HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week's newsletter is full of important information. Even though we haven't finished for the summer yet, we appreciate some families like to get organised early for September so we have included lots of important information about our standards and expectations in terms of uniform, shoes etc. As always the website is another source of information and please don't hesitate to contact us if you need clarification about anything.

It was a pleasure this week to appoint our next team of Prefects and they are already supporting the school, doing an amazing job at last night's Welcome Evening.

Next week we are looking forward to our final Personal Development Drop Down Day, the day is focussing on careers and finance and was planned in light of feedback from our pupils who asked for these topics to be covered. Everyone needs to be in school Monday to ensure they don't miss out on these invaluable sessions.

We are delighted to be the first hub in Merseyside for 'The bread and butter thing' this is an amazing offer which I hope many of our families will feel able to take up. All the details you need are included inside the newsletter.

We can't wait to welcome you to next week's Community Evening!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

JOIN US!

Science Olympics

On Tuesday 2nd July we hosted our "Science Olympics" here at Hillside. Almost one hundred Year 5 pupils from Bedford and Thomas Gray Primary Schools attended the event.
This celebration of science included a number of scientific challenges, requiring the pupils to utilise their knowledge, skills, logic and teamwork to complete the tasks successfully.
The challenges included nine activities including; Spaghetti towers, Pendulums, Bridge building and a science quiz.
The pupils were placed into teams of five or six and provided with a score card and a "Ask the Expert" joker card.
Each challenge was managed by members of our Year 8, they maintained the pace, interest and passion for each task brilliantly.
The Year 8 experts also provided support and when required imparted knowledge and tips to the groups to overcome any problems with the task.
The teams where allocated ten minutes for each challenge and a score was recorded before they moved to the next task. This proved to be quite competitive.
In the end we had two winning teams "The Legends" from Bedford and "The Smarties" from Thomas Gray
Well done to everybody involved, it was great to see so many young people embracing the joys of science. We look forward to running this event next year!

Mr Code

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: Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!

Ofsted GRADED GOOD

Rampworks

We are pleased to announce that the Free Rampworx Summer Holiday Club is now open for applications and will include scooter coaching, equipment hire, fun activities and games, a hot meal, drinks and snacks.

Places are limited, so please sign up as soon as possible to ensure your child's places is secured.

The dates that are available are as follows:
30th & 31st July, 1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th, 30th August.

There will be two sessions, the first session from 9am-12pm which is ONLY available to children aged 5-9 years.
The second session is 3pm-7pm and ONLY available to youths ages 10-16 years.

In order to secure a free place, applicants must be a resident of Sefton and be in receipt of benefit related free school meals, the following google form must also be completed, agreeing our terms and conditions.

https://forms.gle/cKK3An8QBV9igkoj9

Once the form is complete, the application will be allocated a place , we will ONLY call you if we need to discuss your application further.

Please be aware that the skate park is very cold in the Winter, but equally children can become very warm whilst riding around, so we suggest layers and practical clothing.

Breakfast Club

Come along to our fantastic breakfast club which is free of charge to all pupils.

Mrs McGing will be in the Dining Room everyday between 7:45am-8:20am

Personal Development Drop Down Day 3 – Whole School Careers Day on Monday, 8th July!

Excitement is building as we approach one of the most dynamic and inspiring events of the year! On **Monday, 8th July**, our school will host **Personal Development Drop Down Day 3: Whole School Careers Day**. This incredible day is jam-packed with activities designed to ignite your passion for future careers and equip you with essential skills.

Why This Day is a Must-Attend
This isn't just any ordinary school day—it's a day dedicated to your personal and professional growth, filled with interactive sessions and fun challenges. Here's a glimpse of the activities we have planned:

Enterprise Competition: Solving Environmental Issues
Are you a budding innovator with a passion for the environment? Join our Enterprise Competition focused on solving environmental issues. Work in teams to brainstorm and develop solutions that can make a real impact. It's a fantastic opportunity to collaborate, think creatively, and contribute to a greener future. Exciting prizes await the top teams!

Enterprise Competition: Start Your Own Business Concept
Ever dreamed of starting your own business? This is your chance to turn those dreams into reality. You'll develop and pitch a business concept. Learn from experienced entrepreneurs and get hands-on experience in business planning. The best ideas will be rewarded with amazing prizes!

Vital Employability Skills Workshops
Stand out in the job market by mastering essential employability skills. Our workshops will cover key areas such as effective communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management. These sessions are designed to boost your confidence and prepare you for future employment opportunities.

Interview Skills and CV Writing
Nervous about interviews? Don't be! Our interview skills workshop will teach you how to answer common questions and present yourself professionally. Additionally, learn how to create a compelling CV that showcases your strengths and achievements, making you a top candidate for any job.

Ex-Pupils Sharing Success Stories
We are thrilled to welcome back some of our accomplished ex-pupils who will be sharing their stories about school days and their career success stories. Hear first-hand how they navigated their career paths, overcame challenges, and achieved their goals. Their inspiring journeys will motivate you to pursue your dreams with determination and confidence.

Fun Quizzes and Prizes
What's a day of learning without a bit of fun? Test your knowledge with our engaging quizzes and compete for fantastic prizes. It's a great way to review what you've learned and enjoy some friendly competition with your classmates.

Be There and Be Inspired
Whether you're already considering your career options or just beginning to explore, this event is designed to help you discover your passions and plan for a successful future.
So, mark **Monday, 8th July** on your calendar and come prepared for a day full of learning, fun, and inspiration. We can't wait to see you there!

Mr Haygarth

Attendance League Press

Another cracking week in the Group stages of Euro2024 saw some amazing results. Henderson Town, Seaman's Heroes and Gallagher City all had cracking wins with attendance above 97%! Well done! The group stages have come to an end and our winning teams - Rice Rovers, Moore Scorer's, Henderson Town and Henesy City all share glory. We move into the quarter finals and runners up stages now - with some cracking fixtures to be played this week and rewards for all winning teams! As you read this England may be in or out...I don't know - but what I do know is that at Hillside you have to be in to win!

Mr Edwards

EURO2024 Time Scores WB 24/06/24 EURO2024

Last week						This Week
GROUP A						
Henderson Town	10TH	96.7	V	99.1	10TH	Henderson Town
Wardale Wanderers	9SW	90.2	V	98.0	10RS	Seaman's Heroes
Symes Town	10CSY	91.0	V	93.6	7CH	Halsall United
GROUP B						
Clarke's Sharks	7SAC	91.7	V	96.3	7SAC	Clarke's Sharks
Cosgrove United	8MC	89.0	V	94.4	10THE	Henesy City
Kitching Rovers	9NK	85.2	V	87.1	7KBH	Higgins' Heroes
GROUP C						
Ashraf's Rovers	8RA	89.6	V	91.7	8RA	Ashraf's Rovers
Bell City	7EB	82.7	V	97.5	9LG	Gallagher City
Moore Scorers	7OM	94.6	V	87.5	10GW	Wright United
GROUP D						
Brown United	9LB	83.2	V	83.3	9LB	Brown United
Haygarth City	8DH	81.6	V	78.8	8SC	Code Breakers
Rice Rovers	7JR	93.4	V	86.2	8AWE	Wellington Town

School Ready!

This week in our assemblies we have focused on the importance of 'Standards and Expectations' at Hillside. The information below is a reminder of this.

School Uniform

At Hillside we have extremely high standards of uniform. This means that if you come to school without full uniform for any reason you will automatically spend the day away from other pupils working in isolation in our remove classroom. This is not a punishment, but a way of ensuring that we maintain our high standards at all times.

We expect all of you to wear full school uniform, including school shoes and blazer on their way to and from school. This is something we take very seriously as we believe you are ambassadors for our school at all times.

•Shirts tucked in at all times.
•Outdoor coats to be taken off when in the school building.
•Blazers worn at all times.
•Kilts should not be rolled up.
•No training shoes.

If you have any questions about uniform, please refer to your handbooks or ask a member of staff.

Outdoor coats, jackets and hoodies are not part of your school uniform and should not be worn in the school building:

•Take your coat off as you enter school in the morning.
•If you wear your coat to go out at break and lunch then you should not put this on until you are outside.
•At the end of the school day your coat should go on only as you leave the building and not as you are leaving the classroom.

If you have any questions about uniform, please refer to your handbooks or ask a member of staff.
All pupils need a suitable sized school bag. Big enough to fit A4 folders or books, and all Essential 8.

Jewellery, Make-Up and Nail Varnish

•No jewellery is allowed to be worn except a wrist watch. If you come into school wearing jewellery you will be expected to remove it, this includes earrings which you will be asked to remove.
•Hair bands/bobbles should be small, simple and black or navy.
•It is not appropriate for you to wear make-up, false eyelashes or sparkling tooth gems for school. You will be expected to remove any make-up.
•Nail varnish is not allowed in school and if you are wearing nail varnish you will be asked to remove it and if false nails are worn pupils may be withdrawn from lessons if the nails can not be removed.

Hair

A pupil's haircut is a very important part of their overall presentation. At Hillside we will not accept extreme haircuts and colour change should appear natural. If you arrive to school with an extreme haircut or hair/braids of a colour that does not appear natural you will be isolated with your form tutor or in our Reflection Room. Hair bands/bobbles should be small, simple and black or navy.

Mobile Phone and Portable Music Players in School

Our rules are clear on this:

•Electronic devices should not be brought to school at all.

•Mobile phones may be kept in a school bag but must be switched off at all times.

•Mobile phones should not be taken out during lessons, at break or lunchtime.

Our rules are clear on this:

•If you are seen with a mobile phone or an electronic device, the item will be confiscated and placed safely in Pupil Support. If this is the first occasion that your phone is confiscated it will be given back to you at the end of the day. On a second occasion it will not be given back to you until an adult family member comes to collect it.

There are no excuses or exceptions to this rule including the reasons set out below

•I was just checking the time.

•I was just checking where my next lesson is.

•I was just seeing if my mum had messaged.

•I just needed to check something.

Essential 8

All pupils must bring their Essential 8 into school every day. This will be checked in form classes every morning. Without a properly stocked pencil case and bag, a pupil is putting up their first hurdle to making excellent progress – for themselves and their peers.

If your child arrives to school after 8:30am and/or fails to bring in their basic Essential 8 equipment (pen/pencil, ruler, pencil case/bag, purple pen, timetable, calculator, Drama kit/PE kit and knowledge organiser). They will receive a break time detention that day.

If they fail to attend this detention then they will receive an hour's detention on Friday with a member of the Leadership Team. Parents will be informed about this detention from a notification on their Class Charts parent App. Please note it is essential that you bring a bag to school every day.

Questions:

1. How do high standards and expectations help you?
2. Why are high standards of uniform so important to us as a school?
3. How can you have high expectations of yourself?

Thought for the Week

The bread and butter thing.

New Hub Opening: HILLSIDE HIGH

from Wednesday 10 July

at Hillside High School, Breeze Hill, Bootle, L20 9NU.

- Get around £35 worth of food for £8.50
- Includes fresh fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples.
- Open every Wednesday at 1.30pm.
- You need to become a member to use the hub but it's free to sign-up and book a slot - just follow these steps.
- There is no commitment and it's free to join.
- Everyone who signs up before 13 October 2024 will get their first order free.

It's really easy to sign-up:

1.
   Text 07860 063 304 with your full name, postcode and the name of the hub you will be collecting from: "HILLSIDE"
2.

   Select the size of order you want to receive: Family £8.50, individual £5 or Large Family £17. There is a Vegetarian option available too.
3.
   You'll get a text every Monday to see if you want an order. Just reply "YES" by 10am the next day. Your order will be delivered to the HILLSIDE hub on Wednesday at 1.30pm.
4.
   Collect and pay for your goods from the HILLSIDE HIGH hub. (Don't forget - someone can collect on your behalf if you can't make it and Healthy Start Vouchers are also accepted).

£8.50 bag of goodies!

Where does our food come from?

Our weekly bags are made up of surplus food from supermarkets, food manufacturers and farmers. We never know what we're going to get from day to day, which means each week your bag of food will be different.

But it is always quality, fresh produce. You will probably need to top up from the shops as well, but our food will go a long way to helping will help you feed your family affordably.

Surplus food happens for lots of reasons – sometimes there is a fault with the packaging or there may just be too much of it for the supermarkets to handle.

Some of our food is beyond its BEST BEFORE date BUT that doesn't mean that you can't eat it. With proper storage - for instance in its original packaging and sealed with a clip or in an airtight container - lots of foodstuffs can be eaten long after their best before date, including: Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline date, including:

- Crisps can still be edible for a good month after their best before deadline.
- Biscuits and cereals can last for another six months.
- Baked beans and other tinned goods can last in your store cupboard for a whole year, as can sweets and bottled pasta sauce.
- And don't throw away that packet of dried pasta that you've found at the back of a cupboard. If stored correctly, it should still be safe to eat around three years after its best before date has expired.

We will never provide food that is after its USE BY date because this is about food safety, not food quality. You can eat food on its USE BY date or, if you have a freezer, pop it in. Just make sure you make a note of how long it will be freezer safe and how long it takes to defrost.

You can find out more about our food and our work on our website:

www.breadandbutterthing.org

or at

@teamtbbt

Introducing Our New Prefect Team

Introducing Hillside's new school Prefect team. The position of a Prefect is one of increased responsibility in school. It provides an important connection between staff and pupils. Our Prefects are vitally important to the whole school community and help to set the tone amongst pupils. They also lead by example and promote The Hillside Way. Prefects are role models and demonstrate the core values of Hillside High School on a daily basis and encourage them in others, both in school and in the wider community. Congratulations to all of the pupils who successfully applied for the position. The appointment of our new Head Pupils is now underway, and we look forward to announcing the successful candidates for these roles in the coming weeks following the interview process.

Key Dates 2024

<u>Save the Date</u>

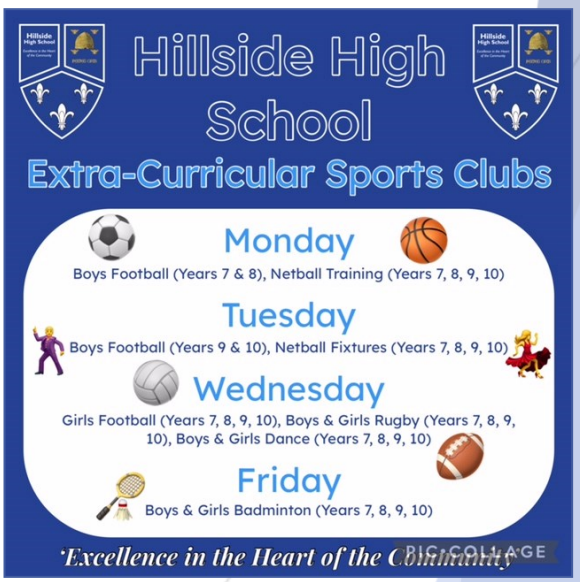
Monday 8th July—Whole School Careers Day

Thursday 11th July—Summer Community Event

Friday 12th July—Year 9 MMR Immunisations

Tuesday 16th July—Years 7-10—Immunisation Catch ups.

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th July—Summer Production 7PM



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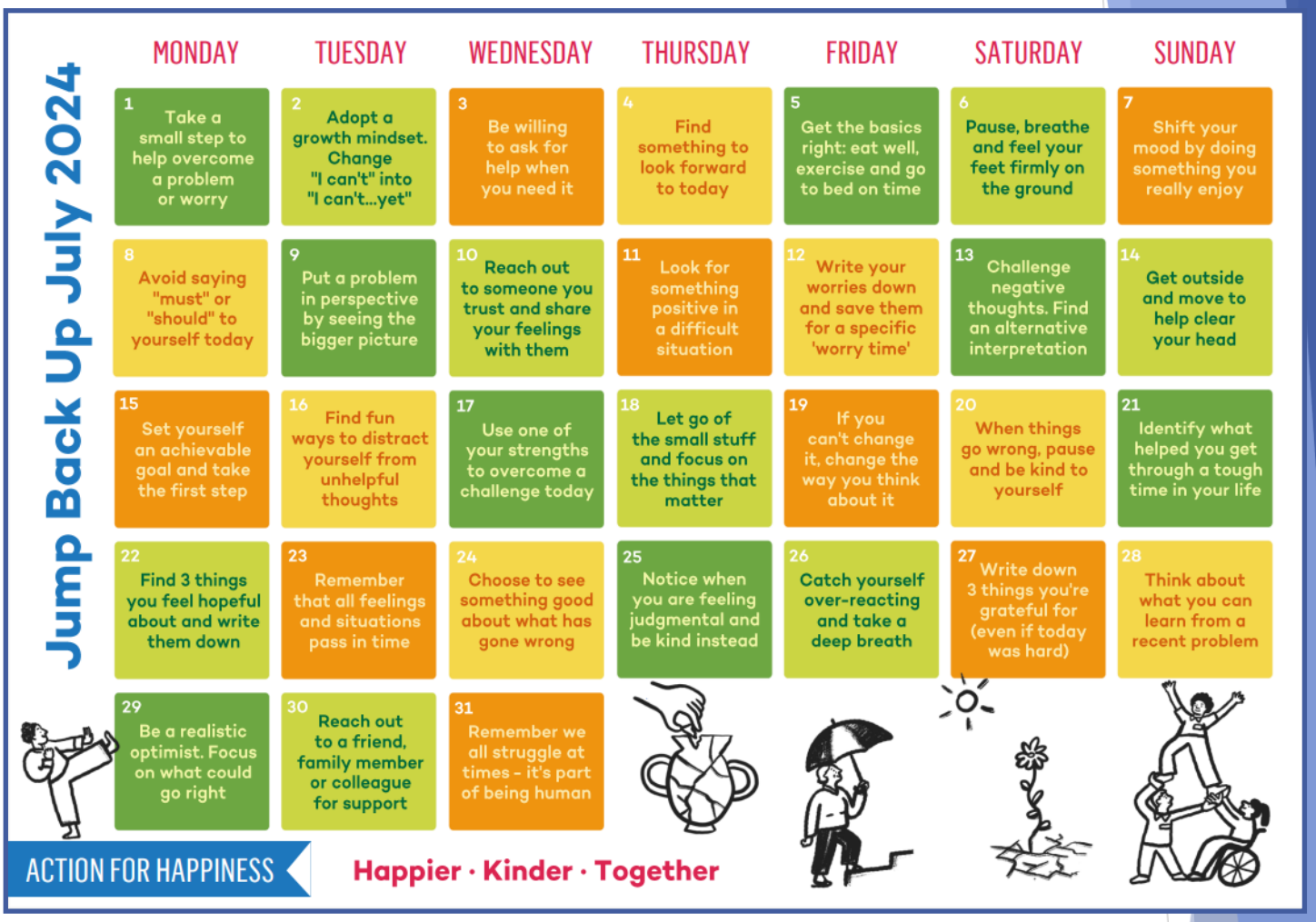

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Athletics

A couple of weeks ago over 70 Hillside pupils took part in both the South Sefton and Sefton athletics events at Litherland Sports Park and Wavertree Athletics centre. All pupils displayed exemplary attitude and excellent effort, with several winning their individual and team events. As the sun shone pupils ran, jumped and threw to the best of their ability and were a real credit to the school.

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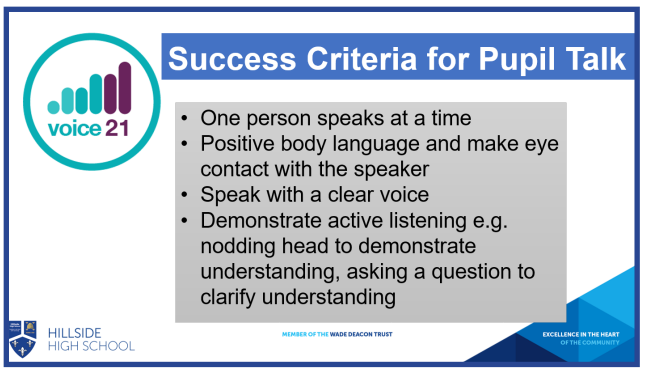

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