



Hillside High School

Excellence in the Heart of the Community



Thursday 24th October 2019

Wade Deacon Trust

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of a yet another very busy week I would like to thank all pupils and their parents/guardians for making it such a fantastic half term. Attendance has been the best it's been in years and this has undoubtedly allowed our pupils to make the progress they are capable of and enjoy all the fantastic opportunities on offer to them.

I was extremely proud of Declan Brand and Emily Murphy two of our Year 11 pupils (pictured here) who were part of our recruitment process when we appointed Classroom Assistants earlier in the term. They were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you and well done.

Everyone deserves a wonderful half term break and I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 4th November at the usual time of 8.40am. This newsletter includes articles on keeping safe over the holidays and I would encourage all pupils to read this information. Please keep safe and have a great holiday!



Mrs Amanda Ryan

As we head towards the end of this half term we would like to publish some useful numbers or websites that may provide support should the need arise whilst school is closed for half term break.

Childline 08001111

NSPCC- www.nspcc.org.uk 08448920264 (Liverpool Office) NSPCC Helpline 08088005000

cruse.org.uk- coping with a bereavement

www.trusselltrust.org -foodbank

Liverpool Social Care- 233 3700

Sefton Social Care- 0845 140 0845

May we also take this opportunity to remind pupils of some basics in terms of keeping themselves safe over the school holiday.

When out and about...

- don't go out alone – there is safety in numbers
- always let an adult know where you are going
- never go anywhere with someone you don't know
- you can say 'no' if someone makes you feel uncomfortable or threatens or pressures you to do something you don't want to

Word of the Week

'Girandole'

A radiating and showy composition such as a cluster of fireworks fired at the same time.

Year 7 & 8 Homework Computer Science

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

This week's theme: Anti-bullying Week

In assembly this week pupils will be looking at the forthcoming ABW (Dates). Pupils will be considering our school community and thinking about how we can create a safe school where incidents of bullying are rare and dealt with swiftly.

Pupils will be preparing for our World Kindness Afternoon Tea and nominating pupils from their class who they feel have been especially kind throughout the year.

Career of the week

Career: Computer Games Developer

Skills:

- Working as part of a team
- Communicating with people
- Programming computers
- Being logical and creative
- Time management

Average Salary: £46,280

Useful Subjects:

Physics, Design and manufacture, Computer Science

For more information please see www.myworldofwork.co.uk

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Exceptional Achievement



Hillside Pupils watch the Basketball Giants

Last week pupils from Hillside went to watch a British basketball league game in Manchester between Manchester Giants and Cheshire Phoenix basketball clubs. In a high tempo, end to end match pupils saw high level skills on show, including several ‘slam dunks’ and a range of complex dribbling and passing. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Mr Clarke now hopes that pupils will be inspired to continue playing the game. If you would like to try basketball for yourself, training takes place on Mondays (2.45pm-3.45pm) with everyone welcome.

Mr Clarke



Sikhism—Living the faith

Last week, Year 8s had the pleasure of meeting Mr Singh. As we have been studying Sikhism in Year 8, he was invited in to speak to the pupils about life as a Sikh. Mr Singh challenged our misconceptions, explained his views on whether or not Sikhism is a religion, shared with us the clothing that he wears as a Khalsa member and played some music for some groups. He was extremely impressed at the level of questions he was asked by our pupils and was amazed with the knowledge that our pupils held before encountering the workshop. Well done Year 8.

Mrs Ford



Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Emily Larkin 7SDO
- Year 8 — Sky Kyle 8GS & Nicole James Jenkinson 8SAC
- Year 9 — Jamie-Leigh Ibbotson 9RS & Ellie Kavanagh 9MW
- Year 10—Kelly Leung 10SW & Andras Somogyi 10NR
- Year 11—Sylvia Tan 11SMC & Katie McCormick 11TG

Here are the TT Rockstars names:

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Kayode Akeredolu 7SE & Matilda Bardhi 7SE
- Year 8— Molly Cook 8SSA, Kian Morrow 8AMR & Dylan McIntosh





The Taste of Sweet Success

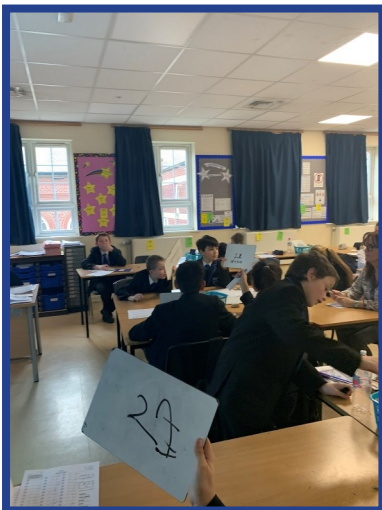
On Tuesday 15th October 70 Year 7 pupils took part in a literacy and numeracy intervention day. Our theme for the day was Food and Nutrition and we were fortunate to be joined by Michaela Wright and her colleague Niamh from local company Apple of My Eye. Apple of My Eye deliver food and nutrition workshops to a large number of schools across Sefton and Liverpool. Year 7 were cooking lunch with the team on Thursday. Our aim was to make a healthy lunch and Year 7 did not let us down. Every pupil involved used electric woks to cook vegetable burritos. Pupils learnt about the importance of protein and talked about alternative proteins like beans. The workshop showed pupils that we can eat tasty food and be healthy too. Many pupils tried foods they had never tried before and a fantastic experience was had by all. The team embraced our literacy and numeracy day by explaining to pupils how recipes are written so that cooks can follow them easily and also encouraged pupils to read aloud from the recipe sheets. It was fantastic to hear such confident reading from Year 7. The team then followed this up with some work on weighing and measuring and increasing proportions to feed more people.

Following the cooking session pupils then went off to the English department to write about their experiences and find out more about healthy eating. Using the Eat Well wheel pupils learnt about eating a balanced diet and used their new knowledge about healthier meals to write articles encouraging our pupils to eat healthy balanced diets. The articles are being judged by the English department and after some editing and redrafting using our purple pens the best articles will be published in this newsletter.

In the maths department we also continued with the food theme by looking at recipes and how we could alter them to suit different numbers of people. The pupils completed some fantastic work and could explain in detail all of the maths they had completed in the food workshop and how important it is in real life. The pupils who had really tried their best in all of the activities were given a numeracy award at the end of the workshop to show how proud we were of them.

We had an absolutely amazing day and the smiles on our pupils' faces show how much they enjoyed the whole day. A huge thank you to the English and maths teams for delivering such engaging workshops and also to the technology department who allowed us to use their facilities for the day.

Mrs Miller & Miss Christian





Firework Safety

During the half term pupils and families may participate in celebrations in preparation for Bonfire Night so we felt it appropriate to share some safety information in relation to Firework Safety.

Please see the information below from ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents). **May we also take this opportunity to remind all pupils and parents/guardians that any sort of firework, sparkler or lighting implement is strictly forbidden on the school site.**

Despite annual safety warnings, firework celebrations still end in painful injuries for too many people, including very young children. Yet fireworks can be great fun for families, not just around November 5 (Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night), but also Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year. Injury figures support the advice that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a large public display - far fewer people are injured here than at smaller family events or private parties. If you are having a firework party at home, you can make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the Firework Code, as well as some sparkler and bonfire safety tips.

Firework Code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used. Children and young people should watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.



Sparkler safety

Sparklers are often viewed as being harmless but they burn at fierce temperatures, equivalent to a welding torch. Follow these top tips for sparkler safety:

- It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s, make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves.
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit, don't wave sparklers about close to other people. Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler, when the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water.

Mrs Cross

Thought for the week



Key Dates 2019

Start of term:	4th November 2019
Remembrance Evening:	7th November 2019, 7.00pm
Year 9-11 Apprenticeship Fair:	Friday 15th November 2019
Christmas Dinner:	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Christmas Performance:	Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.00pm

