



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoy reading this week’s newsletter. Please take time to read about the launch of STAR, I hope our pupils are coming home and talking to you about this. This is another step in ensuring our children achieve their very best at Hillside. We know that by following these simple steps our pupils will gain even more from their lessons.

I am honoured to share two stories that mark some of the most moving and emotional moments of my career. Last Thursday I was honoured to welcome Ava White’s mum, Leeann and Lee Thompson to school to present them with a cheque for the money we raised before Christmas for the Ava White Foundation. The unimaginable tragedy Leeann and her family have been through is clear to us all, what an amazing lady she is supported by Lee, keeping Ava’s memory alive and raising money to provide bleed packs for the local area, I was so proud when I found out the money we raised will now fund 3 bleed packs for our community.

On Monday I was honoured to welcome Noemie, who is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors and Derek who’s Grandfather was a member of the SS to Hillside. Their stories about the Holocaust and the two extremely different experiences of these events were moving beyond words. The Year 9 pupils selected to attend found the talk extremely moving and asked some very profound questions. The whole experience was one of the most moving and profound of my career and I am so grateful to Noemie and Derek for giving their time to visit Hillside.

All pupils have watched our Holocaust Memorial assemblies and I am extremely grateful to the pupils involved and colleagues who have made these happen. Their ability to share such an important message with their peers really is exceptional.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week



Launch of Hillside STAR

Last week, as part of our continued drive to improve teaching and learning we launched

STAR

- Sit up and listen
- Track the speaker
- Ask and answer questions
- Respect others' views



This approach is intended to build on the success of our consistent approach to the start and end of every lesson. For pupils to gain new knowledge and form long-term memories the learning environment has to be right. Pupils need to be fully attentive when teachers and other pupils are speaking during lessons and the STAR approach is designed to teach them how to do this and ensure it is happening consistently in every lesson. It is an expectation that all pupils will demonstrate this behaviour for learning. This then after a while becomes a learning 'habit' and pupils will need little reminding to do something that makes a big difference to their learning.



Key Dates 2023

9th February—Year 7 Progress Evening

1st March—Year 11 Photographs



Holocaust Memorial Day 2023

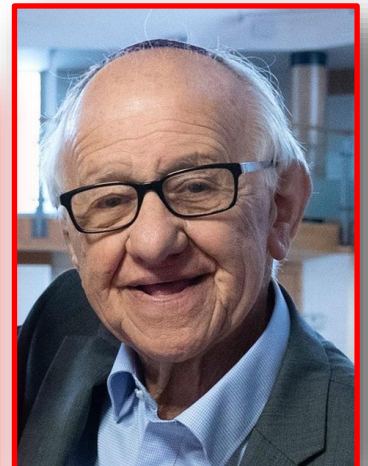
Holocaust Memorial Day takes place each year on 27th January. This day marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau; the largest Nazi death camp. Holocaust Memorial Day encourages people to remember not only the genocide of Jews and other minority groups under the Nazis, but more recent genocides since.

This year's theme is Ordinary People. Ordinary people were involved in all aspects of the Holocaust; Nazi persecution of other groups, and in the genocides that took place in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. Ordinary people were perpetrators, bystanders, rescuers, witnesses – and ordinary people were victims. This theme will prompt us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today.

On Monday a number of Year 9 pupils had the privilege to work with two speakers; Noemie Lopian and Derek Neimann. Noemie is the daughter of two Holocaust survivors, she has spent time translating her father's memoirs into a book *The Long Night*. Derek was born and raised in Scotland. In 2012 he discovered that his grandfather had been a member of the SS which led to him writing his book *A Nazi in the Family*. The experience proved exceptionally valuable to the pupils and reminded them of the importance of continuing on the lessons of the Holocaust.

This year Hillside also pays tribute to Zigmunt (Zigi) Shipper, a Holocaust survivor who sadly passed away on January 18th, his 93rd birthday. Zigi's story is one that captivates the imagination of our pupils year on year. By just 15 years old Zigi had survived the Lodz ghetto, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Stutthof camp and being forced on a death march before being rescued by the British. After moving to Britain in 1947 he began teaching his story to thousands across the country. We would encourage all to remember his message "Whatever you do, do not hate".

Ms K Rees



Ava White Foundation




Mrs Ryan was delighted to present a cheque for over £324, that our school community raised for the Ava White foundation. It was presented to Ava's mum, Leeann and Lee Thompson who have helped to set up the foundation. Our contribution will help to buy bleed packs for the local area and potentially save three lives. We look forward to supporting this fantastic charity in the future.



SPCF Shared Space

Sefton Parent and Carers Forum are offering a number of sessions that would benefit the parents of those pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The sessions take place at Cambridge Nursery and they cover various topics including ASD, ADHD and EHCP applications. They are free to attend and all parents of children in Sefton schools are welcome. The Forum also have a Facebook group that they encourage parents of SEND pupils in Sefton to join as they advertise all of the services and events that are available for Sefton pupils. The timetable for the rest of this half term is below. If you need any SEND advice please do not hesitate to contact the SEND Coordinator Mrs Miller. R.miller@hillsidehigh.co.uk

Monday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
30th Jan 10:00-12:00 EHCP Advice Clinic Sefton SEN & Inclusion Service 1:1 15-Minute slots, booking required	1st Feb 12:30-2:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Afternoon	3rd Feb 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning with Service Manager, School Improvement Team. 12:30-2:30 Crafternoon	27th Feb We apologise, but we are unfortunately cancelling coffee morning due to Local Offer Event Planning and Organising	1st Mar 9:30-6:00 SEFTON LOCAL OFFER LIVE! Aintree, Princess Royal Stand, Exhibition suite.	3rd March We apologise, but we are unfortunately cancelling coffee and crafternoon due to The Steering members are on team training.
6th Feb 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning	8th Feb 12:30-2:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Afternoon With Inclusion Coordinator Sefton SEN & Inclusion Service	10th Feb 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning 12:30-2:30 Crafternoon	6th Mar 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning	8th Mar 12:30-2:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Afternoon	10 Mar 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning with Travel support Team Leader 12:30-2:30 Crafternoon (Lets Make Easter Bonnets)
20th Feb 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning With SEN & Inclusion Policy Officer and SEND Local Offer Officer	22nd Feb 12:30-2:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Afternoon	24th Feb 9:30-11:30 Come and Chat Drop-in Coffee Morning 12:30-2:30 Crafternoon			

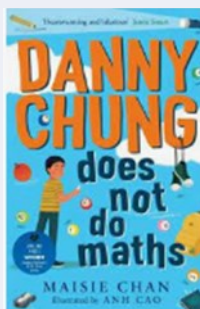
Sefton Parent Carer Forum

Working together in partnership with local families and organisations

Danny and the Number Devil

We all know that reading is important. We are probably aware that it improves our vocabulary and even helps us to better express our ideas. So how might we mix that skill in maths lessons? Well, here at Hillside High School we have introduced two books one for our Year 7 and one for our Year 8 classes.

Pupils in Year 7 are having *Danny Chung does not do maths* by Maisie Chan read to them. Danny is a Year 6 student living in a Birmingham suburb. He and his best friend Ravi are competing in a local maths competition. It deals with many ideas including family expectations, unconscious racial bias and why maths is important and can be found in the unlikeliest of places.



Our pupils have said, 'It was an amusing book and helped me to understand Danny and get to like his character,' Dylan.

'Heart-warming,' Jack.

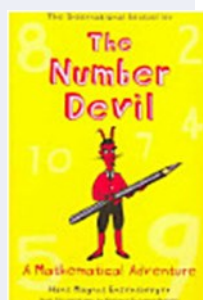
Our Year 8 pupils are having *The Number Devil* by Hans Magnus Enzensberger read to them. This is the story of 12-year-old Robert who hates maths. In a dream he meets the number devil who brings the subject magically to life.

The book explains some of the most fascinating and important concepts in maths. Learning about Primes, or prima-donna numbers as they are called in the book, lead to our pupils learning about bi-primes. Our Year 8 pupils commented,

'It shows maths can be a big dream,' Lennon.

'It looks at numbers in a different way, which is helpful,' Jacob.

Mrs Thornton



LOCAL OFFER LIVE



SEFTON LOCAL OFFER LIVE
EVENT WILL BE HELD
MARCH 1ST 2023

AINTREE RACECOURSE
9:30AM - 6:00PM

IT IS A CHANCE TO MEET OVER 100 STALL HOLDERS WHO OFFER SERVICES IN SEFTON INCLUDING:

- SEND
- ADULT LEARNING
- NHS SERVICES
- CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE

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Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Safer Internet Day 2023

Safer Internet Day is an annual event that takes place on the second Tuesday of February. The goal of the day is to raise awareness about the importance of online safety and to promote the responsible use of technology. As a parent of a teenager, it's important to be aware of the potential risks that your child may face online and to take steps to help them stay safe.

One of the biggest risks that teenagers face online is cyberbullying. According to a recent study, nearly one in three teens have been bullied online. Cyberbullying can take many forms including mean comments, threats and harassment. It's important to talk to your child about the importance of treating others with kindness and respect online and to encourage them to speak up if they or someone they know is being bullied.

Another risk that teenagers face online is the potential for exposure to inappropriate content. With the vast amount of information available on the Internet, it's important to talk to your child about the importance of being a responsible digital citizen and to set guidelines for what types of content are appropriate to view.

In addition to these risks, teenagers also face the possibility of their personal information being shared online without their consent. It's important to talk to your child about the importance of being cautious when sharing personal information online and to remind them that once something is posted online, it can be difficult to take back.

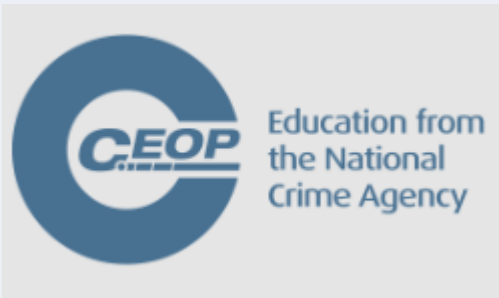
To celebrate Safer Internet Day 2023, encourage your child to participate in online safety activities and events. Additionally, take the time to have a conversation with your child about online safety and set guidelines for their use of technology.

Useful websites

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



Breakfast Club

Come along to our fantastic breakfast club!

Mrs McGing will be in the Dining Room everyday between 8am and 8:30pm serving delicious warm bagels.



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