



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am excited to welcome everyone back to what I know is going to be another exciting half term here at Hillside.

It has been my pleasure to launch this half term's character trait to pupils in assemblies. This half term we are thinking about kindness and I have asked pupils to consider how they can be kind to those around them, to people they possibly don't know, thinking here about the charity work which will take place in school in the run up to Christmas and how they can be kind to nature which feels very timely in light of COP 26. I have also asked pupils to think about how they can be kind to themselves, something we all can struggle with at times. It would be lovely if you could follow these messages up at home.

As we start 'New Ways November' I thought it would be nice to share the 'Action For Happiness' calendar for this month. As I have said previously I love having a go at the daily challenges and am sure you will agree they are manageable, often small things we can all do to try and support our emotional well-being. Something which is so important for us all, as we continue to live through the challenges of the pandemic.

I am always extremely proud of the opportunities our pupils experience and if you look inside this week's newsletter you will find some brilliant examples of these diverse opportunities!

As a parent myself I always worry about Bonfire Night and would draw your attention to the information included here on Firework Safety. Please take the time to ensure your child reads this.

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal



"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

- Aesop

New Ways November 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire
8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about
15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them
22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card
29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times					

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Halloween History

Year 8 have had a wonderfully creative term discovering the history and traditions of Halloween. We spent lots of time exploring how other cultures and countries choose to celebrate it too. Pupils were set a homework task to create their own zombie costumes to wear in their class performance of Thriller and they did not disappoint! Miss Brown and Mrs McCarthy were smiling from ear to ear watching pupils in their final performance and were so impressed with the effort and creativity shown. Congratulations to the winners of most creative costumes; Ella O'Hara – Allcock 8THE, Ana-Louise Prendergast 8GW and Katherine Roberts 8GW. A huge well done to Leighton Kenwright 8THE for winning the most positive attitude to learning in a project award. Well done Year 8!

Miss Brown



Hillside Games Round 2

THE HILLSIDE GAMES



Well done to all of the form groups who came along to the second Hillside games event of the year!

Rita Ogiemwen representing her form for the second time managed to successfully complete the challenge of getting a pancake from forehead to mouth but was pipped to the post by our very own Mrs Thornton who managed to complete the challenge in 13.02s. A fantastic effort to keep the staff team in the running.

Having only two successful completions of the pancake challenge there were however, many close calls.

In third place was Jakob from 8TH who managed to keep the pancake moving for 51.05s before it tumbled, fourth place was Nathan from 8RS who managed 31.82s before his pancake hit the deck and in 5th position was Emma from 9RLC who managed a solid 21.76s before the pancake went splat.

A massive thank you to all who took part again, there are only a handful of forms across the entire school who have not taken part in either event now so a big well done.

We hope to see everyone represented in round three.

Mr Smith



Form Group	Score
11JM	20
Staff	14
7LW	10
8CSY	9
11KL	9
8TH	7
8RS	6
9RLC	4
7NK	2
8The	2
10SA	2
11MW	2
7SW	1
10SAC	1
10LB	1
10KP	1
11DH	1
7LJ	1
8GW	1
11RM	1

TT Rockstars celebrates England Maths Week!

Next week (from Monday 8th – Thursday 11th) TT Rockstars are celebrating England Maths Week by launching an England Rocks competition. The competition involves schools across the country and it is really important that we show what Hillside are made of! Every question your child answers will count towards their class total whether it is in the arena, the studio, gigs etc so every player is essential.



To limit screen time, the maximum your child can play each day towards the competition is 60 minutes, and they can only play between 7:30am and 7:30pm each day – this rule applies to all schools so any questions answered outside these times don't count.

Competition time



The top 3 primary classes and top 3 secondary classes based on average score will each receive an Amazon gift card so let's see if we can be one of the top performing secondary schools!

I can't wait to see how many questions we can answer – Good Luck Everyone

Miss Christian

Hegarty Maths



Top pupils for this week

Jessica Harrington
Mirna Aljabour
Louise Eseosa Igbinedion
HaiYing Xue
Dimka Nancheva
Oluwakemi Akeredolu
Alex Duff
Agatha Antonini Dias
Egydio
Beth Scott
Eleanor Cane

Molly Bennett
Samantha Harrington
Emma Leicester
Joshua Rogers
William Okoro Iwuchukwu
Cameron Todhunter
Nancy O'Hara
Kathryn Slinger
Callum Johnson
Lana-Mai Robinson

Mr Patterson

TT Rockstars

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

Year 7:

Jacob Year 7:
Hai Ying Xue 7SW
Jasmine Isibor 7NK
Tia Leicester 7LJ

Year 8:

Annie Daulby 8CSY
Grace Coffey 8GW
Alana Conroy 8CSY

Miss Christian

GCSE Pod
For KS4

QUESTIONS ANSWERED ?

HaiYing X, Year 7 - 970

Lily B, Year 11 - 50

Kevin J, Year 11 - 46

Excellence in the Heart of the CPIC-COLLAGE

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
education on demand

GCSE Pod
For KS4

TOP PODDERS

HaiYing X, Year 7 - 87

Ella L, Year 10 - 54

Michael D, Year 10 - 54

Excellence in the Heart of the CPIC-COLLAGE

GCSE Pod
For KS4

DIAMOND LEAGUE

HaiYing X, Year 7 - 1581

Eleanor C, Year 11 - 65

Kevin J, Year 11 - 56

Excellence in the Heart of the CPIC-COLLAGE

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

The information this week is taken from ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accident) and highlights some important safety information and guidelines about Bonfire Night. We hope that all members of our school community have a lovely evening if they are celebrating and stay safe.

Firework safety

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 or private parties.

But if you'll be 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 (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and 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, and check the time you can legally set off fireworks
2. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE or UKCA marks, keep them 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.



Did you know?

- It is against the law to carry fireworks in public if you're under 18
 - Fireworks must not be sold to anyone who is under 18
 - It is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am), except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year's Eve, and Chinese New Year (1am)
- It is an offence under the Explosives Act 1875 to tamper with or modify fireworks

Prohibited Items

At this point in the year may we remind all members of our school community that there are certain items that are prohibited from being brought into school and any pupil who chooses to bring in a prohibited item may be putting their place at school at risk. Please see the following paragraph from our Behaviour for Learning Policy in relation to this matter and in relation to confiscation, screening and searching.

Searching, Screening & Confiscation Items which may be searched for without consent may include knives or weapons (made or adapted), alcohol, drugs, fireworks, pornographic images and stolen items. Hillside also enforces a strict ban on tobacco, e-cigarettes and energy drinks which have a detrimental effect to school discipline. School staff can search pupils with their consent for any item if the pupil agrees. School staff may also search and confiscate electronic devices, such as mobile phones, if there is reasonable suspicion that it may contain offensive or inappropriate material which has been, or is likely to be used to commit an offence. Please refer to Screening, searching and confiscation, DfE (January 2018). Whilst it is good practise to inform parents or guardians that there will be a referral made to the police, advice will be taken from the police if it is felt that a school representative needs to act as appropriate adult. The school is not obliged to inform parents before a search takes place or to seek their consent to search their child.