



Hillside News



Headteacher Update

That's it then, the end of another half term and we are already halfway through the school year! The children have been fantastic, you should be very proud of all of them. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them all and seeing the smiles on their faces when I see them. Their enthusiasm is infectious! As I reflect at this stage of the year, I am also very grateful to the staff team who have all been incredible, going above and beyond every day and really do live out our motto,

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

So, a huge thank you to the staff team. I am also very grateful to you as parents, carers, grandparents, relatives, friends and the local community for your continued support. I have enjoyed getting to know you too and working in partnership to ensure we are giving the children the best possible education.

I was very pleased to see so many of you join our Celebration of Achievement afternoon, thank you for coming into school and for all your support with home learning. I have included some photos below.

You will hopefully have seen the two letters that were sent home this week. We will have parent consultations on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March, which is a great opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher and see how they are getting on. We will also be able to share their most recent assessments. The second letter was about World Book Day, it would be great for as many of you as possible to get involved with the 'Shelfies'.

After half term we will also be sharing our slightly revised Behaviour Guidelines that we have worked on as both a Trust and school as well as giving you further information on how we teach maths across the school.

I am keen to complete our Creative Media suite and we would welcome any help you could please provide with painting the room. Details on the right-hand side.

Finally, I have asked the staff team to ensure they have planned in an Educational Visit for the second half of the Spring term or the Summer term and details of these will be sent through after half term.

That's all for now. On behalf of the whole staff team we would like to wish you all a great half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 21st February.

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

Friday 10th February 2023

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<https://www.hillsidefirst.dorset.sch.uk/>

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below.

We have added a few extra dates so please take a look.

Can you help please?

After half term we will be painting our Creative Media suite and we would greatly appreciate any help you can provide please. This will be on **Wednesday 22nd February 4-5pm.**

If you can help, please could you email the school office.



WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 90.3%

Tawny Owls 1 – 91%

Tawny Owls 2 – 95.5%

Tawny Owls 3 – 93.3%

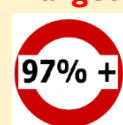
Snowy Owls 1 – 96.7%

Snowy Owls 2 – 95.9%

Snowy Owls 3 – 95.3%

Whole School 94%

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**:

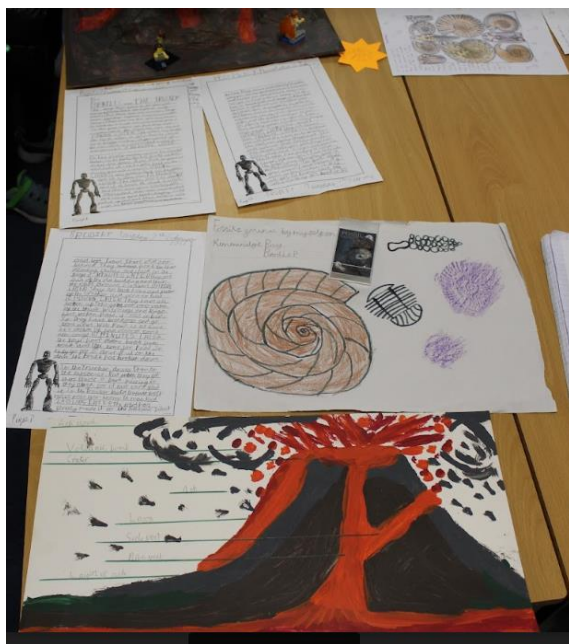


Our Stars of the Week!

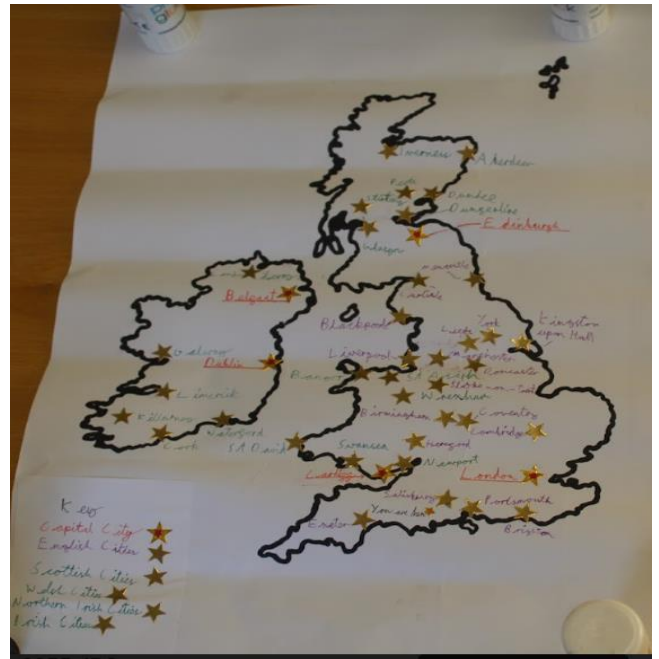
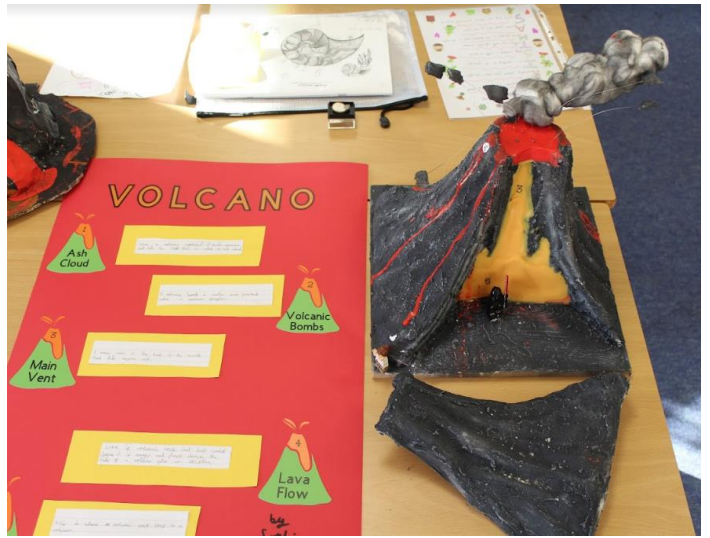


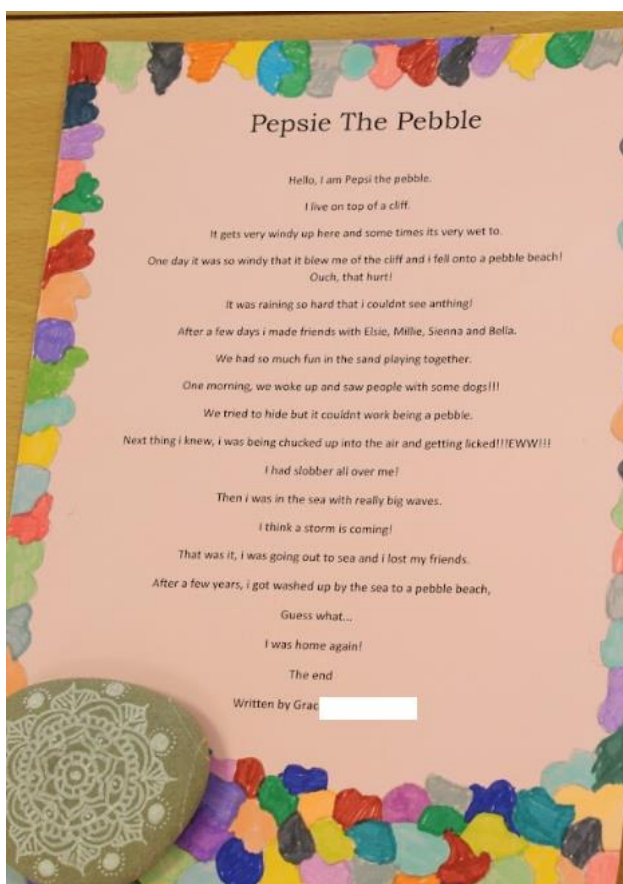
Celebration of Achievement

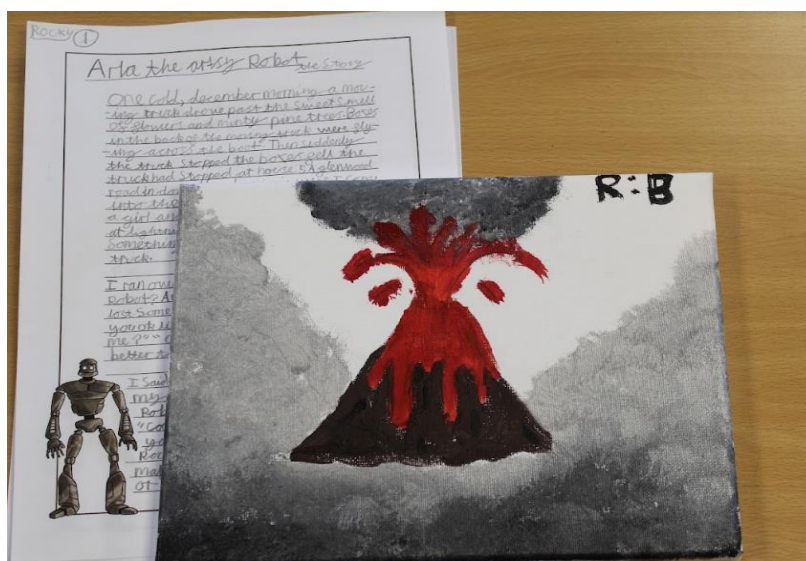
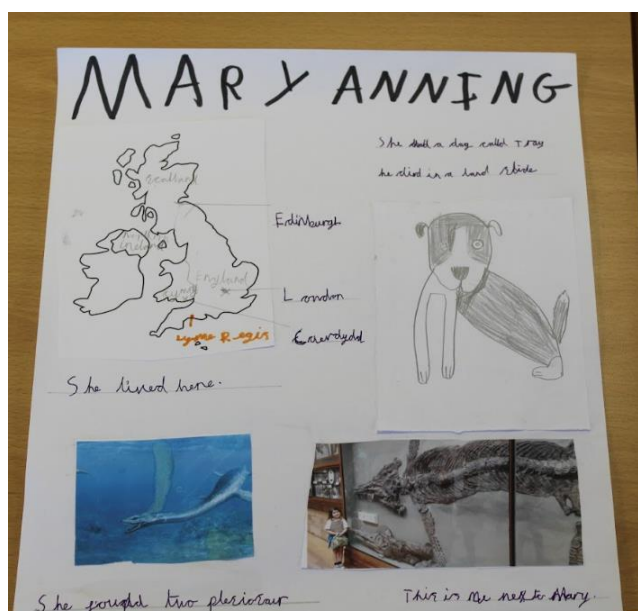
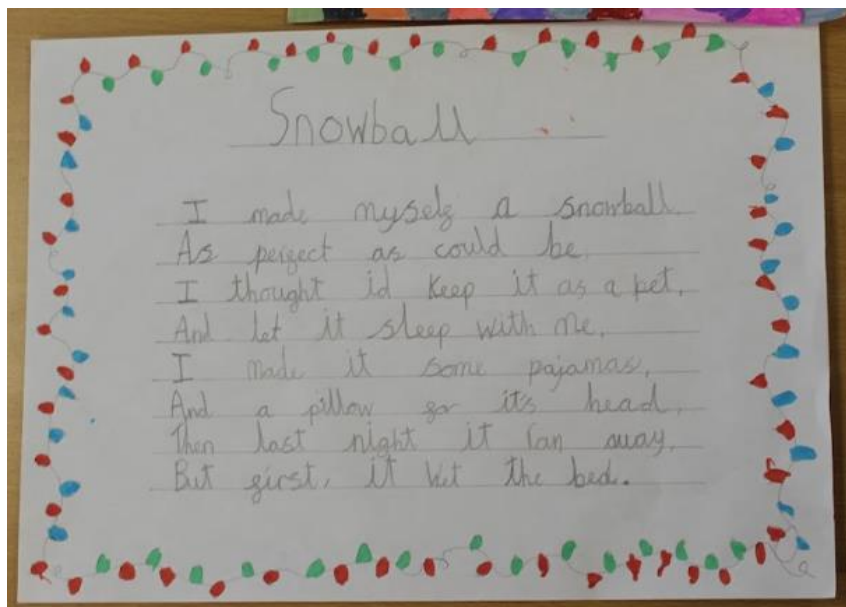
Please find some photos below from our Celebration of Achievement afternoon.











Spring term

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Tuesday 3rd
INSET Day

Monday 23rd
National Handwriting Day

*National
Handwriting
Day*

February

Tuesday 7th
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th
Celebration of
Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
Half Term

Friday 17th
Random Act of
Kindness Day

Monday 20th
INSET day

Monday 27th
Parent Consultations

Thursday 30th
Last day
of term



March

Wednesday 1st
Parent Consultations

Thursday 2nd
World Book Day
Dress up as a character
from one of your favourite books

Friday 3rd
Mufti (£1 donation)
School Discos

Friday 10th - Sunday 19th
British Science Week

Tuesday 14th
International Day of Mathematics

Friday 17th
Comic Relief

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Tuesday 21st
World Poetry Day

Wednesday 22nd
Sponsored Bounce

April

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th
Easter
Holidays

Monday 17th
Children return to school

Friday 21st
19:30-22:00

BINGO
Bingo Night

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Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



Are you looking for a Pre-School place for September 2023?

- ✓ WE ACCEPT 15 & 30 HOUR FUNDING
- ✓ TERM TIME SESSIONS, MONDAY - FRIDAY
- ✓ BREAKFAST & AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB
- ✓ NO TOP UP FEES! OUR ONLY ADDITIONAL CHARGE IS FOR A HEALTHY SNACK EACH DAY

Contact Mrs Ford to make arrangements to visit our wonderful setting.

01202 820679

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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 second half of the Spring Term. Please use the link above to book a space.

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|  <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK</p>  <p>TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES</p> <p>ONLY £5 PER CHILD*</p> <p>DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.</p> <p>For children ages 4-13 years old.</p>  <p><small>*School subsidy may apply.</small></p> <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK CALL STUART ON 07899 268265</p> |  <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK</p>  <p>COACHING CONSULTANCY AVAILABLE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>WHO IS IT FOR? It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• During and after school/pre-school• School holidays• Rugby themed birthday parties <p>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.</p> <p>OUR PHILOSOPHY To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>COACHING CONSULTANCY We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.</p> <p>Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.</p> <p>All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Age Group Coaches.</p> <p>TO BOOK YOUR SPACE VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK CALL STUART ON 07899 268265</p> |
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Tennis Club is running again from 17th April, but this time for Year 1 and 2. Further details and how to book available here:

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

Mon 3-4pm Hillside First (Apr-Jul 23)

Hillside first school years 1 & 2 only
11 sessions 3-4pm
Starting 17th April 2023
Rackets available

Starts 17 Apr

£50

Hillside Community First School