



Hillside High School

Excellence in the Heart of the Community



Friday 22nd November 2019

Wade Deacon Trust

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter which really is a highlight of all the exciting things which are going on at Hillside.

On Monday we were delighted to welcome 60 Year 6 pupils from Northcote Primary School to make bird boxes. They had a brilliant day and enjoyed using our facilities to design their bird boxes, using 3D CAD, and then produce the final product. I know they are going to look stunning at Northcote. I was delighted to meet the pupils and give them some bags of bird seed to go with their bird boxes.

Last Thursday was our annual Remembrance Evening which was very moving. As I said on the evening, the level of performance from our pupils was stunning and their ability to deliver such poignant messages with dignity and respect left me, and the audience, really quite emotional. There was a point in the performance where I felt I was actually in someone's living room as the outbreak of the WW2 was announced. Wonderfuls tuff and a massive thank you to all the performers and the amazing Performing Arts Team for making it happen.

Last Friday night was the Educate Awards and we were delighted to once again be shortlisted in the Outstanding Arts in Secondary School category. Unfortunately we didn't win, but we were still thrilled to be included in a shortlist of four from all the schools in Merseyside who were nominated. It was a fantastic night and I was honoured to represent Hillside and see all the wonderful things that our Art and Design faculty do, being recognised at such a prestigious evening.

Saturday saw me, Mr Cunliffe, Chair of Governors, Mr Webb, Vice-Chair of Governors and Dr Sapple attend Governor training at the Wade Deacon Trust. Again I felt extremely proud to have such dedicated governors.

Another highlight of the week was awarding the Year 11 Peer Supporters their badges. They have been fulfilling this role all academic year but it was nice to have the opportunity to present them with their badges and thank them for everything they are doing to support our younger pupils. A particular highlight was awarding Mark Convey, our first ever Year 10 Peer Supporter his badge. Mrs Daly and I were delighted that in a recent 'Pupil Voice' meeting the lower school pupils interviewed were all extremely complimentary about the support they received from the Peer Supporters and how this had helped them settle into life at Hillside. A massive thank you from me, Mrs Daly and all the pupils that you support. Last night was our first ever Year 11 'Scouse Supper' which was really beneficial to the Year 11s and their families who attended, I look forward to sharing more details with you in next week's newsletter.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Word of the Week

'Sobriquet'

A nickname or descriptive name.

**Year 7 & 8
Homework
Maths**



SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

This week's theme: Enterprise Week

"This week in assembly during 'Kindness Week', pupils will be learning about kindness and how small, simple acts can have unimaginable positive impacts on others and then in turn, on themselves. Kind is something that everyone has the ability to be. There are no qualifications needed or tests that you need to do to be able to be kind towards others. Being kind to others and to ourselves is one of the most important social qualities a person can have."

Career of the week

Career: Doctor - GP

Skills:

- Communicating with people
- Taking the lead
- Caring for people
- Planning and organising
- Making decisions

Average Salary: £76,440

Useful Subjects:
Human Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English, Maths, Psychology

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Exceptional Achievement



Educate Awards

Last Friday saw Hillside's Art and Design faculty dusting off their ball gowns and smart suits and heading for the Anglican cathedral for the annual Educate Awards ceremony. The setting of the cathedral is splendid at the best of times but the organisers of the event really take splendour to another level. We were incredibly excited to be shortlisted for the 'Outstanding Arts in Secondary School' award and the whole evening was amazing. The standard of the competition was very high and whilst we did not win, we were thrilled that the hard work and commitment of the team, and the quality of the pupils' work, had been recognised. Miss Murphy has already put plans in place for next year and has said that we will come back even stronger as she is definitely going to be walking down that famous red carpet.



Mrs Daly

Remembrance Evening

Last Thursday the Performing Arts pupils performed a memorable piece for the annual Remembrance Performance. The pupils worked extremely hard to devise scenes to show what happened in WW1 and WW2. Some of the scenes included men in the trenches and women working in factories and then finishing the performance with a poppy ceremony.

We also included news reports and the actual announcements declaring war, which made the family scene particularly moving.

The evening was well attended with family and friends of the pupils and members of staff coming to watch the performance. We now look forward to our Christmas show which we hope will be just as successful.



Miss Oliver

Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Lilia Campbell 7SE
- Year 8 — Fiona Zhen 8SAC & Dylan Wright 8CD
- Year 9 — Adam Leicester 9RM & Afia Sekyi Armah 9MW
- Year 10—Joseph Zhang 10SW & Kelly Leung 10SW
- Year 11—Sylvia Tan 11SMC & Louis Rogers 11SMC

Here are the TT Rockstars names:

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Lilia Campbell 7SE & Katie Parsonage 7RLC
- Year 8— Peter Cass 8NF, David Dawson 8AMR & Kathryn Slinger 8NF





Peer Supporters

This week Mrs Ryan had the great pleasure of presenting our Year 11 Peer Supporters with their 'yellow badges'. The Peer Supporters do a great job around school and are particularly involved with running lunchtime clubs, and form time support for the Year 7 pupils.

The badges are nice and bright and make it clear to everyone in school who they can turn to if they need any help. Year 7 pupils have reported that they really appreciate the help that the Peer Supporters have given them in their first few weeks at Hillside.

This year we also have our first Year 10 Peer Supporter. Mark Convey from 10 SC helps to run the dinner time Year 7 games in the old gym and is a real presence around school, both during the school day and for after school activities. Mark is a most welcome addition to the team and we would welcome an application from any other Year 10 pupils who would like to join.



Mrs Daly



Northcote Primary School

On Monday, 60 year six pupils from Northcote primary school came to Hillside's Design Technology department to manufacture the bird houses that the children have been designing in their lessons. The pupils used tools and equipment in the workshops to cut, shape and smooth their products with help from some of our KS4 pupils. The activities included: using tenon saws, the belt sander, pillar drills and hammers and an introduction into 3D CAD design.

All of the pupils worked really hard during the day resulting in some very pleasing outcomes to take back to their school. Hillside staff and pupils were very impressed with Northcote pupils' attitudes, practical skills and enthusiasm towards all of the activities and we hope that we see the pupils again for more collaborative work.



Mr Smith





Cyber bullying—Part 1

This week we are looking at cyber bullying. There is some practical advice below and as ever if you wish to discuss any aspect of this article please don't hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader, one of our Safeguarding Officers: Anne Mc Ging or Carla Sheils or me directly.

In the latest research by anti-bullying charity **Ditch the Label** it was found that **69% of young people under 20 have done something abusive to another person online**, while **17% of young people have experienced cyberbullying**. We have some advice for parents and guardians concerned about cyberbullying and practical tips for how they can support their child.



Discussing online bullying with your child

It's important to have regular conversations with your child about the online world, including issues like cyberbullying. Some questions which you could ask your child are:

- How can you be kind online?
- What would you do if someone was being unkind online?
- What do you think cyberbullying is?
- How is it different to physical bullying?

Developing empathy

We also need to support children in developing empathy, and understanding the impact of their online actions. While it might be difficult to think about your child behaving negatively towards someone else, it's worth bearing in mind that sometimes young people find it hard to identify what bullying is, and may just think the behaviour is 'banter' and to be expected. It's important they recognise what behaviour is acceptable and recognise how online actions can affect others. This can begin as soon as children start using technology; the storybook, 'Digiduck's Big Decision' helps even the youngest internet users develop this understanding.

If your child has experienced cyberbullying:

- let them talk
- give them the space to share what they want to in their way and listen.
- try to avoid the temptation to interrupt because you know what's going on, prompt if necessary but let them do most of the talking.
- **Cyber bullying—Part 2 in next week's newsletter**

Mrs Cross

Thought for the week



Key Dates 2019

Christmas Dinner:	Wednesday 18th December 2019
Christmas Performance:	Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.00pm
End of term:	Friday 20th December 2019
Start of term:	Monday 6th January 2020
Year 11 Parents' Evening:	Thursday 16th January 2020
Year 9-11 Careers Fair:	Wednesday 22nd January 2020
ARTS Showcase Evening:	Wednesday 29th January 2020

