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Dear Harrison, Alice, Gio, Daniel F, Josh G, Amy, Eddison, Zain, Luke, Philippa, Ethan, Ruth, Oliver, Fearne, Kobe, Summer, Lily, Harriet, Maya, Daniel Smith, Max, Daniel Swain, Adam, Ella-Rose, Bea, Laurynas, Alexander W, Erin, Esme, Macey, Zaki, Ayaan, Amelia, Brooklyn, Josh B, Dhian, Charlie, Toby, Ellis, Alexander D, Kacy, Sophie, Tallula-Mae, Tamsin, Lani-Rose, Lucas, Thea, Finley, Josh J, Liam, Jayden, Sam, Eva, Archie, Matthew, Jess, Alexa, Luca, Neve, Naomi and Lola,

This year has seen the unprecedented closure of schools across the world, due to the outbreak of a virus, known as COVID-19! And whilst this has led to the sudden, unexpected end of your time in Year 6, it does not define your time at Hill West Primary School! You have laughed, loved and learnt from Reception to Year 6 (in most cases) and this final edition of the Hill West Herald 2020 is a celebration of you! This is your chance to share your experiences, reminisce and celebrate the moments that have helped you to grow into the fantastic young people that you are today!



Good Luck for the future!









Name: Ayaan

Class: Otters

When I first joined Hill West, in reception, I had no friends and I was really nervous and shy because all the people around me were strangers to me. Well that was then.

Once I became more comfortable with my class and more confident I began making friends, although it took a few years to make friends it was all worth it because as soon as I met Jayden, Charlie and Sam I was so happy!

They also introduced me to other people like Alexa, Lani, Tallula, Neve, Eva, Naomi, Sophie, Brooklyn, Zaki, Ellis and Archie who also became my friends. All of us would play fun games and have funny conversations and times that would make me smile even if I was in a bad mood and we also so had some bad times where people could get hurt or be sad. Having such nice friends was the best part of my primary school life and I will always remember them.

We all have grown up and now are ready to go to secondary school, I will always miss my friends even if they are far away because no matter what nothing will stop us from being friends.

I had the best teachers at Hill West too! They would have the most fun lessons and would help us if we were ever feeling down (which is not too often because with these kind of teachers I would never feel sad). But in Year 5, my condition with psoriasis was getting worse and I felt a bit down with all the scabs on my body and embarrassed because people would look at me, so then one of my teachers called Miss White cheered me up and said to be strong and proud for who I am because loads of other people are also suffering from this condition which cheered me up.

But my favourite teacher of all was Mr Ellison although all the teachers I had were amazing!

Thank you to all the teachers for teaching me and helping me learn through primary school, without you I wouldn't have been here today!

Also thank you so much Mrs Terry, Dr Warrack, Mrs Grant and Mrs Downs for the amazing last year at Hill West!



Name: Amelia

Class: Otters

My Favourite Moments

One of my favourite memories from my time at Hill West is when we camped out on the school field in Year 4. We played lots of different sports in the daytime and then we had Domino's Pizza for tea! Yum!

I remember, in the winter of Year 5, when me and Naomi made a big snowman on the field. It was so much fun! I'm in Pankhurst and we have won Sports Day many times during my years at Hill West. I loved cheering on my friends and celebrating with them when we won! In Year 6, we got to go to France – being on the ferry was amazing! We were all running around excited, as lots of us had never been on a ferry before!



What I am Most Proud of

I was very proud to be chosen to play the lead part of 'Sita' in our Year 5 Class Assembly about Diwali. I remember spending lots of time practicing my times tables and, when I finally got my Platinum Times Table Challenge Award, I was extremely pleased and proud. Getting my 'Pen License' was a proud moment for me as well. I was chosen to go to the 'Celebration Breakfast' a few times and it was so yummy! At the start of Year 6 we did a Harvest Assembly and I was chosen to sing a solo. I was really nervous but I was delighted when I got to sing.

My Most Memorable Moments

One of my most memorable moments was when I was chosen to go to 'Tea with me' with Dr Clarke. I particularly enjoyed the chocolate cake! We have been on some fantastic school trips over the years. Some of my favourites were Warwick Castle, Twycross Zoo and the Science Show at the NEC. One of the best things about Hill West is that you get to go on residential trips in Year 3, 5 and 6. We have been to Woodlands, Aberdovey and France. The teachers always try to make sure you are with your friends and there are so many exciting activities to join in with. It's great fun staying away from home and having midnight feasts with your friends!

New Experiences I have had at Hill West

My first day at Hill West was very exciting because I got to wear my school uniform for the first time! I remember when we were in Reception, we had chicks in our classroom and we got to help look after them. They were so cute! In Year 5 I began to play the clarinet for the first time ever. I practice nearly every day and I really like my teacher, Mrs Lord. Hopefully I can carry on with my lessons at Secondary School.

Best Activities

Over the years we have done lots of Science experiments and they have been lots of fun. I also remember making a papier mache dragon in Year 4 when we were studying the book 'How to Train Your Dragon' – I loved that! It was really messy and creative and we were allowed to take our dragons home to keep. In Year 6 we did Cycling Proficiency. It was brilliant and I loved learning to cycle on the road. After that, I rode my bike to school a lot!

Message to my teachers and friends

Thank you for making 7 years together so enjoyable. We have had so many memorable and fun times together and I really don't want it to end. I will miss you all so much.

Name: Brooklyn

Class: Otters

Hi, my name is Brooklyn, let me tell you about my time at Hill West. School is a place to learn so that in future you can achieve the best in life, even though it may seem a little boring at times. To me school is the first steps to success helping you to find your place in life. However, Hill West isn't all about learning, it is also about making friends for now and maybe some for long into the future. That is why I'm going to tell you a little about my time at Hill West Primary School.

The best thing about school is school trips. I have loved school trips because it's like being on holiday with all your friends! My most treasured memory was going to Aberdovey for five days it was so much fun, it really was the best. I also loved the pantomime each year to the Hippodrome.

My proudest moment was being selected to go to the Arthur Terry student leadership programme for English. It was quite scary walking around big school.

To Dr Warrack, thank you very much for helping me during my time in KS2 😊

I really love science things and animals, so I want to be a Biologist.

Hope to see you all again soon,

Brooklyn xx

P.S. These are my pets Saffy, Rocco & Nightstar:-



Name: Dhian

Class: Otters

My favourite thing about school:

- The best thing about school is seeing my friends every day.

My favourite time:

- My favourite times were when we were allowed onto the field. We used to have fun rolling down the big hill!

My most memorable moments

- My most memorable moment was when I met Lola in Year 3 and we have been best friends ever since.



I am most proud of:

- My proudest achievement was when I won the award for creativity in Year 4.

My favourite subject:

- My favourite subject is science. I also love dogs, reading eating fruit and doing crafts. Oh and talking!!! I don't like Maths or long car journeys!!!

My future plans:

- My hopes for the future are to be able to travel to different countries and visit lots of new places, learn to sew and have lots of dogs.

My message to friends:

- To all my friends - be yourself, be happy and do what you enjoy!

Dee xx

Name: Charlie

Class: Otters

During my time at Hill West, I have experienced a lot of good moments and memories.

Reception

Though reception was a long time ago, I remember the fun things we did such as, playing on the iPad, access to the middle outdoor area between both classes which was great fun. I also did things for the first time such as: class assemblies in front of a crowd.

Year 1

In Year 1 we started to do more challenging work and not so much free play. I also remember switching between multiple teachers throughout the year. I also experienced "tea with me" for the first time. I remember putting around 6 sugar cubes in my tea. My mom was not impressed.

Year 2

This year was one of my favorite years due to having Mr Britton as our teacher. He also introduced the start chart to us which was great fun and challenging to get to the top. Luckily, I was one of the only people to get to the top which meant I got to be the teacher for a whole day.

Year 3

A couple of my big memories from year 3 was moving into a brand-new classroom in a brand-new building and doing a first overnight school trip at woodlands.

Year 4

I have very faint memories of year 4 but I do remember doing swimming lesson with Mrs Cook and my class. It was often fun because we missed lots of school work. Later in the year Mrs Cook left to have her baby.

Year 5

In year 5, I became a senior student as well as an eco-warrior which was great fun although I didn't do much. We also had my favourite school trip, The Big Bang, where we was given lots of freebies to take home. I was also a main part in my favourite play Diwali.

Year 6

Although this was supposed to be our best year, it was cut short due to COVID-19. Sadly all of our year 6 plans were ruined such as SATS, end of year play, getting a pie thrown in our face at the summer fayre and many more events we have missed as well as spending time with our teacher and friends making those memories together. On the plus side we are spending time with family making memories that we will never forget.

I also looked forward to the annual events such as, sports day, world book day and the fun run. I would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers that have taught me through the years.

On to my next adventure,

Charlie Christou



Name: Ellis

Class: Otters

The best thing about school is...

- Seeing all my friends, laughing at each other jokes, keeping secrets from each other. I will never forget all the memories I had from Hill West Primary School!

My favourite moment...

- When we did all the plays in front of parents, children and teachers, those funny lines for every student that make you ache with laughter!

My funniest moment...

- When I slipped over outside when it was raining, and I got covered in mud!

My most memorable moment...

- When during Christmas we all watched movies, ate sweets and most important spent time with each other!
- Also thinking back, I really enjoyed my code club lessons with Mr Ellison. He knew how to make things really interesting!

What I am most proud of...

- Sharing my achievements with my parents and friends at school ceremonies!

Message to a friend and/or teacher(s)...

- I do hope we all see everyone again, let's make sure this lockdown doesn't stop us!

Fun facts about me

- I'm most scared of spiders,
- my favourite drink is Dr Pepper,
- I would love to meet DanTDM, the famous You-Tuber,
- my favourite online game is Fortnite,
- I love using my imagination to build monsters out of Lego,
- I love drawing and solving riddles.

What I wish for my future

- I would like to go to University and choose a path to become a lawyer.



Name: Alice

Class: Foxes



After nearly nine years in Hill West, starting in nursery, I have made lots of friends and been taught by lots of teachers. It's surprising to think how many people I have met and known during my time there. Year Six has been like a big family to me and I feel so lucky to have been in a happy environment at my first school. Making friends has definitely been the highlight of my time at Hill West.

Missing the last half of Year Six has been hard. I was surprisingly looking forward to doing SATS because I felt well prepared thanks to my teachers and wanted to see the results of my work. I was of course looking forward much more to Drayton Manor, ice-cream, signing t-shirts, leavers assembly, last summer fair (getting pied and soaked!), egg rolling for the last time, not a lot

of school work and most of all saying bye on the last day.

When I think back, my favourite time of year is always summertime because the big field which is so much fun at lunchtimes. I loved the Halloween Disco's, World Book Day and Christmas is also always special at Hill West because of the traditions, like decorating the tree and the Christmas Fair.

Throughout my time at Hill West I've shared a lot of funny moments, like our Year Four assembly (everything seemed to go wrong but we all carried on and everyone loved it), or falling back off my chair (we've all done it once 😊).



Some of my most memorable moments have been on school trips. Aberdovey made me realise I could do things that I didn't think I was capable of doing. It also made friendships stronger and helped make new ones. France was amazing, interesting and loads of funeven the crazy ferry journey back, which was very bumpy!

I have some messages for my friends. Those that are going to different schools, I will miss you loads, wish you luck and hope you make lots of new friends. To those going to Arthur Terry, I will look forward to seeing you in oversized uniforms and massive backpacks! 😊

To all the staff, thank you for everything. I will miss you 😊



Name: Daniel

Class: Foxes

The best thing about school is:

That it's an amazing place to have fun, make friends and also get an amazing education at the same time! It has a lovely, relaxing environment but it also lets you work and concentrate there.

My favourite moment:

My funniest moment in school was definitely in our Moles (Year 4) World War Two class play when I was Winston Churchill and a soldier. The two parts I had were separated by a song. I didn't realise that I didn't need to sing in the song as I switched costumes, so I changed costumes while I was singing. I dressed in a hurry, as my Winston Churchill speech was very close. As I stood up to speak, I tripped over my friend Giovanni's foot (he was sitting next to me) and the audience laughed. As I got up once more, I tripped over the bench I was sitting on and got flung back. The audience laughed even louder then, and I walked onto the stage to perform my speech with the tie I was wearing askew and my hair messed up!



My most memorable moment:

My most memorable moment was this year when I finally got my Behaviour Award off Mrs Downes and Mrs Grant. I went to go to the front of the hall and I felt so happy that I even punched the air with joy!

What I am most proud of:

I have always been really proud of the whole school, but for me I was most proud when in Hares (Year 5) I was voted to represent the School Council. I felt very proud of myself then because I had wanted to be in the School Council since I first heard about it.

Message to the Year 6 teachers:

Thanks so much to Mrs Downes, Mrs Grant, Mrs Lampitt and Dr Warrack for an amazing final year at Hill West. I was so happy when I heard that Foxes were going to have Mrs Downes again in Year 6, and it was wonderful when Mrs Grant came back with us as well. I was also really happy when Mrs Lampitt chose me to be a school librarian, and Dr Warrack has been so kind and supportive. **THANK YOU!!!**



Fun facts about me:

- Every year I go to Blackpool with my brother Matthew, my mum, my mum's friend and my good friend Leia;
- I am going to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School with some of my good friends;
- I play Hockey;
- I LOVE Lego!

What I wish for my future:

I hope that one day I can become a teacher (and maybe even come back to Hill West!) or join the army.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT HILL WEST FOR SUCH AN AMAZING TIME!!

Name: Lucas

Class: Otters

The best thing about school is...

- Seeing my friends, I love to play football with them. I have enjoyed the school trips. I also like to do science experiments.

My favourite moment...

- was the trip to France, it was lots of fun! Although the journey back was not good as it was rough and everyone was sick.

My funniest moment...

- was camping on the field in Year 4 with Mr Ellison. Having fun in the tent till late at night and waking up to a pack of melted Haribos!!

My most memorable moments

- are playing on the massive school field with all my friends.

What I am most proud of...

- winning the Creativity Trophy at the end of Year 3, this made me feel very proud.

Fun facts about me...

- I have 2 rabbits, I am getting a dog FINALLY. I can ski.

What I wish for my future

- a happy family and a good job!

I have loved my time at Hill West Primary School and I am excited to go to Arthur Terry.

Thank you for teaching me, it's been an amazing time making friends and having fun!



Name: Amy

Class: Foxes



The best thing about Hill West School is seeing my friends and having fun lessons.

My favourite moment at school was the different kinds of assemblies that we did as a class.

My funniest moment was when Mrs Downes said if we carried on doing TikToks in class she would join in with us. We were tempted to carry on but we didn't!

My most memorable moment was coming back to school after being off sick and my friends and staff giving me big hugs.

What I am most proud of is getting to Year 6!

I would like to say to my friends and teachers is, "Thank you for always being there, believing in me and giving me confidence."

Fun facts about me

- I have Type 1 Diabetes.
- I prefer dogs to cats.
- I can start cartwheels on my right and left hand.
- I do not believe pineapple belongs on pizzas.
- I have family in America and friends in New Zealand.

I wish for my future to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes and to have a job that I enjoy and to always be happy.

Name: Eddison

Class: Otters

My Memories at Hill West Primary

The best thing about school:

Is seeing my friends and learning new things. I also loved school trips such as Aberdovey, in Wales. It is at an estuary and we did lots of fun activities there such as walking in a gorge and canoeing.

My favourite moment at school:

When we learnt about the Romans and their expansive empire. I learnt many things about them, such as the fact that there were 30 legions with 5000 troops in each. There would have been 50 Centurions that commanded 100 legionaries each.

My funniest moment at school:

When I accidentally wore my trainers instead of my school shoes to school. Also, my brother and I put each other's shorts on, we didn't realise until we got to school, mine were too short on me and his were too long!

My most memorable moment:

When I did a reading of a song called 'Two Thousand Years Ago' in Lichfield Cathedral to about 500 people when I was in Year two.

I am most proud of:

When I went to Whitmore lakes as part of the leadership program in the ATLP (Arthur Terry Learning Partnership). We had lots of fun and an Olympic athlete named Emily Nelson talked to us about the environment there.

Message:

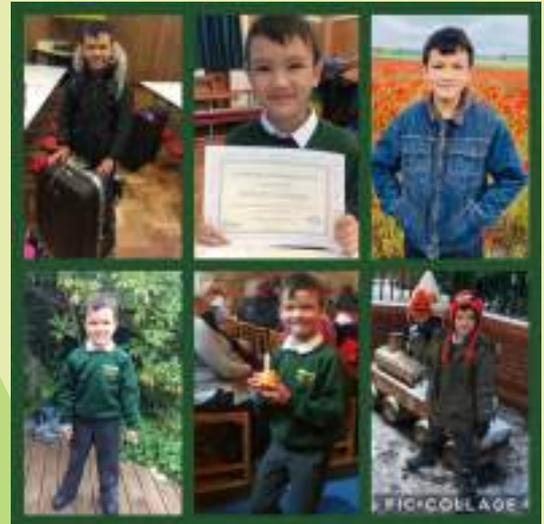
Thank you to all of my teachers who taught me so much throughout my time in Hill West; I wouldn't have got into Grammar school if they hadn't taught me everything, from addition to hyperboles. I will miss everyone, I have had the best time!

Fun Facts about me:

I have memorised 100 digits of pi (3.141592653589793238462643383279502884197169399375105820974944592307816406286208998628034825342117067) and I was born on Christmas Eve!

What I wish for my future:

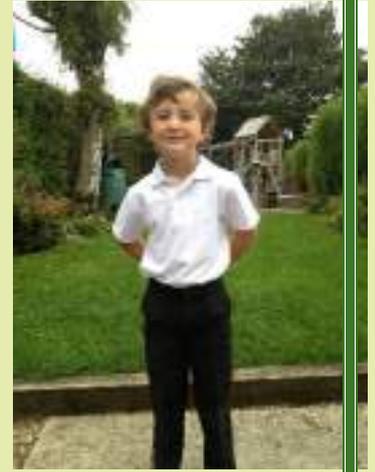
I will go to Bishop Vesey Grammar school next year and I hope to become a scientist in Chemistry or Physics. I would like to be in the same school house as some of my friends and go on school trips to many countries





Name: Luke

Class: Foxes



Hi, my name is Luke and I have had a wonderful experience at Hill West for 7 years

The best thing about my time being at Hill West is that I have made many friends here and going on, I hope I keep them. My favourite thing we all did was going on school trips and enjoying them with all my friends beside me.

The funniest moment at school was when Max, Harrison and I were in a group together in Aberdovey in a large muddy field with cow poo and we all kept on slipping and sliding and couldn't stop. It was hilarious.

My most memorable moment would be when we were in Aberdovey. But when we got back, it felt like both classes in Year 5 were merged together and nothing could separate us.

My message to my friends and teacher is this

“You have been amazing throughout my seven years and I could not ask for anything better!”

Fun fact:

Every year of my life I have been down to this place called Salcombe and my family own a house down there and it's like my second home.

All I wish for my future is for my friends to have a good life and for them to remember me.



Name: Jayden

Class: Otters

Wow! I can't believe that my time at Hill West Primary will be coming to an end. I can honestly say I have learned and progressed immensely, have made some amazing friends and have had some brilliant teachers who have helped me along my journey at Hill West. I have no doubt, the memories I have made will remain with me as I close this chapter and start anew.

Some of my most memorable moments at Hill West includes – taking part in sports day, class assemblies which includes a variety of activities such as – playing main role in productions, dancing and singing. I also enjoyed attending the pantomime (although one made me cry), staying overnight at Woodlands, camping on the field, the week away at Aberdovey and our fabulous trip to France to name a few.

One of my proudest moments at Hill West was walking up in assembly to receive my award for sports and also singing on the school choir at the prestigious Lichfield Cathedral.

A highlight for me was taking part in sports day, putting my running skills to the test and representing Pankhurst in the relay and 100 meters winning medals!

With a big pat on my back I can say I am proud of achieving my Black Belt in Karate last year, yes it was hard work, but what an amazing feeling to wear the belt round my waist. I also love attending gymnastics and of course playing Roblox!

My wish for the future is to become a Vet due to my love for animals. I would also like to become an Olympian gymnast or gymnastic instructor.

I am grateful for all the support I have received over the years from my teachers and would like to say a huge thank you to all my teachers and Dr. Clarke.

I wish all my classmates and friends the best of luck in their transition to secondary school and beyond.



Name: Sam

Class: Otters

The best thing about being in school is...

Lunch Time

My favourite moment...

Playing with friends

My funniest moment...

When I ran into a glass door by accident

My most memorable moment...

Fun with my friends

What I am most proud of...

Chosen to be House Captain for Pankhurst

Message to a friend and/or teacher...

Thank you for making school fun. I will miss you all!

What I wish for my future...

To be happy and succesful!



Name: Eva

Class: Otters

The best thing about Hill West Primary School are the teachers I have had and the friends I have made, because they are kind and helpful.

I am most proud of getting selected as House Captain for Barnardo: I was very happy when I got chosen because it depended on people's votes. It made me feel like I was going to do a good job.

My favourite moment throughout primary school was when we went on a school trip to Aberdovey in Year Five, when we all went to the gorge and went down the water slide (made out of rocks), landing in a deep pool at the end.

The funniest moment was also in Aberdovey when we were told to meet for hot chocolate and me, Neve and Naomi went to the canteen and got hot chocolate from there but then we realised that no one from Hill West was in the canteen and it was another school so we put the hot chocolates back and went to find our school instead.

My most memorable moment was when we went on a school trip to woodlands; the reason I will remember this moment is because nearly everyone in the year group was there and it was the first overnight trip that was packed full of adventure.

I am not quite sure yet what I would like to be when I grow up however, I might consider becoming a teacher, author or maybe a piano teacher. As I enjoy reading playing the piano and school.

My message for my teachers is ...I have enjoyed every second of primary school and I am excited to see you again. My message for my classmates is I have missed you all and I am really looking forward to seeing you again.



Name: Archie

Class: Otters



• I remember my first days in Reception, when Ellis and I played with the dinosaurs all day long. In Year 1, I remember having to write a story about Little Red Riding Hood – I wrote about 3 pages and was pretty amazed with myself! Mr Britton taught me in Year 2; he was one of my favourite teachers, along with Mr Ellison.



- The best thing about school is break (and lunch times) as I get to be with my friends. I've been good friends with Ellis, Lucas, Charlie, Finley and Joshua B since Nursery and I hope we continue being friends all the way through secondary school. Lessons? Well, I guess my favourites would be Maths and P.E.
- My favourite moments have included sports days, being part of teams that play for the school and playing around with my friends at break and lunch. Also, I have enjoyed our many school trips and camping on the school field. Exhausting, but we had a laugh.
- My most memorable moment was the school residential in Year 5, when I stayed for 4 nights in Aberdovey. I had lots of adventures: climbing mountains, running down the river, walking in a cave by candlelight and jumping into a freezing lake (feeling the moss at the bottom was disgusting!). In my dorm was Sam, Ayaan, Ellis, Finley, Charlie and Jayden and my best memories are playing tig in the pitch black – when we should have been asleep – and Finley saying he was eating grapes for us to find out he was really eating his sweets!
- During Year 6, I have been most proud of being voted as house captain for Ghandi – I was really surprised that people had chosen me! At the end of Year 5, Mr Minto picked me for the school football team. I had wanted to represent the school playing football since Year 3, so I was really proud of this. It is a shame that we only played a few matches together, but I enjoyed it all the same. Also in Year 6, I was chosen for the cross country and rugby teams – more of my proudest moments. I have represented Hill West for sports, over many years, such as for Area Sports and competitions at Arthur Terry. Outside of school, whilst in Year 6, I achieved my black belt in karate – this took a lot of hard work and a 2500 word essay! In Years 5 and 6, I played for Walsall Football Club, travelling to different places to play, and I'm really proud of this as well.
- Thanks to all of the teachers that have helped me during my time at Hill West. I can't wait to see everyone in my class, and my close friends, when we move to Arthur Terry.
- Fun facts about me: I love football. Most of the time, you'll find me kicking a ball around trying to learn some new tricks. I have a dog called Ted – he's a crazy cockapoo! I think I'm a good friend and I work hard, but I also like to have lots of fun.
- I am really looking forward to Arthur Terry, making new friends and keeping my old ones! When I'm older, I'd most like to be a footballer.
- Good luck everyone...see you soon.



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Name: Ruth

Class: Foxes

- The best thing about school is my friends and teachers
- My favourite moment was when we did an outdoor lesson and we wrote on the floor
- My funniest moment was when in our class play we missed out a whole section of the play
- My most memorable moment is when we all played together as a class
- What I am most proud of is when I was awarded 2 certificates and my gorilla
- Message to a friend and/or teacher I am going to miss you all and thank you for being there for me as my friends and teachers. You guys are the best!
- Fun facts about me, I have a little brother and an older sister, I enjoy horse riding, rugby and football. I can sing, play keyboard and drums.
- What I wish for my future: I would like to be an industrial pharmacist or Doctor.



Name: Oliver

Class: Foxes

I have really enjoyed my time at Hill West as the teachers are kind and caring towards you. The friends I have made will be friends forever.



- I feel that the best thing about school is learning, the teachers try their hardest to make every lesson enjoyable and fun, also getting to make loads of friends that stay with you no matter what.
- My favourite moment at Hill West was going to France, it was the most thrilling and awe-inspiring thing I feel I have done, the school made it amazing. It was exciting to travel around the chateau and the village, we saw loads of exhilarating sights and I felt sad to leave – even though the ferry home was riding really choppy seas (most people were sick) and the dock was full, so we had to wait out at sea for a whole extra hour! It was a fun ride home in my eyes.
- My funniest moment? I have had loads of funny moments at Hill West most of them involve me and my friends... One of the funniest was when we came up with a game that meant we went down the hill holding hands in a circle and spinning. The aim of the game was to not fall over, eventually you would get down to the last two; the first one out of the two to fall, lost. A lot of the time if one person fell, another person, usually the one whose hand they were holding, would also fall.
- My most memorable moment? Again, there have been loads of them but the first one to come to my mind would be when we were all on the coach heading to Aberdovey and the whole coach starting singing.
- What I am most proud of? I am most proud of a few things, one was when me and my friends did an assembly that I had planned about climate change and plastic pollution, another is when I got a science award in year four and the third one is that throughout my years at Hill West I have been praised for my literacy.
- Message to friends and teachers, (the friends that aren't coming to Bishop Vesey with me) I am going to miss all of you and hope that we stay in touch, I will miss my teachers – Mrs Downes and Mrs Grant – they have been some of the most wonderful teachers to me and I will miss them loads.
- Fun facts about me? I love to play Rugby, writing and reading books.
- What I wish for my future? I wish to be a full-back (number 15) for the Welsh Rugby Union, and I want to go to a university in Wales and study Architecture and Landscaping – as I would also like to do these when I am older.

Name: Matthew

Class: Otters

I have really enjoyed my time at Hill West

The best thing about school is...

- The best thing about school is lunch time because I can play football with my friends.

My favourite moment

- My favourite moment at school was when we went to France. We had great fun and I was very tired when we got back home.

My most memorable moment

- My most memorable moment was when I was picked for the school football team. Playing football for the school was really fun. I was really proud when we played in a tournament and won the cup. Our picture was in the newspaper.

Message to a friend and/or teacher(s)

- I'm looking forward to be starting at Arthur Terry and would like to thank all my teachers for what they have done for me at Hill West.



Name: Alexa 😊

Class: Otters

The best thing about school is about spending valuable time with lots of my close friends from both classes.

My favorite moment was when Year 6 went to France. I enjoyed the coach rides to and from France. I also liked being able to do lots of fun challenges. I also became very close with some of the other girls and boys in the other class which made my friendship group expand. I loved when we would have non-school uniform days. We could wear whatever we wanted, we could sit where we wanted and we would have fun lessons.

My funniest moment was when my friends and I found a worm and sadly somebody stepped on it, so we made a funeral for the worm and made everybody come XD.

My most memorable moment was when I got a very high score for one of my tests and the day before I was worrying about it.

I am most proud of when I got my school reports back as it said I was a very kind person. I was also very proud of myself when for the first time I won 1st place in all of my races on sports day. Usually I'm very nervous for sports day because I don't want to embarrass myself by falling over but that day I felt very confident. I enjoyed our race where we had run with jelly on our heads.

A fun fact about me is that when I was young the doctors saw that I only had 1 working kidney and by each year the other one got smaller and now its completely gone!

In the future I really want to become an actor, it's always been my dream and I used to go to a drama group after school on a Thursday. I've also loved to have big roles in school plays and I'm very sad that I won't be in my very last school play.

I'm happy and sad that we've missed our SATS. The reason I am happy is because I was very nervous and worried about them but now we don't have to do them. The reason I am sad is because I worked very hard to practice for them and now we can't do them.

I am going to miss being in Year Six because it was one of my most favorite years. But I can look forward to going into secondary school and meeting new people and making new friends but still having my old friends as well. I am quite sad that lots of my friends are in the same house and I'm by myself but I'm sure I'll make lots of new friends and be just fine.



Name: Luca

Class: Otters



Thank You Hill West!

For helping me achieve so many things.



We will miss you.

Name: Maya

Class: Foxes



- **The best thing about school is...**
Seeing my friends.
- **My favourite moment...**
Was when the whole class gathered around the benches and were together.
- **My funniest moment...**
At the end of the day in year four I randomly turned to Pippa and said "Where's my nerds?"
- **My most memorable moment...**
Was when I spent a week with all my friends in Aberdovey.
- **Message to a friend and/or teacher(s)...**
I will miss all my friends that I might never see again and good luck to everyone.
- **What I wish for my future...**
To do well in secondary school

Name: Daniel

Class: Foxes



- **The best thing about school is:**
Playing football at break time and lunchtime, and being with my friends. I have enjoyed all of the school trips I have been on such as Woodlands, Aberdovey, Warwick Castle and the Hippodrome pantomime every year.
- **My favourite and most memorable moments at Hill West**
Going to Aberdovey in Wales - sliding on the bottom of the canoe boat, going down the slide made out of rocks and the trench walk. I always enjoyed finding out who my new teacher was and getting to do fun activities with them.
- **Topics/Class Assemblies I have enjoyed:**
I always enjoy the science topics and electricity was my favourite. My class assemblies have been fun to perform on for the school and parents.
- **What I am most proud of:**
Coming 1st place in the Sutton School's cross country competition representing Hill West, and I was proud to make a Victoria Sponge cake during our topic about the Victorians. I have also enjoyed being in the Year 6 football team.
- **I am looking forward to:**
Starting Secondary School, (Arthur Terry), and making new friends and meeting new teachers; it will be a lot different to primary school as there are lots more children and teachers, tutor in the morning, and different subjects. Some of my friends are going to other schools, so I won't see some people again.
- **Interesting facts about me:**
I play football for Four Oaks Mavericks, have competed in the West Midlands Cross Country Athletics League for Royal Sutton Athletics Club and I enjoy bike riding and taking out my boxer dog George.
- **What I wish for my future:**
To become a footballer or athlete- running for Team GB, if not, I would like to become an architect as I like drawing and houses. If I was to become a footballer, I would want to play for Tottenham as they are the team I support.



Name: Max

Class: Foxes



Hill West Memories

The best thing about school:

- is being with my friends

My favourite moment:

- was going to France

My most funniest moments:

- when I was on the ferry coming home from the French school trip and me and Matthew were laughing and pretending it was a roller coaster ride. The other moment was when me and Adam were in the dinner hall eating lunch and I said “pea” and the bread flew out of my mouth and into Adams face and we were laughing for the rest of the day, LOL.

My most memorable moment:

- when I came first in the Hill West fun run in the boys section in KS1

I am most proud of:

- when I was in multi-skills and we came second for our school

Some facts about me:

- I’m good at gaming
- I can be annoying sometimes and rage, lol,
- I am a good friend and a kind person,
- I’m helpful, well sometimes.

I wish to be:

- a racing car driver
- a streamer when I’m older
- to be happy and healthy

Name: Neve

Class: Otters

The best thing about school is:

- ❖ Being surrounded by lots of my good friends.

My favourite moment:

- ❖ Having an opportunity to do things that I might not have thought about doing out of school. e.g. rugby

The funniest moment:

- ❖ Every time my friend make me laugh

My most memorable moment:

- ❖ Aberdovey school trip



What am I most proud of:

- ❖ Trophy award for maths in year 5

Fun fact about me:

- ❖ I have a cat and a new kitten

What I wish for my future:

- ❖ To become radio presenter

Message to a friend:

- ❖ Never give up and believe in yourself!

Name: Adam

Class: Foxes

The best thing about school is...

Seeing my friends, playing football and tig on the school field.

My favourite moment...

Having my birthday in class and everyone singing "Happy Birthday" and sharing out my sweets to everyone.

My most memorable moment...

I have two, the first one was learning to play the guitar and playing at the Spring Musical in front of an audience and secondly when I was chosen to be Vice Captain of Mandela for Year 6.

What I am most proud of...

Going on all the school trips, especially Woodlands, Aberdovey and France. I took part in all the activities such as climbing, orienteering, gorge walking, hiking and surviving the ferry on the way back from France. Sometimes it felt really tough but I was so proud of myself when we had finished. I really liked going to the shops in France and buying gifts to take back home and also buying myself a caramel Frappuccino in Starbucks.

Message to a teacher...

Thank you to Dr Warrack for looking after me on school trips and being so kind and caring in school.

Fun facts about me...

I really love climbing. Before lockdown I was having lessons and working towards my NIBAS scheme. I can't wait to get back after lockdown.

I enjoy playing video games with my friends. We laugh so much and sometimes I can't stop laughing.

I love drawing in black pen and I have kept all my drawings in an art folder.

I love the Harry Potter films and Star Wars.

I love dogs!! I have a dog called Buddy. He is 3 years old and he follows me everywhere. I love playing with him at the park and throwing the ball for him.

What I wish for my future.....

I really want to work with animals and I would like to be a Dog Handler in the police force or work as a Vet.



Name: Naomi

Class: Otters

MY BEST THING ABOUT SCHOOL:

Getting to see my friends every day and doing art, computing, DT and P.E

WHAT I WISH FOR MY FUTURE:

I want to work with animals as my job and also design clothes but I don't really know for certain. I do know that I want to own a dog.

FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

I like to do gymnastics, athletics and I can play two instruments, tenor horn and the violin. I learnt to do a handspring in lockdown and I look after my Cardinal Tetra fish which I got just after

MY FAVORITE MOMENTS

I really enjoyed going to France in Year 6, going to Woodlands in Year 3, camping on the field in Year 4, Aberdovey in Year 5 and all the pantomimes since Year 1!

Dressing up as a vampire for every Halloween disco!

MY MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT:

Dancing round the Maypole at the summer fayre when we were in Year 2.

Finally achieving a Good Behaviour Award in Year 6 😊



MESSAGE TO TEACHERS:

Thank you to all the teachers that taught me how to do all the things I know to do today: Mrs George, Mrs Pardoe, Miss McNally, Mrs Massey, Mr Britton, Miss Stone, Mrs Cooke, Mr Ellison, Miss Robinson and Mrs Terry, all the teaching assistants, Dr Clarke and Dr Warrack as well as Mr Minto and Mrs Mahmood at Woodpeckers.

MY FUNNIEST MOMENT

When we went to Aberdovey and Jayden and Ayaan were singing the same song all the way down the mountain when we were all soaked in the rain.

WHAT I AM MOST PROUD OF:

Being a member of the cross country team.

Being part of the best ever class and year group at Hill West!

Name: Beatrix

Class: Foxes



- **The best thing about school is...**
Making friends and lifelong memories, with a side order of learning!
- **My favourite moment**
An afternoon trip in Year Four to Hill Hook nature reserve with one of my favourite teaching assistants, Mrs Scandrett.
- **My funniest moment**
When camping in the field in Year Four, all the girls went into one big tent to tell spooky stories. I didn't go in with them, as I get scared easily. But when they all went in and had just started, I hatched a plan. I ran and grabbed my torch from my tent, then sprinted back to the side wall of the tent with the girls inside telling their stories. I laid my hand down on the tent wall, formed a shadow puppet and shone the torch's light to create a spooky silhouette. Almost instantly, I heard a cacophony of screams. I ran back to my tent, then doubled up laughing!
- **My most memorable moment**
My first time abroad on a school trip to France in Year Six. I have some fabulous memories of France, but avoided eating any frog's legs as they looked like roasted legs with flippers. I ate nothing but gummy dinosaurs for lunch on the ferry on the way there!
- **What I am most proud of**
Being awarded the KS2 reading award three times!
- **Message to a friend and/or teacher(s)**
Thank you to everyone at Hill West for four fabulous years, with extra special thanks to Eddison, Gio, Daniel F, Lola, Dhian, Mrs Downes, Dr Warrack, Mrs Scandrett, Mrs Grant, Mrs Terry, Mr Ellison, Mr Minto, Mrs Mahmood, Miss Pegg and Dr Clarke.
- **Fun facts about me:**
My favourite pet is my cat, who is called Bear;
I have 3 berets;
I absolutely love reading;
I started at Hill West six weeks before the end of Year Two;
When I had my long hair cut, I donated 40cm of cut hair to The Little Princess Trust.
- **What I wish for my future:**
I'd like to continue with my love of books and become an author of lots of different genres of books. I would like my future to be one that is happy, healthy and full of great friendships!



Name: Lola

Class: Otters

I can't believe that six years of Primary school is over. I was only four years old when I started in Wrens and now I am nearly eleven and getting ready to start Secondary school as a year seven.

I have a lot of memories from Primary School and I thought it would be nice to share a few of them with you.

The funniest thing I remember happened in the dinner hall. I was pretending to fall off my seat to make Deedee, Amelia and Naomi laugh, but I actually did fall and sent my fruit flying across the hall. My mum wasn't impressed that I had hurled my lunch away when I told her after school!

The thing I am most proud of was winning an award for 'kindness' in Year 4. This is the only trophy I have ever won and it means a lot to me because I think being kind is as important as learning to read and write well. If everyone was kind then no-one would be upset and everyone would be happy, which would make the world a nicer place to be in.

My favourite moment was actually a whole week, when we all went to Aberdovey in Wales. I got to share a dormitory with my best friend which was great because we did nothing but laugh the whole time. I loved making dens in the woods and I liked being in a canoe, especially racing each other and splashing each other with the paddles. I liked the freedom of not being told what to do all the time, but it was also nice to get back home as well because I did miss my family, especially my Mum.

I wanted to say a big "thank you" to my teachers and my friends for supporting me by making sure I didn't give up when I was struggling in Maths. Looking back, if I could give four-year old me some advice, I would tell myself to listen more because I do chat too much and that's a habit I want to change.

Now I am looking forward to starting Arthur Terry, especially the English lessons and having lots of different teachers. I want to learn more about different ways to write and have different challenges. I am also looking forward to Art and Technology because there will be more materials to experiment with and gadgets to fiddle with. I will miss the field and especially the hill and the trees, and I will miss being around the really little children as they are always cute and funny to talk to.



Name: Alexander

Class: Foxes

The best thing about school is...

FRIENDS! Obviously the best thing about school is friends. The more Friends you make at school, whether they are in your Year Group or not, the happier you will be. I learnt that in the earlier stages of KS2, I didn't have as many friends as I do now and I wasn't as happy. Then I started finding happiness in friends and I was as happy as anyone could be.

My favourite moment is....

I don't know. No moment could take the top spot. There are lots of things like school trips that could come close such as Aberdovey, France, Woodlands and ATLP Student Leadership could come close but I still don't know.

My funniest moment is...

In France when we first got into our dorm, we had a pillow fight. They all ganged up on me, which was slightly unfair but OK. I have a really bad memory and I can't remember anything.

My most memorable moment is...

Earning a trophy in the end of year celebrations in Year 1. I wasn't as confident about school as much as I am now. The trophy helped me gain more confidence and got me going. Other than that I am not sure.



Fun facts:

- My mom is Russian.
- I was born in Prague.
- I will go to Bishop Vesey Grammar School.

Message to friends, pupils and teachers...

"Always work hard and the best will come. Look up to older pupils and set that as a working standard. Never give up and in darkest of times there is still happiness to be found."

Thank you for reading.

Name: Dr Beth Clarke

Head Teacher

Whose Child is This?

Author Unknown

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."

Year 6, you've made it; not only to the end of your primary phase of schooling but to the end of a very challenging and unnerving year as a result of Covid19. We most certainly missed having you with us for the last four months of this academic year and know that much fun and laughter has been sacrificed. We would like to think however, as the poem states, that we have helped you mature into the fine young people you are today. I wish you all a great deal of happiness, good health and success as you start your secondary schooling and know that with hard work and determination you can truly achieve your dreams.



Good Luck for the future!

A huge thank you to everyone for your fantastic contributions – it has been great to read about your thoughts, memories and experiences at Hill West Primary School, whether you have been here for less than a year or more than 7!

Wishing you all the very best for Year 7 and beyond!