



Thought for the Week

“IT'S NOT
how much we give,
but how much
LOVE we put into
GIVING.”

Mother
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Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As I write my last message of this half term I would like to thank all our families for your ongoing support. This has been a very productive half term where we have achieved so much and that would not be possible without your support. Our pupils have attended well, upholding our standards in terms of uniform and have been equipped every day with their Essential 8 including their Knowledge Organisers. Our pupils are here to learn and make the best progress they can and they have certainly exemplified this in the first half term!

One of the biggest changes for our school has been the move to 'I Do, We Do, You Do' in every lesson. Please have a read of Mrs Wardale's article which explains this and ask your child about how this is going.

I am delighted that Miss Collins and our pupils are running an event to raise money for Zoe's Place, a cause I know is close to the hearts of many of our families. Please encourage your child to get involved.

As we finish for half term we say goodbye to Lily Finn a member of our cleaning team who has worked for us for 20 years, we wish her well in her retirement. We also say goodbye to Ms Rourke who is leaving us to pursue an exciting opportunity in another school. In Ms Rourke's time running the Well-Being Hub she has supported a significant number of our pupils. I know I speak on behalf of lots of pupils and families when I say we are going to miss you so much!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

VRChat

We have been made aware of an app called VRChat that some pupils may be using. VRChat is a downloadable virtual reality social platform available for use on the Oculus Quest, Oculus Rift, HTC Vive, and Valve Index virtual reality hardware. Users can sign in, choose an avatar, and visit different rooms to interact with others in a variety of social activities. Although the app is rated at 13+ there is evidence to suggest that it should be rated at 18+ as there is some extreme and inappropriate content being shared through the app.

For more information – please see the link below.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/vrchat/user-reviews/adult>



Mrs Jones



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EXCELLENCE
IN THE HEART
OF THE
COMMUNITY

We asked you all to Start Strong and so many Hillsideers have - well done! Now the challenge is to keep it up and Stay Strong. The Hillside Elves have returned from their long summer break and are ready to offer daily chances to make Fridays special - so you've got to be in to win!

Mr Edwards



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Celebrating World Space Week: A Stellar Community Night at Our

On Wednesday 9th October, our school hosted a fantastic World Space Week Family Community Night, and it was a truly out-of-this-world experience! With over 60 guests in attendance, parents and pupils came together to celebrate this annual global event that inspires curiosity about space and its role in shaping our future. This year's theme, "Sustainable Space for Sustainable Earth," added a meaningful layer to the evening, highlighting the connection between space exploration and environmental sustainability.

Exploring Sustainable Energy Together

The night was filled with engaging hands-on activities that captivated both young and old. Families took part in two exciting experiments, designed to explore the importance of sustainable energy resources—an issue crucial not just to our planet, but to the future of space exploration. Through these experiments, our pupils and their families got to see how innovative technologies can help us harness the power of renewable energy to create a better, more sustainable world both here on Earth and beyond.

The Inflatable Planetarium: A Journey Through the Stars

One of the evening's biggest highlights was the visit to our inflatable planetarium show, generously provided by our wonderful partners at Edge Hill University. Stepping into the dome, families were transported into the cosmos, where they learned about planets, stars, and galaxies in an immersive environment. The planetarium show brought the wonders of space to life, allowing our community to experience the awe of the universe without leaving the school grounds!

A Night of Wonder and Learning

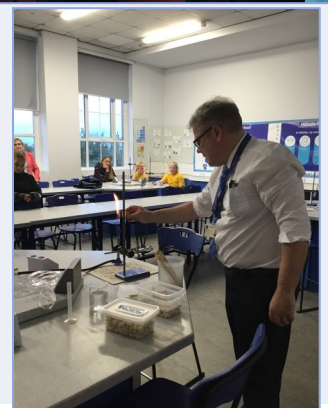
The World Space Week Family Community Night wasn't just about fun—it was about education too. Through interactive experiments and the planetarium show, families were able to explore big ideas about sustainability and how our actions on Earth impact the wider universe. As we look towards the future, understanding how space technology can help us achieve a greener, more sustainable planet is more important than ever.

A Big Thank You to Our Community

We would like to thank all the families who joined us in celebrating World Space Week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and pupils getting involved, learning together, and sharing in the joy of discovery. A special thank you also goes to Edge Hill University for helping to make this evening so special with the incredible planetarium experience.

Together, we have shown that learning can be fun, meaningful, and best of all, shared with family. We look forward to more events like this, where our school community can come together to explore the wonders of the world—and beyond!

Here's to more nights filled with discovery and imagination!



Mrs Wardale



Introducing "I Do, We Do, You Do" - Our New Teaching Approach

This half-term, we have launched an exciting new teaching method across all lessons called "**I Do, We Do, You Do**". It's a simple yet powerful way to help pupils learn more effectively. At Hillside we tried this last year and now we have adopted this so it happens in every lesson, in every subject.

Here's how it works:

1. **I Do** – The teacher first demonstrates how to solve a problem or complete a task. This allows pupil to see exactly what needs to be done and how to do it correctly. The teacher will carefully craft explanations and share their expertise whilst also explaining their thinking processes.
2. **We Do** – Next, the teacher and pupils work through a task together. This step gives pupils a chance to practice with guidance and ask questions as they gain confidence. It also allows the teacher to check for understanding.
3. **You Do** – Finally, pupils try the task on their own. By this point, they've seen it done, practiced it with help, and are now ready to complete it independently. It is this independent practice which will allow pupils to secure the learning.

The benefits of "I Do, We Do, You Do" for pupils:

- **Clear understanding:** Pupils get to see step-by-step how something is done, making it easier to grasp. There is a lot of support in this teaching approach for our pupils.
- **Boosts confidence:** Practicing with the teacher's support means pupils feel more secure when it's their turn to try on their own.
- **Independent learning:** This method builds skills gradually, helping pupils develop the ability to tackle tasks independently.

We are excited to see how this approach will help pupils become more confident learners, ready to take on new challenges!

Mrs Wardale

Everton FC Ladies

On Tuesday Hillside was visited by players and coaches from Everton FC Ladies team. Players Lucy Hope and Courtney Brosnan alongside their coach Stephen Neligan took part in an afternoon session to raise awareness about violence towards women and girls. The professionals from Everton worked alongside Year 7 pupils and their mentors Jacob Graham, Thomas Parslew and Joy Dalamini, from the Everton In the Community Reach Your Goals project, to produce posters to raise awareness of the charities that support women and girls who have experienced violence. A fantastic time was had by all and there was glitter everywhere, whilst learning about how women and girls who have experienced violence can be supported. The event was captured by a reporter from ITV Granada Reports. The footage and interviews with the players is available on the ITV Player App. Well done to all who took part and thank you to Everton In the Community for providing our pupils with chance to meet professional footballers, coaches and media professionals.

Mrs Miller



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Let's Help Save Zoe's Place with Hillside's Dapper Ducks!

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice supports babies and young children who have complex illnesses or disabilities from birth to age five. The hospice works to ensure that very unwell children can enjoy the best possible quality of life and support their families throughout their journey. Zoe's Place offers respite, palliative and end of life care for children, as well as support for the whole family. With a range of play therapies and fun activities, their team of specialists work together to make every moment of childhood count. Zoe's Place is a charity and offers its services free of charge. It relies on donations from the public.

Zoe's Place Liverpool needs to raise £5m in 30 days (by 9th November 2024) or risks closure! They believe that with the backing of their local community they can reach this target for their hospice, children and their families. This is where we come in! What can we do to help?

From this week, Hillside's **Duck Shop** has opened in the LRC, selling a variety of rubber ducks. Ducks start at £1 for a mini duck increasing to £10 for a giant duck. The task is to decorate the duck however you like for the 'Dapper Duck' competition on Monday 11th November. All ducks will be placed in the duck pond in the foyer for our judges to choose the winning duck! There will be prizes for the most Dapper Ducks!

Even if you don't want to enter your duck in the competition, you can buy one anyway as all money raised is going to this amazing charity!

Let's show our support for this much loved local charity!

Miss Collins



for parents and carers of children
and young people, aged 0-25 years, with
special educational needs and or disabilities

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please visit our website



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SEFTON LOCAL OFFER LIVE

October 30th
10am-4pm

St Michael's CofE High School
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a wide range of services and find the
support you and your family need.

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Education Services
SEND Charities
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