EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

## Halloween

#### **Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I am writing this after two amazing evenings of watching Shrek. To sit in the hall and see such joy from the cast and everyone in the audience was an absolute pleasure. We even had a guest in the audience who had travelled 3 hours from Yorkshire to watch the show and was travelling home afterwards! I have to say it was worth it! The talent from our pupils was amazing. I look forward to sharing more photos in the coming weeks. I am certainly one very proud Principal.

I can hardly believe how quickly we are heading to half term and what an amazing start to the year we have had! I am so proud of all the pupils who have made a 'Strong Start' with their attendance. We know that when our pupils attend every day, they will achieve success in our school. We pride ourselves on working with families, so if you ever need support with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact their Progress Leader or our Attendance Team. A remind we break up next Wednesday and we have three full days of learning planned for next week so we expect all pupils in school up to and including Wednesday.

It was a pleasure to meet so many families last Thursday at our Year 7 Parental Event, the sessions included lots of information on how to support your child achieve their best in Year 7. The feedback from parents was extremely positive.

A huge Well Done to all our Sports Leaders, I know they are already doing an amazing job and I can't wait to see what they can achieve this year.

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#### **Amanda Ryan, Principal**

#### **Breaking News! Thank Hillside its Friday!**

Thank you to all parents and pupils for making sure we continue to Start Strong!

It is so important that we keep this up - and next week is as important as any other school week - its too good to miss!

Last week's attendance was 4% better than this time last year! Some great performances from forms - notably Year 7 and 11 - green tastic!

Talking of green - last week's Freddo Friday was a great success with everyone getting into froggy madness.

Mr Edwards



#### Weekly Attendance Dashboard Period: 07/10/2024 to 11/10/2024 Y11 **Y8 Y9 Y10** 7 RLC/NW 95.1 8 KBH 91.1 10 SW 92.4 11 RS 94.2 9 SC 97.4 **7 HT** 96.1 8 SAC 96.9 9 DH 89 10 LB 87 11 TH 99.3 7 SO 98.1 8 OM 98.1 9 MC 95.8 10 NK 93.3 11 GW 94.8 **7 SA** 99.3 8 CH 91.9 9 AWe 89.7 10 LG 91 11 THe 98.1 98.7 8 EB 90.3 9 RA 7 SKe 92.7 **11 CSY** 96.7 7 CR 96.2 8 JR 97.9





#### Hillside Sports Leaders 2024

I am delighted to announce the PE Departments Sports Leaders for 2024. Sports Leaders at Hillside are an absolute asset to the PE Department, their role is to assist PE teachers in extra curricular clubs and also help run many sporting events throughout the year within school and also with local primary schools. Each Sports Leader is allocated a sports club and their role will involve taking registers, organising equipment, leading warm ups, coaching small groups and also umpiring/officiating.

In order to be selected as a Sports Leader you must demonstrate an excellent attitude to learning, be committed to attending extra-curricular activities and most importantly be a role model to the pupils of Hillside. In return you will be presented with a Sports Leader

badge and hoodie.

Our Sports Leaders have been very busy since starting their role in September. coaching football, rugby, netball, badminton and also attending football tournaments at LCFA, netball matches within Sefton, and Everton First Team Ladies coaching session. Next half term our Sports Leaders will be running dance clubs, coaching basketball and also running multi-sports events for primary schools.

#### Sports Leaders 2024:

Kane D Giovanni B Sean S David H Dylan M

Jenson H Jacob W Kade G John McC Jasmine I

Ellie L Kayla B Matilda O Queen I

Queensley I Jo-Leigh O Caitlin H Sophie L

Mia L Emily M Frankie L Lewis R Caitlin A

**Mrs Austin** 















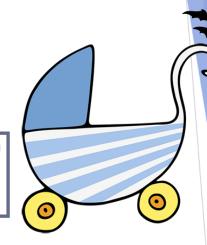








Miss Gallagher gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on 12.10.24 called Edward, he weighed 6lb 15oz.







Wednesday 23rd October—Last Day of Term
4th November —Back to School
16th November—Careers Fair
14th November—Presentation Evening
21st November—Year 11 Progress Evening—
4:15pm-6:45pm



#### **Year 7 Settling In Event Recap**

We were thrilled to see so many families at our Year 7 Settling In event!

During the evening, we provided insights into the school day, including morning routines and what Year 7 pupils do during registration. We also discussed our weekly assemblies and the importance of attendance. Mr. Edwards highlighted the strong correlation between regular attendance and GCSE success, showcasing how our Year 11 pupils with the best attendance performed exceptionally well.

We shared information about after-school clubs and activities available for Year 7 pupils, along with details about our breakfast club. Mr. Campbell demonstrated how parents can use Class Charts to stay informed about attendance and behaviour. Mrs. Hind introduced the English curriculum and Bedrock, our homework tool, while Mrs. Thornton presented the maths curriculum, including exciting extracurricular projects planned for the half-term and Christmas holidays.

The presentation slides from the event have been uploaded to Class Charts, and we will be sending out a separate Year 7 newsletter in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Jones







### Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Black History Month 2024: Reclaiming Narratives

October is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of Black people and highlight those unsung heroes who have made the world a better place. It was first introduced in the UK in 1987 by Akyaaba Addai who had visited America in the 1970s and observed the success of the occasion.

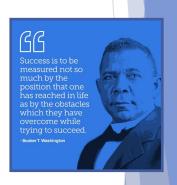
This year, the theme for Black History Month in the UK is 'Reclaiming Narratives', highlighting a commitment towards acknowledging and rectifying the stories of Black history and culture. By focusing on this theme, we can correct historical inaccuracies, showcase untold success stories, and celebrate the rich complexity of Black heritage. It's about taking control of narratives, honouring heroes, and challenging the stories that have often overlooked the contributions and achievements of Black individuals in the UK and globally.

We have been celebrating in assemblies and during form time where pupils have been learning success stories about various Black individuals from Britain and all over the world. Pupils are also being encouraged to mark Black History Month by researching a success story and presenting it in their own way, such as in the form of a story or piece of art. The best entries will be put on display in the Humanities corridor and those pupils will receive a prize!

Mr Rayson

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15. Paul Stephenson and the Bristol Bus Boycott https://www.theguardian.com/ society/2020/oct/01/paul- stephenson-the-hero-who- refused-to-leave-a-pub-and- helped-desegregate-britain	16. Katherine Johnson, NASA mathematician https://woutube.com/watch?ve xDaEIWN6Igc&si=3X9vEwuineHJ G6KZ	17. Ignatius Sanco, first Black Briton with the vote https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=FLFrtpDVd7A	18. Bill Richmond, 19th century boxer and celebrity https://www.npg.org.uk/collect ions/search/person/mp16937/b ill-richmond	19. Jessikah Inaba: UK's first blind, black, female barrister . https://youtbe.com/watch?v=j WPVdrWgCfMR.si=BJO9KBUtAH CRikNa	Harold Moody, doctor and UK civil rights activist     https://www.blackheroesfoundation_org/people/harold-moody/	Winifred Atwell, musician and singer https://www.goldradio.o m/news/music/winifred atwell-pianist-songs-death
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#### Thought for











- Encourage them to go to local, organised events or stay in for a spooky movie night
- If they're going out, especially on the 30th and 31st, drop them off and pick them up
- If they're walking somewhere local walk with them
- Don't let them hang around on the street
   Talk to them about how dangerous
   fireworks can be