



Dear Parents/Guardians

This has been another busy week at Hillside and it certainly feels like we are getting back to normal in school, in a very good way. Yet again I have been struck by the purposeful approach our pupils are demonstrating in their lessons and I feel that, after the year they have had, this is to be congratulated.

I hope you enjoy reading about everything we have done to celebrate Saint George’s Day, which is of course today.....Happy Saint George’s Day! I just wish we could welcome you to school to see our very own Dragon which is currently taking pride of place in the Foyer! I’m not sure if Mrs McPoland thought he had stolen something from the Finance Office or if she is trying to protect us all in that photo!

Can I finish by saying a massive thank you to all our families who have supported us in ensuring our pupils are dressed in full school uniform, with suitable school shoes, upholding our high standards and exemplifying ‘Excellence in the Heart of the Community.’

Please take care and remember Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air!

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal



Past Pupils

During our annual Year 11 Leavers Breakfast, we tell all pupils to stay in touch and remind them that no matter what, they will always be Hillsideers, and we mean that from the bottom of our hearts. Hillside is one big family which we are all very proud of.

We love hearing from former pupils and finding out what they have been up to since leaving Hillside, and what better ambassadors could we have for our wonderful school other than those who have already walked the walk!

We are asking for all former pupils to fill in this short form and tell us what you are up to now and how you got there. Your journeys could help our current pupils.

Many thanks in advance of your support.

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St George's Day

Friday 23rd of April is St George's Day, a day that we honour England's patron saint and all things English; whether it be by playing a game of cricket, enjoying fish and chips or even reading a bit of Shakespeare (it is also his Birthday after all). We must not forget, however, that St George is also the patron saint of many other countries including Spain, Portugal and Bulgaria and seeing as Hillside is a truly multicultural community with pupils from all of these countries, we thought that it was all the more important to celebrate this special day. Hillside's assemblies this week have focused on St George's day but we wanted to get our primary schools involved.

St George is famous for rescuing the damsel in distress from the fire breathing dragon. The thing is, Hillside has a serious dragon problem! There's a fire breathing dragon in our foyer and we are not talking about Mrs Ryan on a bad day! Luckily St George has come to the rescue but he has forgotten his shield! We've asked Year 5 pupils from our local primary schools to design a shield that represents themselves, their family, their school and their community! The winning shields are going to be made into full-sized shields for George to use to defend himself from our dragon. George, the dragon and the shields will be on display during our Arts Event which will take place later in the year and then the shields will go home to their primary schools.

On another note, a big thank you to Mr Smith and his Year 8 and 10 pupils who have helped build our terrifying dragon and for designing their very own shields! Don't forget, if you are in our foyer at all this week; **BEWARE** of the dragon!

Miss Collins



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Science & Personal Development

Last week, Year 9 had the opportunity to take part in online workshops delivered by the SNOGS (Student Neonatal Obstetrics and Gynaecology Society) group through the Guild Schools Project with Liverpool University. The sessions focused on raising awareness of Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer, the screening processes involved in both and the prevention measures and science behind each condition. Students from the SNOGS team delivered a presentation and answered questions from our pupils during the detailed and informative presentation. We are very lucky that over the course of the next few weeks, the pupils in Year 9 will have further talks in areas linked to Body Image and Consent, as will Year 10 who this week also took part in a talk by the Guild Schools Project about HIV education.

Thank you to Dave Wheatley and the team at the Liverpool University Guild School Project for providing their expertise and also providing an insight into careers linked to science, which is something we are always looking to promote at Hillside.

Mr Wardale



Top Podders are the pupils who have streamed the most pods
Questions Answered are the pupils who attempted the most questions
Diamond League - are the pupils who have answered with the most accurate knowledge, the more correct responses, the more diamonds.

GCSE Pod For KS4

TOP PODDERS

1st Kelly L, Year 11 - 30
 2nd Sam H, Year 10 - 27
 3rd Kemi A, Year 10 - 17

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GCSE Pod For KS4

DIAMOND LEAGUE

1st Harry E, Year 11 - 315
 2nd Joseph Z, Year 11 - 203
 3rd Ewelina G, Year 10 - 182

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GCSE Pod For KS4

QUESTIONS ANSWERED ?

1st Harry E, Year 11 - 177
 2nd Joseph Z, Year 11 - 136
 3rd Ewelina G, Year 10 - 102

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Times Tables Rockstars

A massive well done to our TT Rockstars this week, they are:

Year 7:

Kiera Cooke 7THE, Joshua Williams 7THE, and Grace Coffey 7GW

Year 8:

Yonatan Asmeron 8DT, Jessica Harrington 8NW, and Kira Dodd 8RLC



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Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Bulletin

How safe is your bike?

We have been made aware this week that one of our pupils has had their bike stolen on the way home from school and felt it timely that we gave all pupils some reminders about keeping your bike safe both during the school day and in your own time.

This information is provided by Merseyside Police and can be found on their website <https://www.merseyside.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/how-safe-is-your-bike/>

If you've ever had your bike stolen or borrowed without your permission, you'll know how upsetting it can be. Here's where you'll find advice on keeping your bike safe and out of the hands of thieves – as well as what to do to try to get it back if it is stolen.

Follow these 10 tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.

Ten ways to help prevent anyone taking your bike

1. Register it—Get your bike security marked and registered at [BikeRegister](#). It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested.
2. Record it—Remember to record details of your bike such as the frame number (normally found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in), the BikeRegister number plus any other distinguishing features, and take a photo.
3. Double-lock it—It can take thieves as little as few seconds to cut through some locks, so use two good quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock.
4. Lock the lot—Lock the frame and both wheels to the cycle parking stand.
5. Secure it—Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.
6. Remove the removable bits—Take parts that are easy to remove with you. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently, making it difficult for thieves to steal detachable parts.
7. Park secure—Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.
8. Remember safety begins at home—Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street.
9. Check ownership—Ask for proof of ownership and check the bike frame number on the [Bike Checker](#) at [BikeRegister](#).
10. Act fast—If your bike has been stolen, contact us as soon as possible (you can [report a crime online](#)). Give us your frame number, BikeRegister number, a photo and any other details and make sure you update the status on BikeRegister. The sooner we know, the sooner we can act, which might stop it being sold on.

What to do if your bike is stolen

There are various courses of action open to you if your bike goes missing. Whichever you take, make sure you do it as soon as possible. Time really is of the essence.

[Stolen Bikes in the UK](#) will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer you advice to help get it back. [Find that bike](#) lists adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale. Adverts are usually placed within 24 hours of the theft but if not, keep looking as they sometimes take a few months to pop up.

Mrs Cross

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