



Hillside News

Friday 3rd March 2023

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Headteacher Update

This week we have had a huge focus on reading and the children have had lots of great experiences to enjoy and learn from. We've had an author visit our younger children, book swap, each class has been learning about an author and has performed a poetry recital to the rest of the school. We had a World Book Day assembly and dressed up as our favourite book character (please see some photos below), 'shelfie' photos, a whole school selfie, drone footage, books at bedtime and a teacher reading swap. It has been very busy, great fun and hopefully the children are very enthused about reading. Our visiting author was very engaging, and the children were very interested in their books. Her contacts details are below if you are interested in purchasing any of their books.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Budd for painting our Creative Media Suite over the last couple of weeks! We will now be working on getting things ready in the suite and will keep you updated on progress.

It was great to see so many of you at parent's evening this week on Monday and Wednesday where we were able to share details of your child's latest assessment. Thank you for coming into school, and I hope you prefer the face-to-face model where you can also have a good look through your child's books.

We have Red Nose Day on Friday 17th March which will be a mufti day, with a suggested donation of £1 to go to the Red Nose appeal, the annual fundraising campaign to end the cycle of child poverty and ensure a healthy future for all children. We will have red noses available to purchase in the school office. We will send further details on parentmail soon.

On the 22nd of March we have the Sponsored Bounce event for children. A huge thank you for all the sponsorship donations received to date which will go towards our Creative Media Suite.

I better go and get warmed up for the school discos this evening!

Have a great weekend!

Healthy regards,

Mr Graves

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

Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Please find details of events for the Spring Term below.

WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Little Owls – 95.2%
Tawny Owls 1 – 91.3%
Tawny Owls 2 – 95.5%
Tawny Owls 3 – 96.3%
Snowy Owls 1 – 93.3%
Snowy Owls 2 – 93.4%
Snowy Owls 3 – 94.7%

Whole School 94.2%

Target



The school day begins at 08:40

Gates open at 08:30

School finishes at 15:00

Alanna Betambeau – Bournemouth based children's author



Signed and personalised copies of Alanna's books are available to purchase directly.

abetambeaubooks@gmail.com

Stars of the Week

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



Our Stars of the Week!











Spring term



UPCOMING EVENTS

January

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

Tuesday 3rd
INSET Day

Monday 23rd
National Handwriting Day



February

Tuesday 7th
Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th
Celebration of
Achievement Afternoon

Monday 13th - Friday 17th
Half Term

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Friday 17th
Random Act of
Kindness Day

Monday 20th
INSET day

Monday 27th
Parent Consultations



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

Thursday 30th
Last day
of term



April

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th
Easter
Holidays



Monday 17th
Children return to school

Friday 21st
19:30-22:00



Bingo Night



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Clubs

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

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the second half of 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 Cs' 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 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