



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We had a lovely day last week celebrating World Book Day. It was great to see so many staff dressed up, as either a character from a book or in costumes to reflect their hobbies.

The theme for World Book Day this year was 'Go All In, If you're into it, read in to it!' Which I think serves as a lovely reminder that reading doesn't just have to be reading a book, many young people will enjoy reading a range of things, for example the programme from the match or a recipe if they enjoy baking!

Encouraging reading, whatever we are reading is the key!



Amanda Ryan, Executive Principal

PE Star Performers

Zach	7 JMu
Sayda	9 KBH
Ferammi	8 RLC
Ryan	7 CSY
Ruben	8 SO
Callum	9 KBH
Derrick	7 HP
Runor	8 HT
Bella	8 RLC
Lexi	8 SO
Max	9 EB
Daniel	9 SAC
Oliver	9 EB
Erin	9 SAC
Abigail	7 JMe
Faith	8 RLC
Luis	8 SA
Harry	8 RLC
Toby	7 RS
Mia	9 KBH
Lillie	9 KBH

Last Weeks PE Star Performers



WELL DONE!



Congratulations
Winner of Year 11,
Period 6 Attendance
raffle is Harry D -
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British Sign Language Week 16th-22nd March

This week we are celebrating British Sign Language Week, and it is a brilliant chance for our School community to celebrate the creativity and culture of the Deaf community while learning a new way to communicate.

It's a language with its own grammar and history and discovering it helps us understand the importance of communication in all its forms. For many deaf people British Sign Language (BSL) is their first language. At Hillside BSL is one of the many languages that our pupils use to communicate with at home or with their friends.

The images attached to this article show how to finger spell in BSL and also how to say some basic words. Copies of the signs will be shared with form teachers so that you can try them out during registration. Try these out with family and friends this week. By the end of the week, we hope everyone feels inspired to keep using BSL and to think more deeply about inclusion and accessibility.

Even small steps—like signing “hello” or “thank you”—help build a more welcoming school environment for everyone. It's a chance for pupils and families to learn something meaningful together and celebrate the rich diversity of communication in our community.

Mrs Miller (SEND Coordinator)



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World Book Day

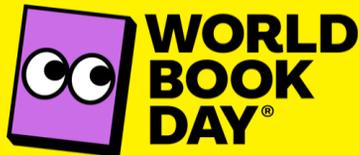
Our World Book Day theme this year was 'Go All In, if you're into it, read into it!' This gave our pupils and staff the opportunity to explore what reading looks like within our hobbies. We read more than we realise whether it is from a menu, a map, an instruction manual or song lyrics, there are hundreds of opportunities to read outside of books! We added our discoveries to our very own Hillside reading river in the LRC.

The day was full of fun and surprises as staff came dressed up as book characters or a representation of their hobby, we decorated our classroom doors and took part in assemblies and a form time presentation.

Every pupil was given their book token to receive a free book. If they haven't done so already the closing date for collecting the books is Sunday 15th March, a list of stores that honour the vouchers can be found here <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/participating-retailers-events/>

We can't wait to celebrate World Book Day again next year!

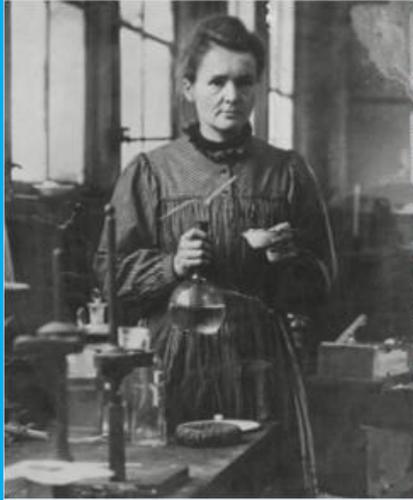
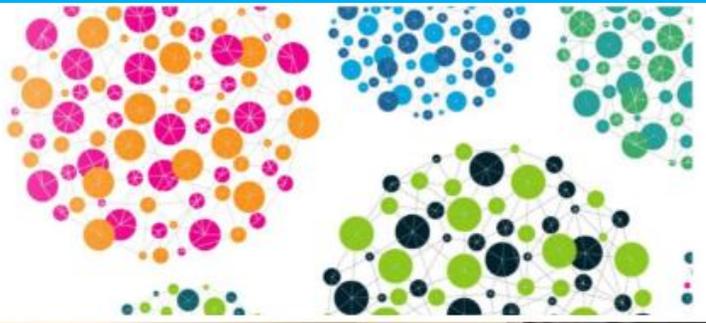
Mrs Marquez



World Book Day 2026

Theme: GO ALL IN. If you're into it, read into it!





British Science Week

This week pupils explored the theme of *Positivity* through an assembly focused on the thought for the week "The bad news is that time flies, the good news is you're the pilot."

Pupils were encouraged to reflect on how mindset and daily choices shape progress, and learned how scientists from **Marie Curie** to **NASA** engineers use challenges as opportunities for growth.

The assembly encouraged pupils to take small, meaningful actions to guide their own learning and wellbeing throughout the week.

Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1. What is one small action you can take this week to positively influence your future?*
- 2. How can viewing challenges as opportunities change the way you respond to setbacks?*