This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.

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Time and Place...

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Hillside Parents Coffee
Morning

Wednesday 4th October

8.30am to 9.30am

All welcome!