



Hillstone News

Covid Safety

Last week we started a programme of staff testing twice a week. Staff will take a home test the night before they start work for the week and then 3 or 4 days later. If they test positive they will self isolate immediately. This is another way in which we can continue to keep our community safe.

Children are still telling us they are going to houses and playing with friends/cousins etc. The government has announced that they hope to open schools on 8th March. I am desperate to have all our children back. By sticking to the rules, it will stop the spread of transmission and we will have a better chance to get back to normal.

Higgedy - Seeds of joy

Thank you for voting for us. Unfortunately we were not in the top three. However, the company were so impressed with our project they have donated £1,000 towards the development of our allotment.



Snow Days

We love snowy days at Hillstone, last week the Year 6 children made a snow family, complete with snow dog.

However, some of our children had come into school wearing trainers and no gloves. We scabbled around and managed to find some spare wellies. Given the opportunity we will get our kids outside whatever the weather - please remember to send them in with spare items for being outside.

If you have any wellington boots that your children have outgrown we would be grateful for any donations.



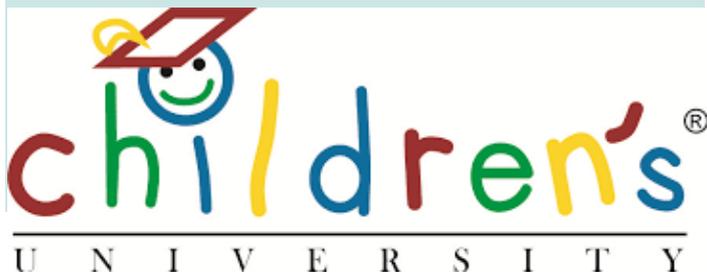
Assembly

I hope you enjoyed this week's assembly. It was inspired by Amanda Gorman's poem read at the inauguration ceremony and the impact it had on our Year 6 children. On Ms Norton's Art page on virtual school, you will shortly find an art activity inspired by the poem - please do check this out.

Virtual School

This week the prime minister wrote an open letter to all parents saying how much he was in awe of parents undertaking home learning. Very often parents are trying to complete their own work in addition to supporting home learning. There may also be siblings trying to share one device or children out of routine, may just plain refuse access virtual school. It is essential that children continue with their learning otherwise they will have missed so much - but we do appreciate how difficult it is. If you need any support please phone the office and talk through the issues and we can try to resolve them together.

Teachers, teaching assistants and our pastoral manager are making regular phone calls to ensure you are all ok. I think this might get a bit much at times so although Ms Chudleigh and Ms Hepburn will continue with their phone calls for the next fortnight, other calls will focus on those children not accessing virtual school.



Look out for the Children's University Challenges
Contact the office if you need your password details for the dashboard.





HILLSTONE STARS

Each week, teachers will choose a Hillstone star from Lockdown School and one from Virtual School. They will all be celebrated on the Hillstone Stars tab on our website. Here are last week's outstanding pupils.

Ignacy Parat

Maja Pozniak

Daisie Kane-O'Neill

Georgina Jalal-Sayers

Amelia-Rose Macmillan

Demi Lanchester

Oliver Gregory-Tooke

Mylo Wynn

Constance Hanaphy

Antonina Parat

Eoghan Gagin

Teagan Reeves

Alfie Lee Warren

Mitchell Western

