



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
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IT'S beginning TO look A LOT like Christmas

Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Friday was Unison's 'Stars in Our Schools' day. This is the day when we celebrate the support staff in our school and the amazing job they do all year round. All support staff received a 'Stars in Our Schools' 2022 mug and chocolate bar. We also held a raffle for a voucher and box of chocolates, which was won by Ms Quinn a member of the Cleaning Team. The quotes from our pupils summarise the difference these colleagues make to our school every day. We would certainly be lost without them all!

Last night was our annual Christmas Market, which was yet again a fantastic community event. It was lovely to welcome so many families to our school and it's fair to say it's certainly beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Hillside! I'm excited for all the other events which are coming up between now and us finishing for Christmas. We have put all the dates in one place to make it easier for parents, please see Christmas Countdown flyer.

I must finish by saying a massive congratulations to all the pupils who are in this week's '100 Club' having achieved 100% attendance this week. This has been the best week we have had for attendance in a very long time and I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in making this happen. Keep it up everyone.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Hillside Christmas card competition

It's competition time!!
We would like you to design this years Christmas card. The winning entry will receive a prize and have their design printed onto all of the Christmas cards given out by Hillside. You can use any materials you like, the more festive the better!
Entries need to be in by Thursday 8th December to any of the design faculty. (LW, JM, AM, GS)



Santa Dash 2023

It has been a difficult few years for some families in our school community and Christmas really brings that home to all of us! Many families struggle at the best of times, let alone with the added pressure of Christmas and the extra costs it can bring. At Hillside we want to make sure no family goes hungry at Christmas!

On Sunday 4th December 'Team Hillside' is running the Santa Dash in Liverpool to raise money for our Christmas Meal Appeal! We hope to bring a little Christmas joy to as many families in our community as possible and we need your help! We have set up this fundraising page with the hope of raising £1000 which will help us to purchase essential items to support some of our families. Please give whatever you can, every little helps.

Thank you
Team Hillside

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Hillside-High-SantaDash?utm_term=j4agrQnY



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Stars in Our Schools—Quotes from Our Pupils

"The office staff make me feel welcome in school and are always smiling when I see them."

"The caretakers make the school a safe place and are really friendly. They welcome us in and out of school with a smile."

"My TA supports me in lessons by helping me with my writing and spellings so that I improve."

"I think all staff at Hillside should be celebrated as they all help us to achieve."

"The canteen staff are polite and helpful and make lunchtimes easier."

"The staff we have in school are all kind and caring; they want us to achieve our best."

"The finance team help us to sort out any problems we have with our money and are kind and helpful."

"We have support in our lessons by the technicians around school. They help us with things like practical work and with problems we may have with our computer login details."



Educate Awards 2022

On Friday the 19th November, Hillside's Leadership Team attended the Educate Awards after Mrs Wardale was shortlisted for the 'Teacher of the Year' award. The Awards ceremony was hosted at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral and was attended by schools from throughout the North West region. The evening comprised of performances from different schools, food and drink, awards presentation and a celebration of the hard work teachers and support staff do for our pupils. We are delighted to say that Mrs Wardale came runner-up in her category for which we are all very proud.

Mr Smith



Baa Humbug! Its Nearly Christmas

The Performing Arts Department enjoyed a festive night out this week to a fantastic new theatre in our city. We visited the Shakespeare North Playhouse in Prescott, which is a new Shakespearean style venue, to see a production of A Christmas Carol. We spent two and a half hours in their cockpit theatre being highly entertained by a talented ensemble of actors, who took the traditional version of the Dicken's classic and added their own Liverpool twist. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see techniques they have studied in class live on the stage. It also gave us lots of inspiration for our own production of Scrooge the Pantomime which takes place on the 15th December 2022. T'was a great night with lots of festive fun had by all!

Miss Brown





How to nurture a child's mental health



- Actively listen before offering your advice
- Be patient
- Share your feelings and validate theirs
- Tell the truth
- Model healthy behavior
- Surround them with healthy adults
- Teach them how to be safe
- Use open ended questions
- Have scheduled family time
- Limit electronic time for everyone
- Reach out and hug them
- Model forgiveness
- Respond calmly when their emotions are elevated
- View their behavior as a window to their needs and feelings
- Practice relaxation exercises together
- Be present
- Make play and exercise a requirement
- Set and respect boundaries
- Be consistent and follow through with what you promise
- Believe them and in them
- Recognize positive choices





Hillside High School Christmas Community Countdown EVENTS

Check Out Our Upcoming Events this Year!

the most wonderful time of the year



For more information: 01515252630

- Dec 01** Christmas Market
Kick start the festive season by joining us at our annual Christmas market. Come along and grab some Christmas goodies, enjoy a mince pie and visit Santa's grotto from 5.30pm. There is something for the whole family!
- Dec 04** Santa Dash
Hillside staff will be taking part in the annual Santa Dash in Liverpool city centre on the 4th December to raise money for families in need. Come and support your teachers who will be running 5km dressed as Father Christmas.
- Dec 09** Xmas jumper day
Come to school in your finest Christmas jumper to help raise funds for the Ava White foundation, a charity very close to our hearts.
- Dec 14** Christmas Dinner
Enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner in Hillside's dining room.
- Dec 15** Christmas Concert
Hillside pupils perform several festive favourites in a display of talent across all year groups. Join us from 7pm to enjoy the array of performances from our wonderfully talented pupils.
- Dec 16** #Sock it to us!
In support of the Kids Cancer Charity, Hillside pupils will be invited to take part in this year's 'sock it to us'. Wear a colourful and wacky pair of socks to raise funds for this well deserving charity.
- Dec 21** Christmas celebration
Celebrate the end of term at Hillside with some festive fun.
- All Dec** Christmas Meal Appeal
The launch of Hillside's annual Christmas meal appeal. If you have any spare canned or dried goods to donate, please bring them into school before Wednesday 13th Dec.

