

## **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I can hardly believe I am writing the last message of this half term. The weeks have flown by and as always we have achieved so much. The GCSEs are well under way, with today marking the half way point for our Year 11s. We have celebrated with a special breakfast for them, they certainly deserve it.

A number of pupils have been involved in the last couple of weeks in recording with MAD to produce a new promotional film and introduction to Hillside film for the Year 6 pupils joining us. They have been exceptional and I can't wait to see the finished recordings and share with our families.

I hope everyone can enjoy a lovely half term and hopefully the weather will improve. I look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 3rd June at the usual time of 8.20am. Have a great break!

**Amanda Ryan, Principal** 



# Thought for the Week

Diversity is not about how we differ.

Diversity is about embracing one
another's uniqueness.

- OLA JOSEPH



#### **Attendance League Press Release**

Well, what a belter of a week in the Attendance League! Symes Town smashed the opposition with 100% attendance - maximum bonus points for an outstanding effort. Strong wins for Henderson Town, Moore Scorers, Cosgrove United and Wardale Wanderers - all with attendance above 96% - also secured maximum points. This week there was not much movement at the top - but as this is the last week of the League - we are going to double the bonus points - 2 Points for Attendance above 90%, 4 Points for being above 93% and 6 points for being above 96% - that could really shake it up! Special prizes for League winners and top scorers to follow! Mr Edwards.

Mr Edwards



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I am delighted to share our published report from Ofsted with you. This is now live on our website for staff and parents to access. The link is here: <u>Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!</u>



Points Win = 3 Points Draw = 1 Point Lose = 0 Points

Weekly Boost Attendance at

## **Oracy**



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

#### Success Criteria for Pupil Talk

- One person speaks at a time
- Positive body language and make eye contact with the speaker
- Speak with a clear voice
- Demonstrate active listening e.g. nodding head to demonstrate understanding, asking a question to clarify understanding

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Let's talk about it...

If you could choose one talent, what would it be? Why?



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## 'Meet the Team'

This week we say 'Hola' to one of the MFL team. A native of the East Midlands, Mr. Seamen is currently serving a second stint at Hillside. Initially joining us as a teaching assistant in the languages department, he left to complete his teaching qualification. He enjoyed it so much that he returned as a teacher in 2012 and has been part of our learning community ever since.

**Previous job(s)**: Lots of different jobs! I've been a Holiday Rep in France, I've worked in hotels in Gran Canaria and even a library at Liverpool University!

**Hobbies/interests:** Running, trail running, hiking and dogs.

Pets: Two dogs Eno & Boo (Border Terriers)

**Favourite food:** Anything Greek – Moussaka or chicken Giros **Likes:** Being outdoors in the countryside, beach or parks **Dislikes:** Peanut butter. It reminds me of cat sick.

Favourite movie: Shrek 2

**Favourite destination or last holiday you went on:** Last place I went to was Rhodes, Greece. However, I love Sardinia for the turquoise sea and best pizzas! **If not a a teacher what job would you do?** I would have loved to have become a vet. Science was not my strongest subject though. I got a grade C at GCSE.

**Person you'd most like to meet and why:** Nelson Mandela. I'd ask him his secret to staying positive during tough times. He was imprisoned for 27 years! **What was your favourite subject when you were at school?** Spanish, art and technology.

Favourite colour: YELLOW obviously! Check out my 'cheese on wheels' car,

water bottle, phone case etc.

Coca-Cola or Pepsi: Coca-Cola, Cherry flavour

**McDonalds or KFC:** KFC

If you could have a superpower what would it be? To be able to fly so I

can avoid traffic, and slow walkers

**Last book read:** A little Life by Hanya Yanagihara

**Liverpool or Everton?** Liverpool or Derby County (COYR)

**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling up the stairs at Nottingham train

station running for my train home from college. I stumbled to the top and both my trainers fell off and bounced all the way down onto the rails. My trainers got squashed and I missed the train too. TIE YOUR SHOE LACES!

Favourite chocolate bar: Boost Duo

**Favourite crisp or snack:** Salt and vinegar squares or blue Doritos

Best birthday present you received when you were younger: Rayleigh

Max bike when I was 12.

**Worst birthday present you've received as an adult:** A tartan duvet set from Matalan. It's now the dog's bed.

**Strangest thing you've ever eaten:** Sea urchins in Albania. They are similar to mussels.

Red or brown sauce on a sausage sandwich: Red

Most random item in your desk drawer: Keith the Crocodile (my classes know him well)

What would be your specialist subject on Mastermind? Late 90s pop music

**An interesting fact most people would not know about you:** I'm a PADI Scuba Dive Master (I can train people to scuba dive).



Mr Seaman



#### Life's a Beach!

Working with Carmel from LFC Foundation pupils have been creating clay sculptures using Antony Gormley's men as their inspiration. First, workshops were held in school were the clay sculptures were formed. Then it was off to the beach to create an installation alongside the Antony Gormley's Iron Men. The day kicked off with lots of digging followed by more digging. Pupils showed resilience and a positive attitude. After all the blood sweat and thankfully no tears it was off to Lakeside for some well earned food. Staff from the restaurant even complimented pupils on their demeanour and attitude. Carmel was really impressed with all pupils as they were willing, hands on and all contributed to the day. They showed great teamwork! One pupil even faced her fears on the day...yes, there were lots of dogs enjoying a run on the beach!

Miss Roby



## Hillside Shines Bright at the EITC Blue

Mrs Ryan and Miss Roby were thrilled to be invited along to the EITC Blue Heart Awards held at Content in Liverpool on Tuesday 7th May. This prestigious awards ceremony honoured Everton in the Community participants, volunteers and fundraisers from across the charity's 60+ programmes.

The evening was hosted by Giulia Bould and Sarah Halpin and a total of 15 awards with gold, silver and bronze winners were presented. Former heavyweight boxing champion and recent 'I'm a celeb' favourite Tony Bellew handed out some of the awards.

Our very own Hillside pupils Fola O, Ellie L and Sophie L were all prize winners in the Merseyside Police category. Ellie and Sophie both participated in the week-long trainee detective programme and were recognised for their amazing commitment, work ethic and behaviour. This scooped the bronze award on the night! Fola was recognised for her hard work, commitment and engagement in the She Inspires Programme which saw her become our leading lady in 'BBC Crimewatch Live', coverage of the initiative.

It was a privilege to watch our pupils being recognised for their achievements. For them to be selected out of hundreds of individuals really is something special. We are extremely proud of them. Well done!









## **Well Done!**

At the weekend Ashley E 10CSY and her football team, The Fillies Girls Football Club won not just one but two trophies. They are now the proud winners of Liverpool Womens & Girls Sunday League for Under 15s. The Fillies Girls Football Club is a community organization using the grass roots activity, football, as a vehicle to extend social access, participation, increase skill and creativity, and improve the health and quality of the lives of young girls. Well done Girls.

Mrs Symes

# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

# Euro2024 "Man muss dabei sein, um zu gewinnen!"

This week's assemblies have focused on recent successes in improving whole school attendance - and celebrated everyone's efforts in the Attendance League. It also was an opportunity to show pupils the link between attendance and GCSE results - with the clear message that we can predict pupils' future grades based on their attendance. Last year pupils with attendance between 90 - 95% achieved seven GCSE grades less than those with attendance above 98%.

With the Attendance League coming to an end this Friday - We are off to Germany! We have launched the Euro 2024 Championship - with Group stages over the next five weeks, then semi finals and a Grand final - lots of prizes to be won and some great competition between forms! Good Luck to all our Teams - and remember "Man muss dabei sein, um zu gewinnen!" --- " You have to be in to win!"

Mr Edwards















