

Hillside News

'Where children are at the heart of everything we do'



Friday
15th
March

Mufti
Day

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DATES TO
REMEMBER



Monday 11th March
Dr Bike - Bring your bike
in for a free health check
by the Sustrans team.

Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day

Sponsored Bounce

Headteacher Update Friday 8th March 2024

What an incredible week it has been as we transformed World Book Day into a captivating World Book Week! We aimed to instil the love and significance of reading through a variety of exciting activities and experiences for our students. Here's a quick recap of the highlights:

- **Book Buddies:** Children were paired with another class, fostering a sense of belonging as they shared stories together.
- **Books at Bedtime:** We trust you enjoyed the enchanting recorded stories sent home this week to enhance the bedtime routine.
- **Mr. Graves Reading to Classes**
- **Author Visit:** We were honoured to host Deborah Pharaoh Pink, the esteemed author of *A Squirrel's Tale*, who inspired our young minds with her creativity.
- **Poetry Performances:** Each class showcased their poetic talents through engaging poetry performances.
- **Author Research:** Classes completed some specific author research, presenting their discoveries during today's assembly, showcasing their knowledge and presentation skills.
- **World Book Day Celebrations:** A heartfelt thank you for your overwhelming support in making World Book Day a success. The array of incredible costumes truly brought stories to life!
- **Jackanory Sessions:** Teachers and teaching assistants took turns sharing captivating stories, adding an extra layer of excitement to the week.
- **Toilet Roll Character Entries:** We've been amazed by the creativity displayed in the entries for the Toilet Roll Character competition. Stay tuned for the announcement of the winners next week!
- **Reading Workshop for Children and Parents:** A special session (Year R – 2) aimed at understanding how we teaching reading and phonics in school along with strategies for at home.
- **Teacher Reading Swap:** Teachers swapped classes to read stories, which the children really enjoyed.

As we conclude this fantastic week, we invite you to participate in our **World Book Week Quiz** [here](#) for some added fun!

Looking ahead, we have exciting events lined up for next week, including **Red Nose Day** and our annual **Sponsored Bounce**, organised by our incredible PTA. We are also continuing with **Move in March**, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. Please find update below from Mrs Davis:

Thank you so much for all the Move in March pictures, we hope for better weather so we can all get out and have fun in the spring sunshine. Carry on sending in your sporting achievements, family active outings and trips. At school, we have been busy getting active in lessons - Little Owls have particularly enjoyed acting out stories and being active in Plan Do Review. We have opened our new mud kitchen area and the children are loving making 'delicious' mud creations!

Next week marks the beginning of the Sustrans 'Big walk and wheel' please support us in reducing congestion, caring for our local environment and improving children's health by walking or wheeling to school. Thank you

Wishing you and your families a fantastic weekend ahead!
Healthy regards, Mr Graves

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	97%
Little Owls 2	89%
Tawny Owls 1	93%
Tawny Owls 2	99%
Tawny Owls 3	94%
Snowy Owls 1	97%
Snowy Owls 2	97%
Snowy Owls 3	97%

Whole School 95%

Target



Gates open at 08:30
Gates close at 08:40
The school day begins
at 08:40
School finishes at 15:00

Dorset Creative Dance Club

Please find an
updated booking
password on the
flyer below.



Today is 'International Women's Day' and the 'Biggest Ever Football Session', recognising and promoting Girls Football. Due to our World Book Week celebrations we will recognise this day at a slightly later date. Further details to follow once they have been finalised.



Congratulations to the following children for being our latest **Stars of the Week**:

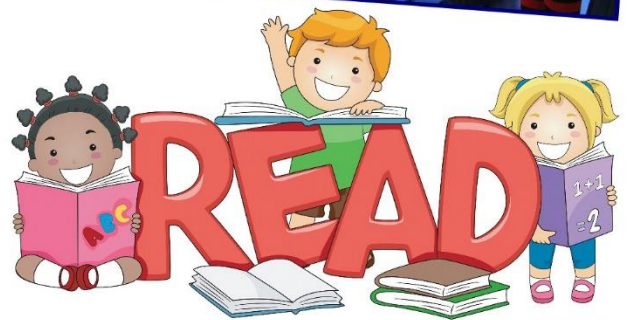


IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

Our children and staff made a fantastic effort with their character outfits. A big thank you to all parents/carers for all the hard work, creativity and enthusiastic support.





WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



At Hillside, we really enjoy books, and World Book Day is a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading.

The day started with a whole school assembly, followed by themed activities throughout the day.



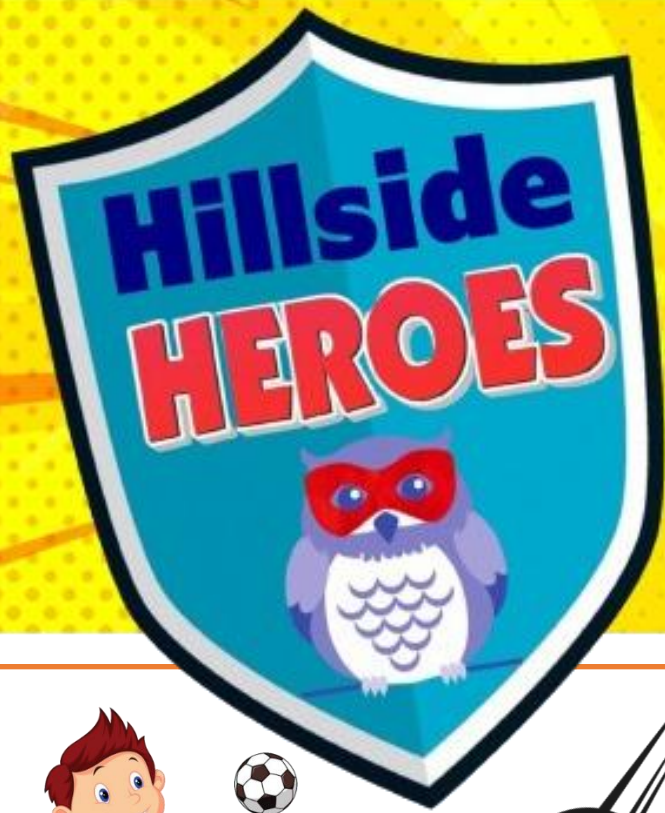


The children listened to stories and enjoyed a visit from local author, Deborah Pharoah Pink.



Happy World Book Day from all the children and staff team at Hillside First School!





Meet our heroes



Jayden got man of the match with his team 'The Dragons'.



Jayden is now in a league and they played their first game last weekend.

Chloe is a hero. She helps care for her disabled grandmother every weekend.

Chloe does jobs around the house, emptying the dishwasher, filling up the bird seed, helping her grandmother get her shoes on etc.



Over half term, Chloe really put her hero cape on and went shopping with her Grandmother to give her Mum a much needed break for a hot chocolate!



Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday 2nd
INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd
National Handwriting Day

February

Friday 2nd
NSPCC Number Day



Monday 5th
Parent Consultations

Tuesday 6th
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th
Parent Consultations

Monday 5th - Friday 9th
Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th
Half Term

Monday 19th
INSET day

Friday 23rd
PTA Event - School Disco

Monday 26th
Tawny Owls 3 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)

Tuesday 27th
Tawny Owls 1 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)

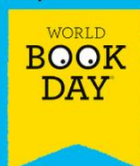
Wednesday 28th
Tawny Owls 2 School Trip
(Museum of East Dorset)



March

Week Commencing Monday 4th
World Book Day
week of celebrations

Thursday 7th
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books



Friday 15th
Comic Relief



Friday 15th
Sponsored Bounce

Friday 22nd
PTA Event - Craft Friday

Monday 25th
Snowy Owls School Trip (Marwell Zoo)

Thursday 28th
Inset Day



April



Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April
Easter
Holidays

Monday 15th
Children return to school

Friday 19th
PTA Event
break the rules day



Monday 22nd



Class and Year 4
leavers photographs

After School Clubs

Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

Monday

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 3-4)

15:00-16:00 – Creative Dance (Year R-2)

16:00-17:00 – Creative Dance (Year 3-4)

Tuesday

08:00-08:30 – Sports & Fitness Breakfast Club

12:00-12:30 – Sports & Fitness Lunch Club

15:00-16:00 – After School Football Club

Wednesday

15:00 – 16:00 – Creative Club

Thursday

15:00-16:00 – Forest School (Year R-4).

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady

15:00-16:00 – Computer Explorers (Year 1-2)



DORSET CREATIVE DANCE

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School
Password for booking: Hillside2024!!

Bookings now open through our website!

Mondays 3pm Reception, Years 1 & 2
Mondays 4pm Years 3 & 4

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CODING | GAME DESIGN | ANIMATION

AFTER SCHOOL TECH CLUB

Computer Explorers

15:00-16:00
MONDAY Y3-4
FRIDAY Y1-2

£8 per session
10% OFF for siblings

CLICK OR TAP HERE TO BOOK NOW

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL

Poole Forest School After School Club at Hillside
Thursday 11th January - Thursday 21st March

Tools, shelter building, bushcraft, natural crafts, campfire, cooking and much more. Ofsted registered for ages 5-11. Accept childcare vouchers.

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FOREST SCHOOL POOLE

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