



Hillside Primary School and Nursery
“Achieving Greatness Together”



Friday 26th January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Writing week at Hillside Primary!



Our writing curriculum focuses on ‘Enabling our children to communicate information, thoughts, feelings and ideas legibly and fluently’. This week, a variety of challenges have been set to promote writing: a story writing competition, with separate prizes for effort and beautiful writing, opportunities to explore a gym trail, storytelling in other year groups and even a pen disco!

The writing focus was a golden pocket watch that can take you wherever and whenever you liked! The children have had full creative control over their stories and have had an enjoyable and memorable week. Winners will be announced next week.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wass





The Gym Trail helps children improve their fine and gross motor skills and handwriting PLUS they have fun doing it!



Pen disco time! This helps children with correct pen/pencil grip and fine motor skills as well as allowing opportunities for mindfulness. Find your own pen disco on Youtube.



Road safety reminders

1) Find a safe place to cross

- Use a pedestrian crossing if there is one
- Choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions
- If an obstacle is blocking your view of the road, choose a better place to cross!

2) Stop just before you get to the kerb

- Do not stand on the kerb
- If there is no pavement, stand at the edge of the road.

3) Look all around for traffic and listen

- Traffic can come from any direction
- Sometimes you can hear traffic before you see it
- If you see or hear an emergency vehicle in the distance, let it pass.

4) If traffic is coming, let it pass

- Never run across the road when traffic is coming, even if you think there is time. It can be difficult to judge the speed of traffic
- Be aware that traffic may speed up.

5) When it is safe, go straight across the road- do not run

- Continue to look and listen as you cross
- Look out for cyclists and quieter vehicles, you may not hear them approaching
- Walk straight across the road.





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Diary Dates

Thursday 1st February - Reading workshop with parents and children 1.30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 8th February - Online workshop parent workshop with the children 9am to 11am

Friday 16th February - Last day of the half term

Monday 26th February - Return to school

Thursday 28th March - Last day of the term

Hillside School Dates 2023-2024

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■ School holiday closures
■ Bank Holidays

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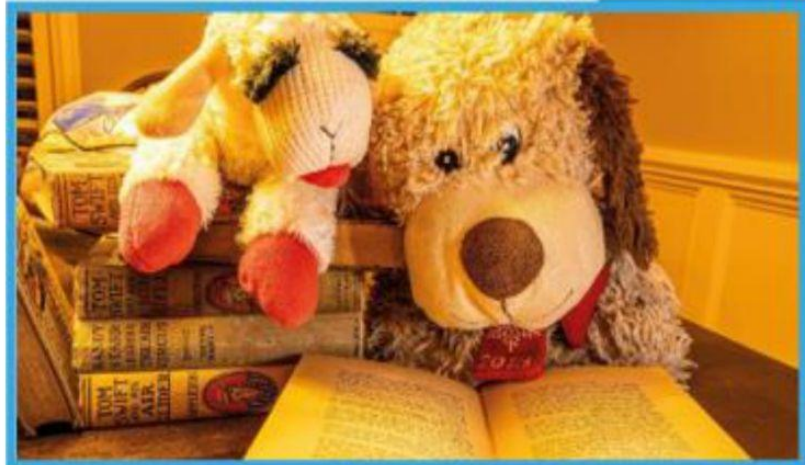
SUFFOLK ADULT LEARNING



Snappy Stories Workshop

A Story based workshop
in Hillside Primary
School for all
parents/grandparents
and carers and their
children (Reception,
Year 1 and 2 only)

Thursday 1st February
1.30 – 3 pm



TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE EMAIL:

Bernadette.white@realisefutures.org

or return this flier to the school
office with your name and your
child's name and class written on
the back



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Feedback at Hillside Primary School

Staff use a **pink pen/highlighter** ('Pink for praise') to identify positive aspects that are linked to Success Criteria. When setting a next-step, staff use a **green pen** for the children to respond to also using a **green pen**.

Our new Feedback Policy can be found on our website

Weekly attendance

We want every single one of our children to be an Attendance Hero:

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time

Overall attendance is 91.2% %. Target 96%.

Every day counts!

Yr 6 Osprey 95%, Yr 3 Deer 94.8%, Yr 4 Kingfisher 94.8%, Yr R Ladybird 93.5%, Yr 6 Kestrel 92.7%, Yr 5 Dolphin 92.5%, Yr 3 Fox 92.4%, Yr 5 Seal 92.1%, Yr 1 Hedgehog 92.1%, Yr 2 Robin 91.9%, Yr R Butterfly 90.9%, Yr 3 Badger 90.8%, Yr 4 Puffin 90% , Yr 2 Wren 83.9% , Yr 1 Squirrel 83.7%

Well done Osprey 95 % !!!!





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SUFFOLK ADULT LEARNING

2024



A free workshop to help you to:

- understand the issues that are facing children in connection with the use of technology, and put measure in place to help keep them (& your computer) safe
- understand the positive impacts of technology in the lives of your children
- feel confident to share your concerns about technology with your children

**Online Safety workshop
with the children - at
Hillside Primary School**

**Thursday 8th February
9 am – 11am**

**to book your place
please let the school
office know
by Friday 2nd February**

**REALISE
FUTURE-S**

Developing your potential

 **Suffolk**
County Council



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Year 6 Parents SATS meeting
Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended the meeting this week. The presentation has also be shared via email.

PE Kit reminder

White T shirt
Black shorts/ Black tracksuit
Trainers

Working with our PC Community Officer

On Monday, PC Sam and PC Louise visited us. They spoke about their role and responsibilities. We also had a close look into the various aspects of their uniform!

Tobias said , ‘I got a special sticker for asking a great question and for being kind’.

Sam will be back soon to lead an assembly about road safety.





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Maths class awards

Well done to:

Kestrels, Dolphins, Puffins and Deers.

Individual winners are: Kornelia, Castiel, Diellza, Corey



Weekly Award Winners

Well done to:

Eden, Milana, Dante, Broly, Tayla, William, Sefora, Sofia,
Maria, Malik, Corey, Maria, Flourish, Kyari, Matei, Elina,
Stefanie, Lukas, Malaaki, Diellza, Hayden, Natalia, Oliver,
Majus, Alicia, Skyla, Thomas, Luca, Bryan, Gershon, Toby,
Jewel, Kornelia, Deisy, Aren, Lanya

It's great to be gold!