

Hillside News

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



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**DATES TO
REMEMBER**



**Our Summer
Fayre is taking
place on Friday
17th May 17:00 –
19:30.**

**We hope to see
you there.**



Headteacher Update Friday 3rd May 2024

Another exciting week it has passed by at Hillside! Stephen Gillham made his termly visit and shared insights on teamwork, which the children were very interested in. Following this, on Tuesday, Mrs Andrews arranged for Coach Elliott to speak to our Year 3 and 4 children about his inspiring journey into football and sports coaching. This initiative is part of our commitment to the local careers initiative, 'Start Small, Dream Big', which Mrs. Andrews is passionately driving across our school. A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who generously offered their time to engage with and inspire our children.

In other news, we are thrilled to announce that over half of our school has signed up for Hillside's Got Talent—an incredible turnout! Details for auditions will be shared next week, and we cannot wait to witness the array of talent on display.

Continuing our focus on online safety, we've included a poster in this newsletter discussing 'What Parents and Educators can learn from the Ofcom Media Report 2024'. The statistics are eye-opening, particularly regarding the increase in screen time as children grow older. It's a reminder for us all to remain vigilant in helping guide our children's digital habits.

Looking ahead, a friendly reminder that our Mufti Day is scheduled for Friday, 10th May. Children are invited to wear mufti in exchange for an item towards our upcoming Summer Fayre. Further details can be found below.

Lastly, I'm writing to you from our Year 4 residential at Hooke Court, where I'm on night duty. Being here has brought back fond memories of my own residential trips as a child. I couldn't be prouder of our Year 4 students—they've shown remarkable enthusiasm despite the challenging weather. I hope these experiences become cherished memories as well.

Wishing you all a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend ahead!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls 1	97%
Little Owls 2	82%
Tawny Owls 1	96%
Tawny Owls 2	95%
Tawny Owls 3	90%
Snowy Owls 1	96%
Snowy Owls 2	93%
Snowy Owls 3	98%

Whole School 94%

Target



Gates open at 08:30

Gates close at 08:40

**The school day begins
at 08:40**

School finishes at 15:00



Please keep going
with
Times Table
Rockstars and
Numbots!



HOÖKE COURT

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at Hooke Court. There was a buzz of excitement on day one, as the children engaged in various team building activities, including orienteering, low ropes courses and a thrilling night line activity.



On Tribal Day, the children had an adventure filled day with excitement and teamwork! They were divided into two tribes and they unleashed their creativity by crafting tribal face design. A thrilling scavenger hunt added an element of challenge and excitement to the day.

The highlight was undoubtedly the tribal dance rehearsal and performance, where the children showcased their rhythm and coordination.



In the afternoon the children enjoyed constructing their own tribal kingdom with a den building theme and then showcasing their designs to each tribe.



In the evening the children enjoyed songs and jokes around the campfire, before hot chocolate and lights out at bedtime.





Meet our heroes



Well done Margot for achieving 'player of the week' at Ringwood and Ellingham rugby club



Margot received a trophy for her effort and hard work. She enjoys playing in the under 6s every Sunday morning.



Paisley has learnt how to ride her new pedal bike without any stabilisers!



She has loved practising at Potterne park on the weekends.

Check out Paisley's video [here](#).



Fundraising



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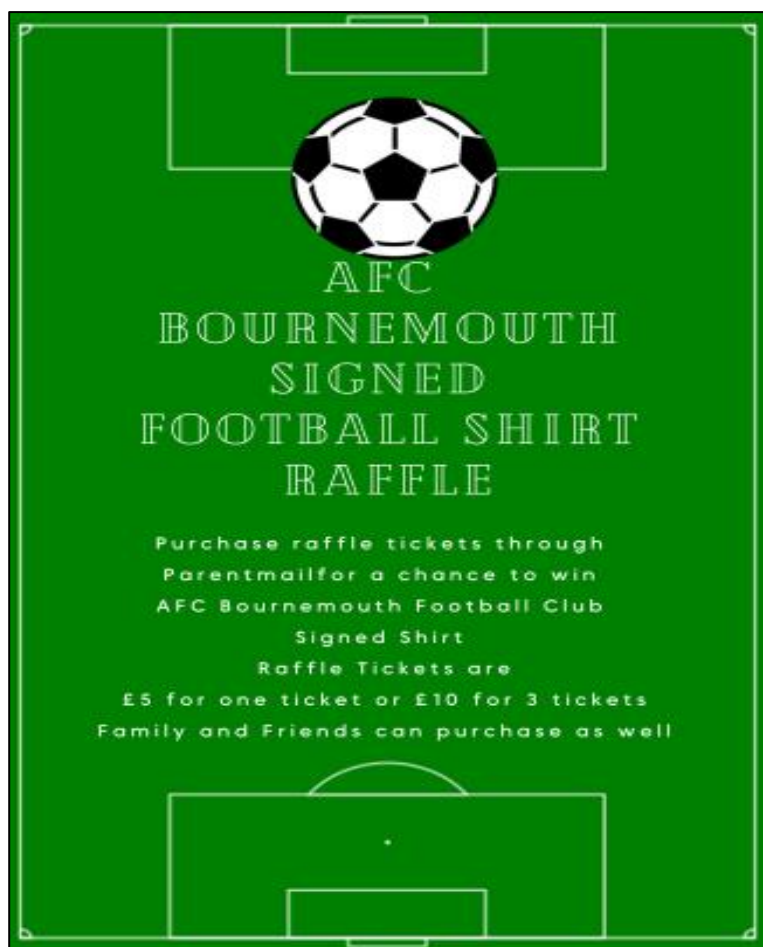
Hillside First School Fayre

17th May 5pm to 7.30pm

£1 entry
Children are free

All Welcome
Bring Friends and Family

LIVE MUSIC
BBQ
Bouncy Castle
Rides
Games
Stalls
Bar
Raffle
and much much more



AFC BOURNEMOUTH SIGNED FOOTBALL SHIRT RAFFLE

Purchase raffle tickets through Parentmail for a chance to win AFC Bournemouth Football Club Signed Shirt

Raffle Tickets are
£5 for one ticket or £10 for 3 tickets
Family and Friends can purchase as well



Hillside First School School Raffle

17th May
7.30pm

Tickets are £1 each and will be drawn at the Fayre. They can be purchased either on Parentmail or from a Raffle Book which be going home in your child's book bag.

Family and Friends are welcome purchase as well.

Thank you for your support.



Mufti Day 10th May

The children are invited to wear Mufti in exchange for items for Hillside Fayre. Each class has a set theme

Little Owls: Sweets, Chocolates
Tawny Owls 1: Stationary Packs
Tawny Owls 2 and 3: Sweets, chocolates
Snowy Owls: Alcohol

We would like to thank you for your kind donations to help support the Fayre

If you have any new unwanted Teddies or New Toys we would be grateful for the donations

Summer term

UPCOMING EVENTS



May

Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd

Year 4 Residential Trip
to Hooke Court



Monday 6th

May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 10th

Mufti Day in exchange for tombola
donations for our Summer Fayre

Wednesday 15th

Little Owls School Trip (Blashford Lakes)

Friday 17th

17:00 - 19:30
Summer Fayre

**Monday 27th to
Friday 31st May**

Half Term



June

Wednesday 5th

World Environment Day

Friday 7th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

Friday 14th

PTA Event - School Disco

Thursday 20th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail

Friday 21st

Inset Day

Friday 28th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

To be purchased in advance on ParentMail



July

Tuesday 2nd

Sports Day

Friday 6th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Friday 12th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Friday 19th

PTA Event - Ice-Cream Sale

*To be purchased in advance on
ParentMail*

Tuesday 23rd

Last day of term



What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom – the UK's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES

99%
of 8-17s
had regular
access to the
internet

65%
of 13-17s
prefer short videos
to films and TV

34%
experienced
harassment or
bullying online

11-18s
felt more confident
communicating online (71%)
than in person (53%)

87%
of 8-17s
felt pressure to be
popular on social media

SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by
children ...

Under-12s

Over-12s

YouTube
89%

YouTube
88%

WhatsApp
37%

WhatsApp
82%

TikTok
35%

TikTok
78%

Snapchat
27%

Snapchat
73%

Instagram
22%

Instagram
69%

ONLINE GAMING

68% of children played
video games online

Who did these children
most commonly play with?

74%
played with
someone they know

32%
played with
strangers

ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

93% 8-17s had at least one
lesson about online safety

93% of children are aware of
at least one thing they
can do to stay safe online

91% children found these lessons
useful

78% of 8-17s were aware of age
restrictions for apps

40% admitted to faking
their age to bypass
these limits

PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly
worry parents and carers about
their child being online include ...

- 77%** seeing age-inappropriate content
- 70%** being harassed or bullied
- 68%** seeing pro-self-harm content
- 62%** having their data gathered by companies
- 59%** being influenced by extreme views
- 55%** having their reputation damaged
- 51%** being pressured to spend money

DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE

Age Group	Percentage	Device
3-4s	67%	use tablets
5-7s	77%	use tablets
8-10s	73%	use tablets
11-15s	95%	use phones
15-17s	97%	use phones

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/media-use-and-attitudes-report-2024

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After School Clubs

Hillside First School are pleased to offer the following clubs:

Monday

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 (Year 1 and 2)

Thursday

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

Friday

Lessons in school – Rocksteady



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

e: info@dorsetcreativedance.co.uk t: 07759 949 478
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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

BOOK ONLINE
<https://forms.gle/VRb1265DTXSsvk8y5>

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Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Hillside Pre-School is open term time, Monday - Friday and accepts children with both 15 and 30 hour funding. We have a Breakfast Club running from 7:45am, and After School Club running from 3pm, for both Hillside First and Pre-School children.

To book a tour of our wonderful setting, contact Mrs Ford on:

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