



Dear Parents/Guardians

I thought I would share a photo of our new reception area, I'm sure you will agree it looks amazing. I look forward to sharing more photos with you in the coming weeks.

Could I also remind parents of the need to show consideration to local residents when picking children up from school. We need to ensure we adhere to the speed limit and only park in designated areas on Stuart Road. The parking situation outside school will be made easier if parents try to arrive at the designated time their child leaves school and not too early. I'm sure by working together we can resolve this situation for our local residents.

I hope you enjoy reading about what we are reading...a new feature below!

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal



Mrs Ryan

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

Theme: Black History Month

SMSC Focus: Cultural

This week's assembly:

Black Civil Rights in the UK

Thought for the Week:

"You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know." **William Wilberforce**

What are we reading...

Reading out loud is a focus for all of our pupils in lessons because research has shown that the more pupils read, and listen to reading out loud, the stronger their own reading skills will become.

Our new "Register and Read" programme of form time reading has got off to a great start. Every form at Hillside has a class novel—from Year 11s who are listening to their tutor read dystopian classic 1984, to Year 9s enjoying hearing a reading of The Hunger Games, there is real variety in the novels we are experiencing. Each week we will look at a novel one of our forms is reading.

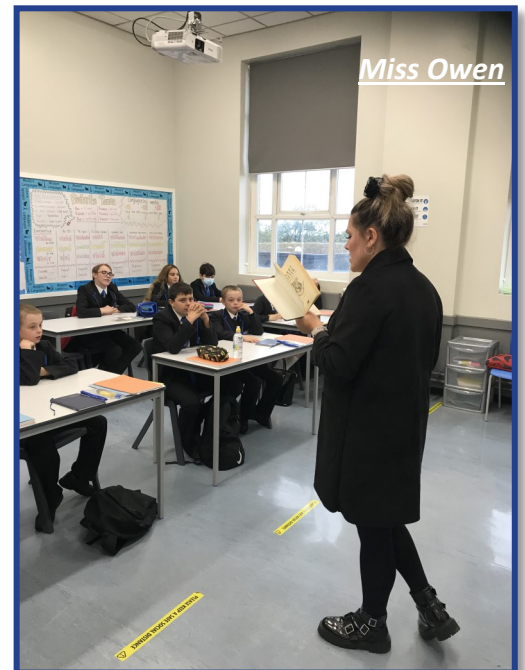
This week, it's over to 8SO who are so excited to be reading Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone. This incredibly famous fantasy novel, set in the fictional Hogwarts School For Witchcraft and Wizardry, was first released in 1997. It is the first in a series of novels following Harry Potter and his battle against dark wizard Lord Voldemort.

Miss Owen said: "8SO are really enjoy getting lost in the world of Harry Potter and imagining school is like Hogwarts".

"We really enjoy listening to the novel being read out loud; it's just great to really get into a novel and we look forward to "Register and Read" every Wednesday and Thursday in form time."

Did you know:

- This novel has been translated into at least 73 other languages..
- There are 76,869 words in this novel. Magic!
- The name Voldemort comes from the French meaning "Flight Of Death".



Miss Owen

Mrs Hinde



Pupil Support

As we are well into the new term this article contains a few reminders about Pupil Support. Pupil Support is the office in school that pupils can access if they feel unwell or if they require first aid. Pupils can access Pupil Support at break and lunch with permission from the staff on duty; and in exceptional circumstances a teacher may send a pupil to Pupil Support during a lesson if they deem it appropriate. Pupils should not be attending Pupil Support between lessons without permission. The water available in Pupil Support is for pupils who are unwell and pupils cannot fill their water bottles up in there for this reason. May we remind all pupils parents/guardians of the need for pupils to bring their own water bottle into school each day and also a reminder that fizzy drinks including Sports Drinks and High Energy drinks are not permitted on school site. Pupils can refill their own bottles in the dining room at break and lunch.



If your child needs to take prescribed medication during the school day then this needs to be brought into school clearly labelled with the dispensing information and your child's name. Parents/guardians need to sign a form to say that they agree to school administering the medication. If your child requires medication it is the responsibility of the parents/guardian to keep the medication stocked and to check that the stock we have is in date. This includes inhalers which can be stored safely in Pupil Support.

If your child has a care plan, or you believe that your child's medical needs are such that this would be helpful, please contact Mrs Banks, Pupil Support Co-Ordinator who will ensure that you can have a conversation and update or create the care plan. Where necessary we will seek and include advice from our school nurse.

If your child becomes unwell during the school day and it is necessary to contact you to arrange for your child to go home then it is a safeguarding requirement that we have two working contact numbers on our records at all times. This is especially important in light of the current situation in terms of COVID-19.

Please notify us urgently if your contact details have changed.

Mrs Cross



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