



Dear Parents/Guardians

I can't believe we are breaking up for half term today, and what a busy and productive half term we have had at Hillside. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, which is a real celebration of all the amazing opportunities the pupils get in our school.

If you haven't already seen our Bitesize film on internet safety please take the time to watch it. It is brilliant and I am sure you will agree that our pupils come across amazingly.

Could I ask that all pupils take half term as an opportunity to check they have all of their Essential 8 ready for the new half term.

I would like to finish by saying a massive well done to all the pupils, supported by their families, who have had amazing attendance this half term. I am so proud of the commitment that our young people are showing to attendance.

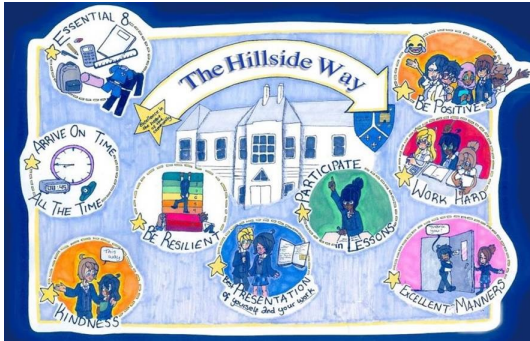
I hope everyone has an enjoyable half term and a great break. I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** at the usual time of 8.40am.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Parents' Evening

Year 10: Thursday 19th March 2020—4.15pm—6.45pm

Year 7 & 9: Thursday 18th June 2020—(times to be confirmed)



**Year 7 & 8
Homework
Art**

Tour of Hillside High School

If you know of any prospective parents who might wish to visit Hillside during the school day we would be more than happy to show them around. Feedback from our recent HMI and Challenge Partners visits has been excellent and we would be delighted to share this with any prospective parents. If you have any questions regarding school places and tours please contact admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk or if you prefer to contact reception please call 0151 525 2630.

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

This week's theme: Fair Trade

SMSC Focus:

This week we will be highlighting Fair Trade Week with the pupils. It is important that pupils think about the products they buy and consume and the possible human cost of their production. We will show them how to make purchases with thought, that promote sustainability, fair pay and conditions in other parts of the world, and won't break the bank.

Career of the week

Career: Legal Secretary

Skills:

- Working as part of a team
- Communicating ideas through writing
- Helping customers
- Paying attention to detail
- Planning and organising

Average Salary: £24,440

Useful Subjects:
Maths, English, Business, ICT subjects

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

Word of the Week

'Acquiesce'

Accept something
reluctantly but without
protest.





Safer Internet Day Filming for BBC

As part of safer internet day, several of our pupils took part in filming for the BBC! During the filming, pupils were asked about what online identity means to them, how do they stay safe on line and how the online world could be made safer. Pupils shared thoughtful and interesting ideas and were a all naturals in front of the camera! You can see the finished video by going to BBC Bitesize on Twitter or Instagram or on the school's twitter feed: @hillside_high.

Mrs Jones



BAE System Roadshow

On Monday, all Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in the BAE Systems STEM Energy Roadshow in conjunction with the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. The Roadshow was devised in response to the Government's acknowledgement that there is already a shortfall of 'home grown' scientists and engineers to meet the needs of the country and by capturing the interest of young people aged 10 – 13, we can hopefully increase the numbers that take STEM subjects and ultimately increase the pool of talent in years to come.

The show focused on Energy and pupils took part in fun and interactive games such as a rowing competition.



Mrs Jones

Year 4 Dodgeball Competition

What a fabulous day we had hosting the Bedford Primary Year 4 Dodgeball Competition. This was run by our wonderful Sports Leaders at Hillside. The day got off to a flying start with over 60 primary children descending on Hillside. Evie McGee and Cara Webster kicked off the day with warming up the whole group. The year 4s were then split into 6 teams and each team had the opportunity to play every team, the standard was extremely high and it was great to see all the Bedford staff getting involved too. Our Sports Leaders were extremely well organised and efficient in the running of this event and the Bedford teachers commented on how professional they were! A superb afternoon, a big thankyou to Bedford for attending and also to our super Sports Leaders for running this event.



Sports Leaders:

Celina Zembold, Sophie Newman, Amy Barnes, Kloe McKenzie, Evie McGee, Molly Maxwell, Cara Webster, Craig Begbie, Harry Park, Shalom Monday, James Suresh, Ethan Taylor, Brandon Lee Jenkins, Faruq Zubeir, Dean Baruch



Mrs Austin

Excellence in the Heart of the Community





Liverpool Visitor Economy Week – Royal Albert Dock

On Wednesday 5th February, Year 10 BTEC Travel and Tourism pupils had the chance to visit the amazing Royal Albert Dock and learn about the transformation of this area into Liverpool's biggest tourist attraction. Pupils had a tour of the docks, learning some fascinating facts about the UK's largest group of Grade 1 listed buildings. We also met staff from the TATE Liverpool, visited a brand-new art installation and learnt about careers in the museum and gallery sector. Next up was a pit stop at Lunyalita – a Spanish tapas bar – we not only heard how the entrepreneurial owners went about setting up their business, but they even treated us all to chocolate con churros. Ben Spencer tried his best to eat 10!



Our final stop of the day was meeting with the General Manager of the Holiday Inn Express. We had a tour of the hotel and took in the wonderful dockside views from some of the bedrooms, culminating in a question and answer session all about careers in the hotel and hospitality industry. It was a thoroughly inspirational day, and most definitely got everyone thinking about careers and the exciting future ahead after Hillside.

Mr Seaman

Careers Fair

Last Tuesday all pupils had a valuable experience at our annual Careers Fair. We welcomed many local businesses, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities to Hillside.

Feedback from pupils was that the experience was fantastic as it helped them to develop their understanding of what qualifications and careers are available after they leave school. The different organisations also commented on how confident, professional and engaging Hillside pupils were and they were very impressed with the amount of questions which pupils asked.



Mr Haygarth

If you would like any more information on the attendees please see Mr Haygarth.

Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Nathan Oyobagie 7SE

Year 8 — Fiona Zhen 8SAC & Dylan Wright 8GS

Year 9 — Adam Leicester 9RM & Samantha Harrington 9RM

Year 10—Daniel Edwards 10TH & Kelly Leung 10SW

Year 11—Cali Whitehead 11TG & Adam Byrne 11VSS

Here are the TT Rockstars names:

Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Nathan Oyobagie 7SE & Saffron Morris 7SDO

Year 8— Vincent Zhen 8AMR, Thomas Grant 8GS & Dylan Wright 8GS





Safer Internet Day was on the 11th February

Safer Internet Day 2020 was celebrated globally with the theme: 'Together for a better internet'

New research by the UK Safer Internet Centre released on 11th February 2020 reveals the internet is a fundamental part of young people's identity, helping them find their own voice offline.

The research marks Safer Internet Day, which will see millions of young people, schools, and organisations across the UK explore online safety and the theme of 'free to be me'.

Please see leaflet opposite providing you with information as to how you can support your child in managing their online reputation.

Mrs Rimmer

How to build a good online reputation
Tips to help kids create a good digital footprint

Teach them the difference between public and private information online
Review their privacy settings on the platforms they use to **make sure they stay in control** of who has access to what they share. It's important to make the point that if it's online there is the potential that the world could see it so **'Thinking before posting' is key.**

Encourage them to keep it positive online
Actions online can have a real world consequences – **share real stories** to help them understand the power of being positive online.

Make sure they know how to report abuse
Together get familiar with the **reporting and blocking settings** available on the platforms they use to screen out any abuse that breaks a platform's community guidelines.

Empower them to be themselves online
Encourage children **not to hide behind anonymity** online and be tempted to say or do things they shouldn't. Use examples to highlight the power of being real online and developing their passions to create a positive digital footprint.

Encourage them to do a search on their name
Make sure they are aware of the information that future employers and teachers may see and take a call to remove anything that is unpleasant or incorrect.

Make them aware that they can recover from mistakes made online
Let them know that if they make a mistake by posting something they shouldn't, **there is always a way to deal with it** and give them support to make smarter choices in the future.

Highlight the importance of choosing respect
Talk to them about **respecting other people's privacy and viewpoints** even if you don't agree with them.

Be the example they can follow
Let your child see how you interact online to **learn how to be kind and make safer choices online.**

internet matters.org

Thought for the week

"THERE IS NO BEAUTY IN THE FINEST CLOTH IF IT MAKES HUNGER & UNHAPPINESS."
MAHATMA GANDHI

Key Dates 2019

End of term:	Friday 14th February 2020
Inset Day:	Monday 24th February 2020
Start of term:	Tuesday 25th February 2020
Year 11 Form Group Photographs:	Wednesday 26th February 2020
World Book Day:	Thursday 5th March 2020
British Science Week: 6.00pm	Thursday 12th March 2020

