

Hillend's



Newsletter

### Staff Update

We would like to welcome Kieran to Hillend! And Congratulations to both Kieran and Jacqui on being successful through interview for our learning assistant posts.

We would also like to pass on the news that our Marai after 24 wonderful years at Hillend will be retiring at the end of June. Please don't hesitate to come say your goodbyes- all welcome.

We will be interviewing for Jade's maternity post in due course.

### The one where Marai Retires.

We would like to pass on some news.

Oor Marai will be retiring on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2024.

Spanning over 41 years within early years. Marai has been a huge part of TeamHillend for over 24 years, from supporting a number of children with complex needs and being an advocate for the children and their families in her care.

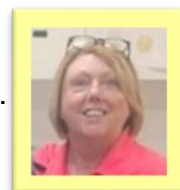
A number of professionals and families can't quite believe.... It's happening!

I speak on behalf of the whole team when I say we will truly miss your support, wisdom, passion, love & care for every child that has come your way.

We will miss you more than you will know.

We wish you a very well deserved retirement from all staff, children & families.

Love from, #TeamHillend.



### Sports Day/Go Yellow Day.

We would like to thank everyone for coming & supporting us even when the heavens had opened.

The children where superstars and families certainly must have been practicing their races 😊.

We have raised a fantastic £300 for Ardgowan Hospice.

This will support this wonderful service in our community further. Thank you!

### Hillend Shop

You may have seen the recent Greenock Telegraph article regarding our "Hillend Shop".

We would like to thank the West College Scotland again for their support in making this wonderful learning experience for our children.

Watch this space! Some children have already been in talks about what they're going to sell, for example soup made from their garden produce.

This will be supported throughout the year but if you have any suggestions please let us know.

## Events

Here are some dates to keep in the diary.

### June

- **#TeamHillend Fun Day-** For Children Summer Fun Day- 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- **Celebration of Learning- Bluebells:-** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (more information to follow)
- **Celebration of Learning- Snowdrops & Sunflowers:-** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024 (more information to follow)

### #TeamHillend Fun Day

To celebrate the wonderful year for the children.

We will have a variety of fun experiences. Dinky Diggers will be coming on the day and also some wonderful sound and movement from the Boogie Bugs. And maybe some special faces along the way.

Please wear something beach ready!

(We ask if you please provide, swimming clothes, a change of clothes and appropriate swimming pants if required)

### Take a Break Scotland Funding

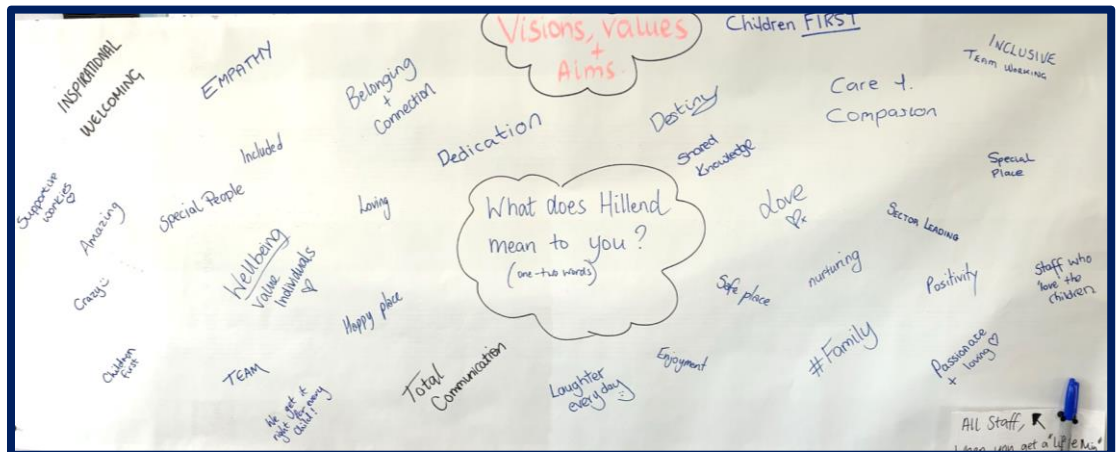
(No not the magazine ☺) – Thanks to one of our parents we have come across funding. You can apply for a Take a Break grant if you are the parent or carer of a child or young person aged 0 to 20 with ASN, and you meet our eligibility criteria.

Click below or hover your camera app over the QR code.

<https://takeabreakscotland.org.uk/apply-online/>



### Parent's Feedback Questionnaire



### Visions, Values & Aims at Hillend.

With a new term ahead in August we would like to consult with everyone in creating refreshed vision, values, and aims.

In the photo above we asked our staff: - *What does Hillend mean to you? (In one-two words)*

If you could please fill out the questionnaire below or you can ask for a paper copy to fill in within nursery.

We value everyone's opinion and your contribution will inform our plans for the year ahead.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKRHKIEvbZ8IAgluavX9p56ZUOEZON1hPNDI5NIIESzNZMkw4NFIYSjZGWS4u>

## Voluntary Nursery Pennies overview

We would like to thank all families and carers for their recent support regarding the voluntary nursery pennies bottle/tubs.

The past two months we have raised £153.99.

Here is a breakdown on some resources the money has supported our children:-

Caterpillars- £33.95

Sensory water mat - £34

Sensory tactile foot mat- £24

A variety of malleable materials.

Thank you for your continuous support.



### ASN Parents and Carer Group

The ASN group has provided us with future meetings so you can plan your year ahead.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**- 6.30pm-8.30pm- Info Night- representatives throughout Inverclyde's ASN services under one roof.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024**- 10am-12pm- Greenock Carers Centre.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024**- 12pm-2pm – Port Glasgow 25 club.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024**- 12pm-2pm- Greenock Carers Centre.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**- 7pm-9pm- Westburn Church

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024**- 12pm-2pm- Greenock Carers Centre

### Car Park

We would kindly ask if you avoid parking in the drop off zone when our buses are arriving and departing.

This is for the safety of our children and staff.

We would be grateful for your support on this matter.

### Thank You to Pyper's Superstore

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pyper's Superstore in Greenock for the donation of a wonderful large chair for our children's story corner.

You're always such a huge support & it's lovely to see the children relaxing/reading throughout their day.

### Thank You

We thank you for your continuous support and your opinions matter to us – so please do not hesitate to contact us, as we would love to hear your suggestions and if you have any further questions from the above.

We wish our cherubs moving onto school soon all the best and know we are always here.  
#TeamHillend Always.

Notre Dame High School  
Dunlop St Greenock PA169BJ  
6.30-8.30PM

WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
ASN SERVICES ACROSS  
INVERCLYDE  
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF!!  
THIS IS NOT TO BE MISSED!!