



# Hillside News



## Headteacher Update

This week we focused on the British Value of Respect in assembly. We talked through what this means to us along with some real-life examples and how we can show Respect at school and in our daily lives. Continuing this theme, just a reminder that we have our British Values competition which is being run by our School Parliament. Please could you send your designs into school by Monday 12th June so we can pick a winner for each year group. They will receive a certificate and we are hoping to be able to get each character made. Please see earlier letter for further details.

On Wednesday we welcomed Lizzy from Creative Dance into school and she led an assembly taster session with some audience participation! Further details of how to book are detailed below.

Thank you to everyone that came in for the Celebration of Achievement afternoon, I think this was the busiest one yet with some super work on display from our children. Please find some photos below.

I've always felt it important to provide our children with opportunities to learn both inside and outside the classroom. This week I had the pleasure of taking part in the Year 3 and 4 walk and cycle across our heathland behind the school. We are so lucky to have such an extensive area on our doorstep and we enjoyed the view from the top of Stephen's Castle. The children enjoyed their experience and as a team we will think how we can use this area more for the children's learning during the next academic year.

Some of our Year 4 children took part in a School Games tennis experience at Emmanuel Middle School on Wednesday. We were lucky with the weather and they got to enjoy a range of skills-based activities along with some game style experiences. Thanks to Mrs Davis for organising and ensuring we could take part.

After half term, we have lots on and I will provide further details as soon as possible for Sports Day. In addition, we will be launching a Food Bank initiative that is being set up by Tracy Pearson, from our PTA, St Michael's church and school (with the help of our Eco Warriors).

I hope you all have a great half term and we are lucky with some good weather. I will be joining the school float as part of the carnival on Monday so I look forward to seeing the children taking part and if you are watching then please give us a big wave and cheer.

Healthy regards,  
Mr Graves

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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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**Date for your diary:**

**Sports Day**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June AM**

Further details to follow closer to the time.



## WEEKLY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**Little Owls – 98.6%**  
**Tawny Owls 1 – 96%**  
**Tawny Owls 2 – 96.9%**  
**Tawny Owls 3 – 87.1%**  
**Snowy Owls 1 – 88.7%**  
**Snowy Owls 2 – 89%**  
**Snowy Owls 3 – 95.5%**

**Whole School 93.1%**

**Target**



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

**Gates open at 08:30**

**School finishes at 15:00**

**Can you help please?**



Our garden hose has seen better days.

Does anyone have a hose they could donate to school please?

## **Stars of the Week**

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

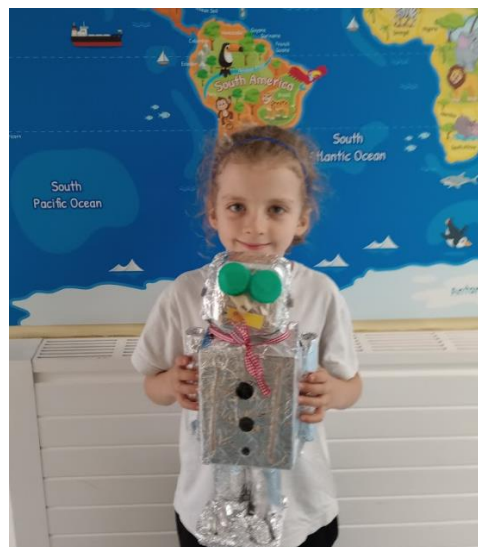


Our **Stars of the Week**!

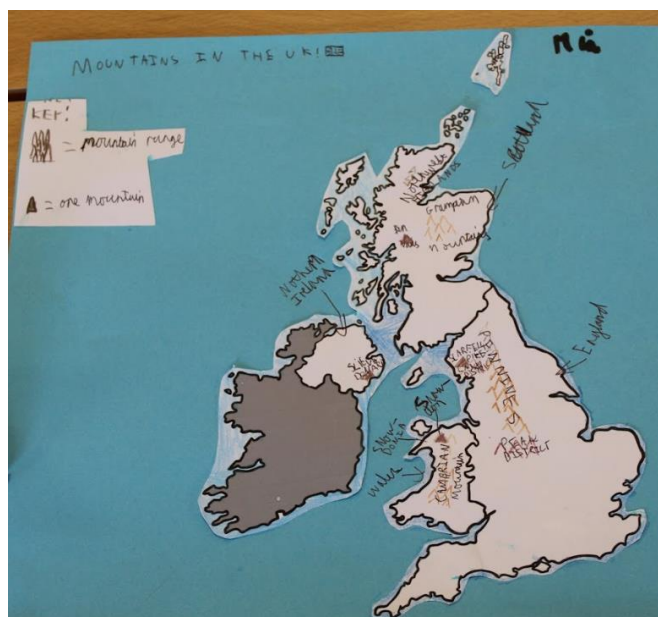




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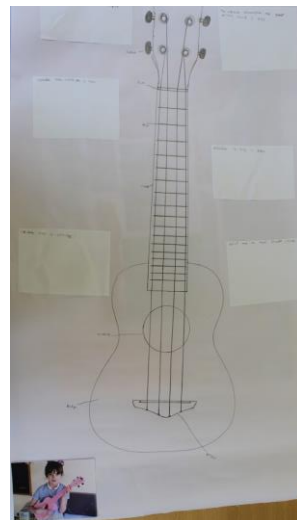


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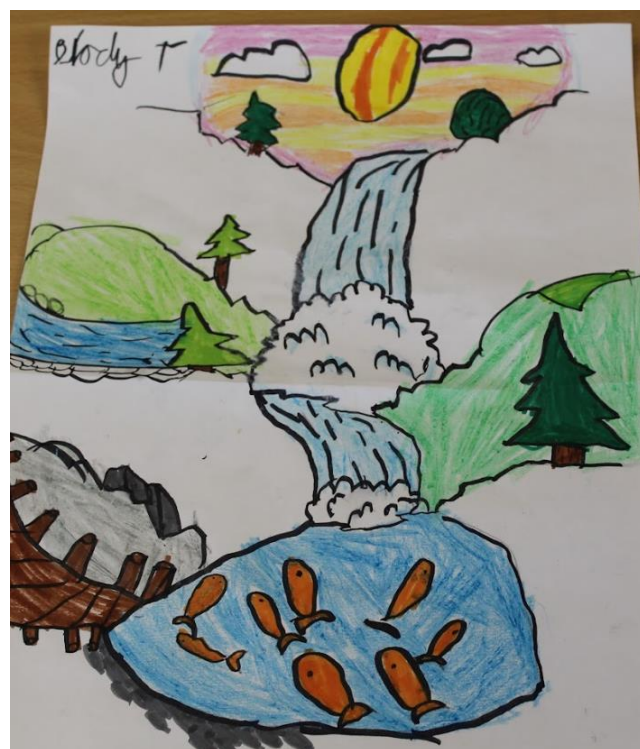




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## Garden News

A massive thankyou to **Mrs Morrell** and **Mrs Michalski** for all their continued hard work in the garden area and running the after-school gardening club!



## **New Club: Creative Dance Club**

Booking now open via:

[www.bookwhen.com/dorsetcreativedance](http://www.bookwhen.com/dorsetcreativedance)

**DORSET  
CREATIVE  
DANCE**

HILLSIDE FIRST SCHOOL  
AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB

Fun and creative dance classes for children attending Hillside First School Starting after half term!

Booking opening soon through our website!

Monday 3pm - 4pm Reception, Years 1 & 2

Monday 4pm - 5pm Years 3 & 4

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We have a new regular visitor to our garden area!



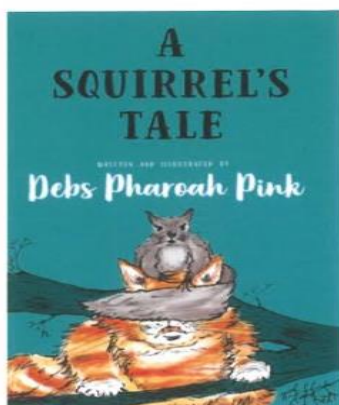


## **Year 1 / 2 Art Work**

Tawny Owls have been researching ideas, sketching designs and making clay tiles. The children used Marianne North as inspiration, as well as our beautiful grounds, for their clay tiles. We had lots of fun trying out ideas and learning how to shape and join clay to make leaves, trees and flowers. We then painted our tiles in hues of green and finally glazed them for a professional finish. Well done Tawny Owls.



## **Meet the Author**



Join us on Thursday 1 June to meet Debs Pharoah-Pink, author of **A Squirell's Tale**. Hear about the adventures of Nutty Squirrel and Ginger Tom during one eventful day. Suitable for children ages 4 to 8. Limited spaces, book today.

### **Verwood Library**

**Thursday 1 June**  
**10:30am - 12:00 noon**

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For more information ☎ **01202 822972**

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## Year 3 / 4 Walking / Cycling school visit over the heath











# Hillside Summer Fayre

We are looking for  
donations of cakes for our  
Summer Fayre on the  
9th June

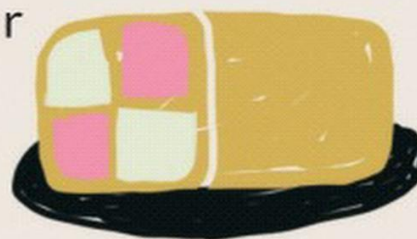


These can be homemade or  
shop bought cakes

Please bring into the office  
on the 9th June



Thank you for  
your support



# Summer term



## May

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
May Day Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Mufti Day in exchange for tombola  
donations for our Summer Fayre



Wear red, white and blue for  
the King's Coronation.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
King's Coronation Bank Holiday

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Little Owls School trip  
to Blashford Lakes

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
KS2 Orienteering morning

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Break the rules day



**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Verwood Carnival

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Half Term



## June

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Inset Day



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**17:00-19:30**  
Summer Fayre

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Ice-Cream Friday  
Our PTA will be selling ice-creams  
every Friday until the end of term

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Sports Day

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## July

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Transfer Day

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Residential Trip  
to Hooke Court



Dates to be confirmed  
Year 4 Leavers Assembly

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 4 Leavers Party

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Last day of term



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## Clubs

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

Rippa Rugby is continuing during the Summer 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?**  
We 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

Log In 

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This course has started, but you can book the remaining sessions.

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

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

Started 17 Apr £50 Hillside Community First School

Available spots

**BOOK NOW**

**Upcoming Sessions**

Dates: 17 Apr 2023 - 17 Jul 2023  
Total of 10 sessions