



# Hillside News

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## Headteacher Update

Well, the mornings are certainly getting a lot brighter and dare I say a little warmer. I am hoping this will continue and we will be able to make the most of our school field soon.

It has been another exciting week in school. We started things off with a whole school assembly learning about Chinese New Year that was celebrated on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It's the year of the Rabbit. The children in Reception extended their learning by creating Chinese New Year lanterns:



I had a very interesting School Parliament meeting yesterday lunchtime. The School Parliament is made up of two children per class from Year R – Year 4. I have been so impressed watching their confidence grow each meeting. They have been taking on different actions, speaking to their class and are now very keen to contribute to discussions. Special mention to Oliver, our Prime Minister. This week he took charge of the meeting, ensured everyone was included, had their chance to speak and debated different ideas. During the rest of the term, they are going to help get our Creative Media Suite up and running. Yesterday, they decided on the colour scheme!

Just a reminder that we have our Celebration of Achievement afternoon straight after school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and it would be great to welcome as many of you as possible to attend.

Our reading mission has taken off (excuse the pun) and it is great to see the children's enthusiasm for reading. I've also visited most classes this week to read one of my favourite stories to them...The Twits, by Roald Dahl, which has been fun.

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

*Hillside First School, where children are at the heart of everything we do.*

## Upcoming Events / Key Dates

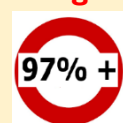
Please find details of events for the Spring Term below. We will add to these during the term so please continue to check each week.

## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 96.3%  
Tawny Owls 1 – 90.7%  
Tawny Owls 2 – 93.4%  
Tawny Owls 3 – 94.4%  
Snowy Owls 1 – 94.7%  
Snowy Owls 2 – 96.6%  
Snowy Owls 3 – 93.3%

Whole School 94.2%

Target



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

## **Stars of the Week**

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



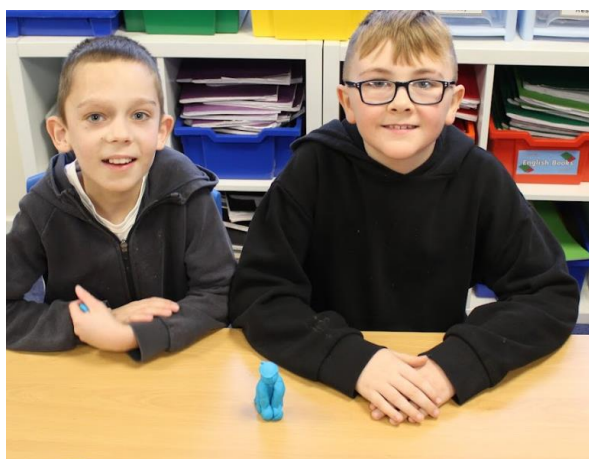
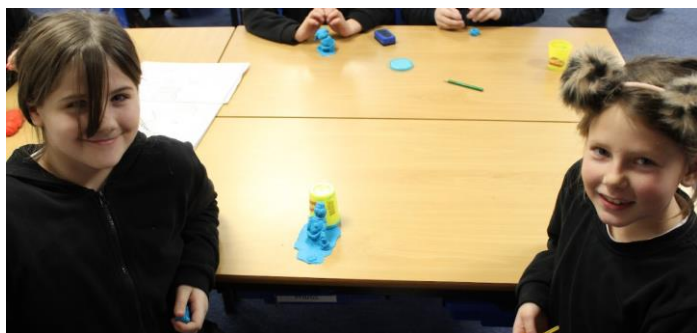
Our Stars of the Week!

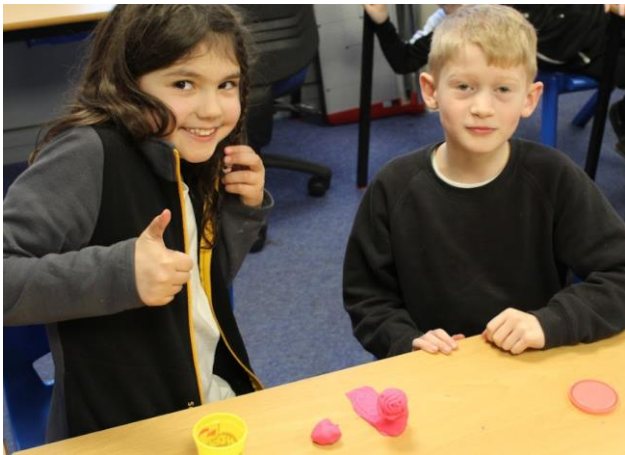




### **Snowy Owls 3**

This half term KS2 are learning about Islam and how people of the Muslim faith show their respect to and obey Allah. This week they learnt about the prayer ritual and the meaning of the different positions adopted during prayer. They then used play doh to model some of these. They enjoyed their learning!







### **A library visit for our librarians!**

Mrs Pain and Mrs Thomas took the school librarians to Verwood Library on Friday. The children had a great time finding out about how the library was organised, discussing favourite books and authors and completing a quiz to find different items around the library. They are hoping to use some of the ideas in our own library.



### **Eco Warriors update**

At our last meeting we have decided to get the class planters ready for planting and try and get some bird boxes up around the school. We are also investigating if we can get some more outside recycling bins for our school grounds.

From, The Eco Warriors



Verwood Library presents

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Safety Story about Heath Fires



**Where** : In the Library

**When** : Monday 13/2

**Time** : 10.30 – 11.30am

**How to book** : Sign up  
at library or give us a  
call 01202 822972

Sam's Sad Day



Safety story

Craft activities

Colouring activities

Dress up in firekit



Aimed at 4 -8 years but all ages welcome



## News from Mrs Davis, our Sports Leader



We recently donated a large bag of football kit to KitAid. This organisation collects football kits and sends them to countries around the world. We are proud to have supported this cause and love the idea that the kit will be reused and bring happiness to other children. They also collect football boots and individual kits so if anyone has any boots, shin pads or kits they would like to donate please get in touch with Mrs Davis. Thank you to Elliot from BRS for the suggestion to donate the kit.





# Spring term

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
INSET Day



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
National Handwriting Day



## February

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Celebration of Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Half Term

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Random Act of  
Kindness Day

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>  
INSET Day



Be  
Kind.

## March

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

BOOK  
DAY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mufti & School Discos

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>  
British Science Week

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
International Day  
of Mathematics

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Comic Relief

RED  
NOSE  
DAY

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>  
World Poetry  
Day



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Last day of term

## April

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Holidays

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Children return to school

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## Clubs

### Rippa Rugby (Year 1-4) <https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/>

After a successful first term Rippa Rugby is continuing during the Spring Term. Please use the link above to book a space.



TO BOOK YOUR SPACE  
VISIT [RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](https://www.ripparugby.co.uk/)



**TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES**

ONLY **£5** PER CHILD\*

**DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.**

**For children ages 4-13 years old.**



\*School subsidy may apply.

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**COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE**

**WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?**  
It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**  
It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**  
It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**  
To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes:

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

**COACHING CONSULTANCY**  
We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.

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**Tennis Club** is under way for children in Year 2, Year 3 and 4. Further details and how to book available here:

<https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/service-page/mon-3-4pm-hillside-first-jan-feb-23>

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## HILLSIDE AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB



Mondays  
3-4pm  
School years  
2,3&4  
£25 / 5 weeks

**Starts 9th Jan 2023**  
9th, 16th, 23rd Jan, 6th, 13th Feb

**Book now online at:**  
[www.live4tennis.co.uk/sandleheath](https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/sandleheath)

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