



Dear Parents/Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to all our school community. I know we are going to have a very busy and productive second half to the Autumn Term.

It is my pleasure to share an article and photos about our school production of Shrek. This really was the most amazing way to end last half term. As always the talent and performance skills of our pupils was exceptional. As I said at the end of each evening you could have paid to go to the West End and the production would not have been as good as ours. Both evenings and the matinee for primary schools pupils were amazing and full of joy. Well done everyone and a massive thank you to our amazing Miss Brown for making it all happen!

Please have a read of the information about how to support your child using their Knowledge Organiser. A reminder pupils should have these with them every day, as they are a crucial part of our lessons. This means pupils need a school bag big enough to keep their Knowledge Organiser in.

I will finish by saying a big welcome to the attendance Elf's who have caused some real excitement about school this week! Lots more information to follow!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week

don't be afraid
BE FOCUSED.
BE DETERMINED.
BE HOPEFUL.
BE EMPOWERED.

- Michelle Obama

Friday 8th November 2024

The Hillside Attendance Elves Have Arrived!

It is so important that we maintain attendance this term. It is a long run until the Christmas Break - however there are a lot of things to look forward to.

Our pesky Attendance Elves have been away on their holidays but have returned with lots of plans to celebrate excellent attendance! There will be daily prizes and all sorts going on - so you have to be in to win!

More news to follow next week - including the official naming ceremony of the Elves!

Mr Edwards



Christmas Market

Hillside will be holding it's annual Christmas market on Thursday 12th December from 5pm - 7.30pm. If you would like a stall at our event then please email admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk

for more information. Also, if you have any unwanted, unopened bottles (wine, shampoo, fizzy drinks or even ketchup!) that you would be willing to donate to our Tombola, please bring them to Miss Collins' office before 12th December.

Our Christmas market is always a lovely, well attended, festive, family event that not only supports local businesses but also raises money for us to help some of our community with food hampers as we all know it is a very expensive time of year.

Miss Collins



Hillside's Christmas Market

Thursday 12th December
5pm - 7.30pm

£2 Entry for Adults
Children Free

Get your festivities off to a fun start
and join us for an evening of
Christmas magic.

Santa's Grotto Carol Singing
Bouncy Castle Cakes Sweets Toys
Wax Melts Tombola Perfume Raffle Stocking Fillers

Supporting Local
Businesses & Raising
Money for families in
our School Community

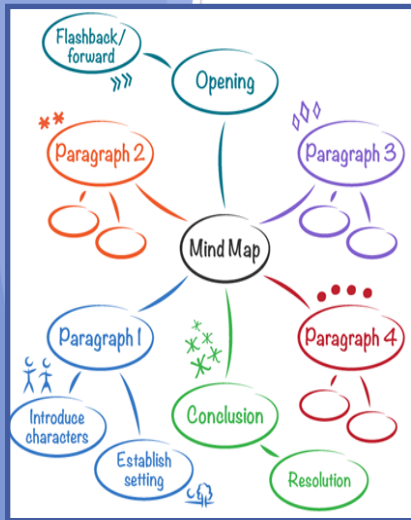


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Knowledge Organiser



You can use your Knowledge Organisers to help you create mind maps to support revision and deepen your understanding of key topics. A mind map is a visual way of jotting down ideas and making links.

Mind maps provide a structured way to capture and organise ideas and information. They can help you understand concepts by breaking them down into chunks. The diagrams can support with memory recall, boost creativity, increase productivity and improve problem solving skills.

Why don't you try this out and bring them to school to show your teachers.

Miss O'Hara

Year 7 100% Attendance

Our first half term at Hillside has been celebrated with so many pupils having 100% attendance in the first 7 weeks of High school. Across the Year group there were over 100 pupils who did not miss a single day. These pupils were all awarded a 'Start Strong' certificate. Every child in Year 7 also received a small sweet treat to recognise, that as an entire year, we had the very highest attendance across the school.

We are always delighted to see our young people in school, enjoying lessons. We also recognise that without the support from home they would struggle to be here in immaculate uniform, ready to learn with their Essential 8. So thank you for helping your pupil to be part of this fantastic celebration. This term our challenge is to 'Stay Strong' on attendance and perhaps meet Hilly, our Hillside Elf.

Mrs Harper



100%



100%



Round of applause for the cast and crew of Shrek!



The Performing Arts Department ended the first half term with a bang, putting on two performances and a matinee of Shrek Jr. Our wonderfully talented pupils lit up the stage once more, sharing the musical version of this magical tale, and as always, they did not disappoint.

Jack V took on the lead role of Shrek, and managed to make the grumpy green giant so loveable that Miss Brown actually shed a tear during the finale. Mia M put her own spin on Princess Fiona and delivered her part with comedic precision that had the audience in stitches, she certainly created once sassy and loveable little ogre. Just when we thought we couldn't love Donkey anymore Raymond I made us all want him as our best friend. And Liam C's hilarious portrayal of Lord Farquaad made sure he was the best villain to ever grace the Hillside stage. Combine them with the fabulous fairytale creatures, the sweet singing storytellers, the wonderful woodland dancers, the dazzling Duloc Performers and a tech team who helped create magic on the stage and we had a show worthy of the west end!

A massive shout out must be given to Ethan R who stepped up last minute during the matinee when Lord Farquaad got a tummy bug. Ethan donned those yellow tights and wig and stepped onto that stage with such confidence you would think he had been understudying all along. A truly professional performance, Well Done Ethan!

A huge thank you to all of the staff who helped out behind the scenes; Mrs McPoland with the costumes and being a stage hand, Miss Mason for the programme and publicity, Miss Barclay for making props and Miss Tarnowska and the EAL department for their marvellous creations creating the "big bright beautiful world" that was our set and Miss Mullen for coming both nights and running the front of house. We simply could not have done it without you all.

As the curtain comes down on another wonderful Hillside production, we would like all the pupils involved to know how proud we are of you all. You amaze us with your talents every time and just when we think we can't top our last show, you prove us wrong!

Now it's time for two weeks rest, before we start the Christmas show ... see you all in rehearsals!

Miss Brown & Mrs Austin



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Welcome Back

It has been my pleasure to deliver our 'Welcome Back' assemblies this week. I hope everyone had a lovely half term break and are now well rested and looking forward to an exciting half term ahead of us.

In my assemblies I spoke about 'Empowerment' and what it means to have a voice. I am delighted that we have been asked as a school for our pupils to complete a survey for TEP. TEP are completing a survey of young people from across the country asking them about their engagement in school. The results of these surveys which will be conducted in November and again in March 2025 will be used to inform national research into the area of pupil engagement. So far much of the research into pupil engagement is based on surveys conducted in the USA, so we are honoured to be part of such a ground breaking piece of work. Pupils do not have to do anything to prepare for the survey, but do need to take the survey seriously and answer the questions honestly from their perspective.



We also have our Challenge Partners review taking place on 25th, 26th and 27th November. This is part of our cycle of reviews to ensure we celebrate all the good things which are going on in our school, but will also provide us with feedback about how we can get even better! A Lead Reviewer and team of Reviewers from schools across the country, will spend the 3 days in school visiting lessons, looking at pupil's work and speaking to pupils about their learning. They will also conduct several meetings with the team here at Hillside. Again pupils do not need to do anything to prepare for this, but do need to be confident to speak about their learning and experience of life at Hillside. I look forward to sharing the final report with you.



Mrs Ryan

Decorated Dapper Duck Contest

Don't forget that today is the last day to buy your ducks to raise money for Zoe's place! Bring your decorated ducks back into school on Monday to be entered into our Decorated Dapper Duck contest! Make sure your duck is clearly labelled with your name and form to be in with a chance of winning a quacktastic prize! We will also be drawing the raffle for someone to win the mega duck! Raffle tickets cost £1 a strip.

Miss Collins

