



Hillside High School

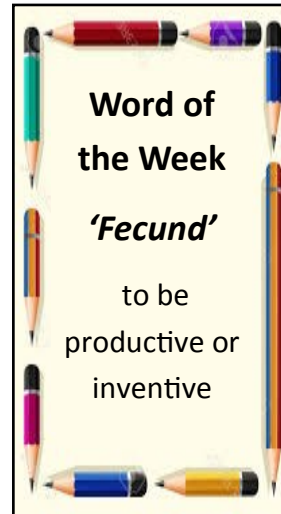
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Friday 18th October 2019

Wade Deacon Trust

Attendance Rewards
Last 2 Weeks of Half Term
If you are in school every day from 14th October 2019—24th October your name will be entered into a prize draw to win vouchers to spend at either Nandos or Pizza Hut. Enjoy a treat with your friends/family this half term



Hi, my name is Mrs Mckay and I'm delighted to join Hillside High School as a geography Teacher. With contemporary global issues such as climate change, economic development and our changing weather; geography is a subject that is very relevant to young people. I look forward to inspiring young minds about these global issues and helping pupils achieve their full potential.

Dear Parents/Guardians

At Hillside we never miss the opportunity to celebrate events that are taking place in the wider world. Thursday 26th September saw our pupils experience a number of activities to celebrate the 'European Day of Languages'. These activities were great fun and extremely informative, giving our pupils an even greater understanding of why they should study a language.

Last week was World Space Week and again we celebrated this with a range of activities. Pupils in Years 7 & 8 all had the opportunity to watch the Apollo 13 film in the Hall, which they loved. Thursday was our Family Learning Evening where a number of Hillside and primary-aged pupils, and their families, had an excellent evening, taking part in a number of STEM workshops. These allowed pupils to experience sessions in Science, Technology and Maths. It was my pleasure to award the certificates at the end of the evening and see so many children enthusiastic about the subject of 'Space'.

I would like to introduce Mrs McKay our new Geography teacher, who has settled into the team well. I know the children are really enjoying her lessons and already making good progress.

The attendance of our pupils is going from strength to strength which is brilliant. Can I remind all pupils that they need to be in every day this week and next to be in with a chance of winning one of the Nando's or Pizza Hut vouchers. I can't wait to draw the winning names out on Thursday!

Mrs Amanda Ryan

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

This week's theme: Energy Saving Week

In this week's assembly, pupils will be looking at the need to save energy and the work of Greta Thunberg and her campaign to try and reverse climate change. Pupils will also look at the power of pupil voice and why they, as young people, should make their voices heard to bring about change, both on a local and global scale. This will link to the new Pupil Voice questionnaires which will take place next half term.

Career of the week

Career: Broadcast Journalist

Skills:

- Working as part of a team
- Communicating and listening to people
- Researching and investigating
- Paying attention to detail
- Time management

Average Salary: £40,040

Useful Subjects:

English, Maths, Social Studies, Drama, Art and Design

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Hillside celebrates European Day of Languages

Hillside joined in on the celebrations to celebrate the European Day of Languages on Thursday 26th September. Year 7 had the opportunity to try some Spanish foods such as chorizo, jamón serrano, tortilla, olives and manchego. Whilst, Year 8 enjoyed watching a Spanish film.

During the week we had competitions running for our KS3 and KS4 pupils. Pupils in KS3 had to design a poster entitled 'Why Learn Spanish?' and pupils in KS4 had to read fact sheets to work out what image represented which country. Well done to all our winners and thanks to everyone for taking part.

Pupils also had the opportunity in assembly to learn about the advantages of learning a foreign language. Some of the main advantages are listed below:

- Learning a foreign language enhances job opportunities as 94% of employers think that foreign language skills are important. With universal unemployment problems, a multilingual ability is definitely a competitive edge over others.
- Learning a language helps us to appreciate and understand diverse cultures- there is a whole world out there for you to explore!
- Studying a foreign language improves your grammar skills in your first language.
- It provides you with the opportunity to study abroad which can be the experience of a lifetime.
- Studies conducted show that language learning reduces the onset of Dementia and Alzheimer's and improves memory.
- Learning a foreign language boosts brain power and it sharpens skills on reading, negotiating and problem-solving.



Mrs Scott

Top Tips to improve your language skills:

- Listen to Spanish radio or watch a Spanish TV show.
- Challenge yourself to talk in the target language.
- Don't worry about making mistakes – you will encounter new grammar rules and vocabulary on a daily basis.

Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Emily Larkin 7SDO
- Year 8 — Ashton Beard 8AMR & Coel Buckle 8NF
- Year 9 — Adam Leicester 9RM & Samantha Harrington
- Year 10—Molly Warren 10TH & Kelly Leung 10SW
- Year 11—Sylvia Tan 11SMC & Calin Rees 11SR

Here are the TT Rockstars names:

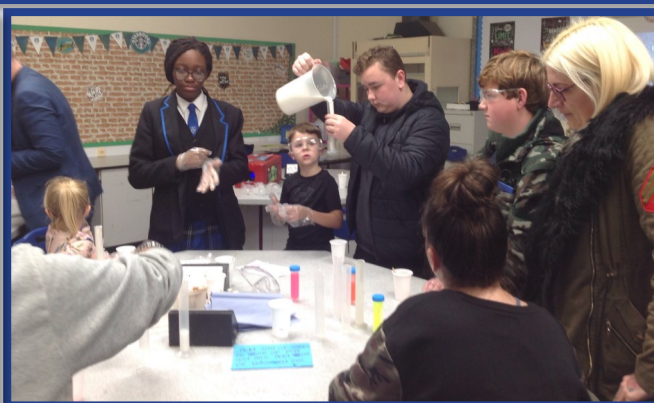
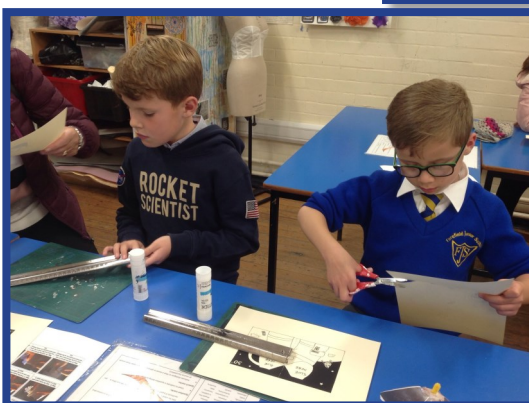
- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Emma Louise Leicester 7RLC & Lana Mai Robinson 7SE
- Year 8— Ella Liang 8SAC & Jaida-Rihanna Griffiths 8NF



World Space Week

World Space Week is always celebrated at Hillside but this year was a really special event to mark the 50th anniversary of the Moon landings. Pupils have had 'Moon-themed' assemblies and 'space' lessons all week in science and the week culminated in a fabulous community evening with over thirty groups of young people and their families joining in the school celebrations. There was a very special guest appearance by 'Neil Armstrong' and Buzz Aldrin even arrived in his space suit to share their stories about the actual trip to the Moon. There was then a range of hand-on activities on offer including: rockets, making lunar slime, pop-up card spacemen and a lunar problem-solving maths workshop. A great and fitting end to World Space Week.

**Mrs Wardale
& Mrs Daly**



Mountain Biking

On Tuesday 15th October a group of Y10 sports studies pupils went mountain biking through Delamere Forest as part of the assessment for the course. Pupils had to manoeuvre their bikes through muddy bogs and over branches and leaves, demonstrating their riding skills and ability to overcome obstacles. The trails varied in terrain and difficulty but all pupils were able to successfully complete them despite the undue weather conditions. Mr Clarke would like to congratulate them on a thoroughly enjoyable experience and acknowledge that they were a credit to the school in the way they conducted themselves throughout.

Mr Clarke





Road Safety

As the evenings are drawing in and soon pupils will be travelling to and from school when it is quite dark, we felt that this was the appropriate opportunity to remind all pupils about the importance of road safety. As a school this is an issue that we take extremely seriously especially in light of the fact that Hillside is situated on the junction of two very busy main roads.

Sometimes young people forget the good habits they learned as a younger child. The Green Cross Code may seem a little childish for an adolescent, but every week young pedestrians are knocked down and killed or seriously injured. The Green Cross Code still has good advice for safely crossing the road.



The Green Cross Code

First find the safest place to cross. If possible, cross the road at: subways, footbridges, islands, zebra, puffin, pelican or toucan crossings, or where there is a crossing point controlled by a police officer, a school crossing patrol or a traffic warden. Otherwise, choose a place where you can see clearly in all directions, and where drivers can see you.

1. Try to avoid crossing between parked cars and on sharp bends or close to the top of a hill. Move to a space where drivers and riders can see you clearly. There should be space to reach the pavement on the other side.
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb. Do not get too close to the traffic. Keep back from the edge of the road but make sure you can still see approaching traffic. Give yourself lots of time to have a good look all around.
3. Look all around for traffic and listen. Look all around for traffic and listen. Look in every direction. Listen carefully as you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass look all around again and listen. Do not cross until there is a safe gap in the traffic and you are certain that there is plenty of time. Remember, even if traffic is a long way off, it may be approaching very quickly.
5. When it is safe, walk straight across the road, do not run keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross, in case there is any traffic you did not see, or in case other traffic appears suddenly. Look out for cyclists and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic. Do not cross diagonally.

In addition to the above can we also remind pupils that they should not have their headphones in when crossing roads and they should not be looking down at a phone screen or other device as this can be very distracting when crossing the road.

For the small number of pupils who choose to travel to school by bike can we remind those pupils that the bike should have working lights and suitable reflectors so that they can be seen.

Mrs Cross

Thought for the week



Key Dates 2019

Presentation Evening	Thursday 24th October 2019 7.00pm, Bootle Town Hall
End of term:	Thursday 24th October, 2.45pm
Start of term:	Monday 4th November 2019
Remembrance Evening:	Thursday 7th November 2019 7.00pm
Year 9-11 Apprenticeship Fair:	Friday 15th November 2019
Christmas Lunch Day:	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Christmas Performance:	Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.00pm

