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EXCELLENCE IN
THE HEART OF
THE COMMUNITY

IT'S
beginning
TO look
A LOT like
Christmas

Dear Parents/Guardians,

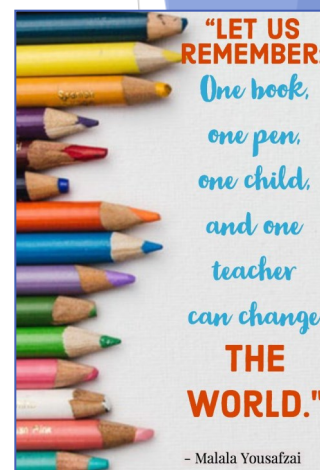
I can't believe how quickly we are heading towards the end of term. Last night was our amazing Christmas Markets, it was lovely to welcome so many members of our community to join us for such a special evening.

We will be learning in lessons until the last day of term so it is important all pupils are in school every day so they don't fall behind! We also don't want anyone to miss any of our lovely Christmas, end of term activities.

We will be finishing early next Friday (please see the finish times included in the newsletter) and pupils can wear their own clothes.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week



Friday 13th December 2024

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Congratulations to Mr Tracewski and Miss Rees on the birth of their beautiful baby boy on 5.12.24 called Nikodem Michał Tracewski, he weighed 9lb 3oz.



Mrs Ryan's 24/25 Challenge is Underway!

It's nearly Christmas and there is loads going on in the next few days to make sure we have a great end to the term. School work continues to the last day - with the odd festive twist - so it's important you don't miss a thing!

Don't miss more than one day between Monday 9th December and Friday 24th January!

If your attendance is already above 96% it just needs to stay that way!

We will be going out out again!

Mr Edwards

Mrs Ryan's 24 out of 25 day Challenge!

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Mrs Ryan's

Between Monday 9th of December 2024 and Friday 24th January 2025 - You don't want to miss a thing!

You must attend for 24 out of 25 days!

If you already have attendance that is 96% or above - you just need to maintain it!

Mrs Ryan's

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CHALLENGE

Why....?

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We are going OUT OUT again!

We will be heading out on an evening of adventures - but only if you complete the challenge!

You need to be in to win - remember 24/25 days OR maintain your attendance at 96%



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Fundraising Success - Santa Dash 2024

The Santa Dash on Sunday 1st December was a huge success as 9 members of Hillside staff ran the 5km around Liverpool! The city centre was a sea of red (and occasional blue!) and there was, as always, a fantastic atmosphere. I'm delighted that we managed to reach our target to help support Lucie, one of our Year 9 pupils, who is currently battling brain cancer for the third time. A big thank you to staff who took part in the run and to all who donated.

Mr Rayson



A Night in the West End!

A couple of weeks ago the Year 10 Performing Arts class, along with some Year 9 pupils, were lucky enough to spend the night in London.

Excitement levels were high at Liverpool Lime Street Station as we were waved off by parents and headed down to the capital via an Avanti Westcoast Train. We navigated the London Underground with our own oyster travel cards, which served us well and helped us to soak up as much of the city as possible. Our first stop was the Outernet gallery, where we had lots of fun with its interactive art installations. We then spent the afternoon enjoying the street performers and festivities in Covent Garden. As day turned into night walked right around the west end, enjoying the stunning Christmas lights, and soaking up all the festive fun the city had to offer. We then arrived at the Lyceum Theatre to watch a performance of The Lion King. Our pupils and staff were simply blown away by the puppets, technology, and the talent on the stage. It was a performance we will never forget! As we headed back to our hotel full of the festive spirit and wonderful buzz which comes with seeing live theatre.

The next day we headed to the South Bank and took a boat up the Thames to see the Tower of London and world-famous Tower Bridge. The afternoon was finished off with a stroll around the Christmas markets before we headed back to Euston to catch the teatime train home. We had squeeze in so many activities in two days, we had some very tired pupils on the way home. We arrived back at Lime Street full of gratitude of the wonderful time we had, and as always inspired by the experience live theatre can provide us.

The whole trip was made possible by a grant from Theatre Works, who covered the cost of the travel and theatre tickets. Without them this trip would not have been possible, we cannot thank them enough!

Miss Brown & Mrs McPoland





Presentation Evening



Thursday 14th November saw us celebrate our annual Presentation Evening at Bootle Town Hall. This is the evening where we join together as a school community to celebrate the success of our current pupils and the 'Class of 2024'. This was the most special evening and we were delighted our MP Peter Dowd was able to join us and present some of our prizes. To view the photos from the evening please follow the link and log in with your child's Outlook 365.
Mrs Ryan

[Awards Evening](#)

Mentors in Violence Prevention

This week, 18 Year 10 pupils took part in training to become Mentors in Violence Prevention. This training helped prepare them to deliver a bespoke peer education programme of sessions to our Year 8 pupils by equipping them with the language and framework to explore and challenge the attitudes, beliefs and cultural norms that underpin gender-based violence, bullying and other forms of abuse, while building resilience and promoting positive mental health.

The MVP programme explores a series of scenarios involving a range of behaviours, such as labelling, hate crime, manipulation and online abuse. Using a bystander approach, individuals are not considered potential victims or perpetrators; instead, they are empowered to be active bystanders with the ability to support and challenge their peers in a safe way.

Our Year 10 pupils were fantastic throughout the two days they took part and are already looking forward to delivering the sessions they trained in. Lucy, the MVP trainer, was extremely complimentary of our pupils and thinks they'll do an amazing job. One pupil commented that the programme "Taking part in the training really helped me change my mindset and educated me so that I can support younger pupils at Hillside".

They will also be given the opportunity to attend a graduation ceremony with mentors from other Merseyside schools next year. Well done to all!

Mr Rayson



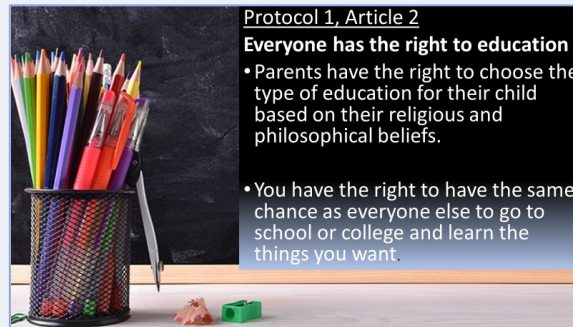
Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Human Rights Day

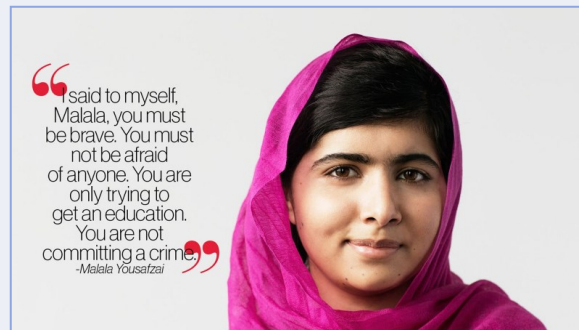
The theme of this week's assembly was celebrating Human Rights Day which was on the 10th December. With the thought for the week being: **"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world."** - Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani education activist



Mr Edwards went through the Human Rights Act that provides freedoms for people in this country and also highlighted that in some countries people were not so fortunate. He shared the education protocol:



We then looked at the inspirational story of Malala Yousafzai - and highlighted the importance of attending school every day and not wasting the human right that sadly not all children have. It is estimated 258 Million children worldwide do not have access to proper education.



Mr Edwards

Key Dates 2024-2025

19th December—Christmas Concert 7pm

20th December— Last Day of Term

6th January—Back to School at the normal time of 8:20am

Reminder—Finishing times Friday 22nd December

Year 11—11:40am

Year 10—11:55am

Year 9—11:45am

Year 8—11:50am

Year 7—12:00 noon

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