



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This has been an extremely busy week at Hillside. On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome over 50 teachers of Modern Foreign Languages from all over the North West to listen to Dr Gianfranco Conti, a leading light in the world of language teaching across Europe. This was exciting for us as it demonstrates our commitment to continually improving the experience of our pupils in Spanish, a subject we value highly, with all pupils in Key Stage 3 and a high number of Key Stage 4 studying.




On the same day we also had colleagues attending an attendance conference with Wayne Harris from 5 Foundations of Effective Attendance Practice. This was another excellent day of staff training and I look forward to sharing more details on the attendance foundations with you in the coming weeks. What underpins the 5 Foundations of Effective Attendance is putting every child at the centre of the support we offer and decision we make and I don't think anyone can question the value in that.




As a school we are continuing our push on punctuality to school. When our pupils are late they miss valuable learning time and often disrupt the flow of the lesson and therefore the learning of other pupils, which is simply not acceptable. Please support us in ensuring your child arrives to school on time. As always a massive thank you and well done to the majority of our pupils who do arrive on time every day.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Punctuality to school!



From Monday 13th March punctuality detentions will begin. Any pupils arriving after 8.45am will be expected to complete a 30 minute after school detention.

All information can be found on the school website.

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Thought for the Week



Key Dates 2023

30th March—Year 9 Options Evening
3rd—14th April—Easter Holidays
27th April—Year 8 Progress Evening



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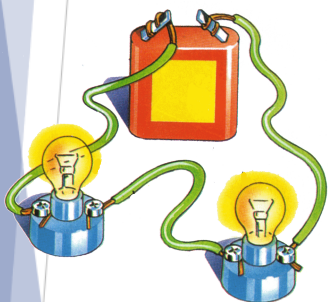
Netball Tournament Year 7 and 8

A lovely morning of netball at Merchant Taylors Girls school, fabulous attitude and perfectly behaved! Year 8 girls played brilliantly and came third narrowly missing out on second place due to goal difference! Year 7 did well and worked very hard in all their matches. Very proud of all our netballers today, great way to finish the season!

Mrs Austin



Science Club

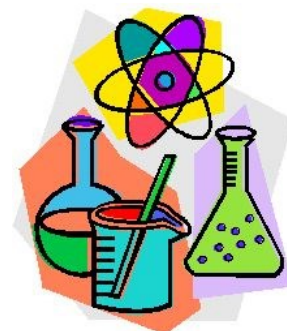


Hillside High now has a shiny new Science Club on offer to all pupils!

The club will run **every Week 1 Wednesday after school from 2:45 to 3:15 in Room 37.**

Pupils can expect to get involved with a range of scientific enquiries with lots of exciting practicals which aren't covered within lessons i.e. Slime, volcanos, lava lamps, bath bombs, fire writing, rockets, elephants toothpaste and much more!

Miss Gallagher



GCSE Pods

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
<i>Eduards P, Year 11 - 28</i>
<i>Katie E, Year 10 - 24</i>
<i>Macey M, Year 11 - 23</i>
<small>'Excellence in the Heart of the C PIC•COLLAGE</small>

GCSE Pod For KS4
DIAMOND LEAGUE
<i>Liam B, Year 11 - 131</i>
<i>Yexian H, Year 8 - 48</i>
<i>Hannah W, Year 11 - 44</i>
<small>'Excellence in the Heart of the C PIC•COLLAGE</small>

GCSE Pod For KS4
QUESTIONS ANSWERED
<i>Liam B, Year 11 - 106</i>
<i>Hannah W, Year 11 - 28</i>
<i>Yexian H, Year 8 - 24</i>
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British Science Week



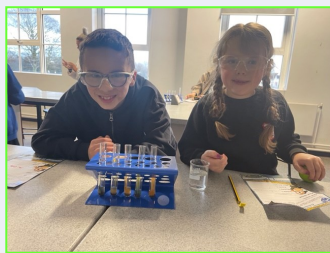
EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

A brilliant night was had by all at our British Science Week Community Event last Tuesday! Our team of detectives completed three investigations to discover who stole the missing sweets out of the Science Office.

The first investigation involved analysing a fingerprint which was left behind at the scene of the crime. This ruled out a couple of our suspects but we needed to collect more evidence before we could be sure who it was.



The second investigation involved analysing a sample of soil that was left behind at the scene of the crime. We checked the pH against soil samples found on our suspects shoes until we found a match. This ruled out a couple more of our suspects, but we needed to collect one more very important piece of evidence before we could be absolutely certain who it was..



The third and final investigation saw our detectives using chromatography to find out what pen matched the pen used to write a ransom note left behind by our culprit. Now we had all of our evidence we could be absolutely certain who it was!



For a few weeks now someone we trusted to come and go from the Science Office has been consistently removing Miss Nelson's sweets. After a long time of trying to figure out who it could be, for various reasons, we had our suspicions.

To try and prove this we came up with the idea of recruiting a team of detectives. Throughout Tuesday evening these detectives conducted three forensic investigations.

It's been tough keeping this to ourselves and not making any comment at all – especially when the sweets were our favourite Maoams. Now we know for certain who the individual is.

We have saved all the evidence and it clearly shows just one person to be responsible. It's... Mr Code!

Thank you to all our detectives who came along and got involved in our British Science Week Community Event! We are very happy to reveal our three winners...



Hillside's very own Christopher M (Yr8)

Hillside's very own Mason W (Yr7)

Thomas Gray's Maggie-Lee B

Well done!!!



That's it for British Science Week 2023 and from all of the Science Department here at Hillside thank you to everybody who got involved in the week's celebrations, roll on British Science Week 2024!

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Teenagers are more at risk on the roads than they think. Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group. Here's how to help your teenager stay safe.

You could talk to your child and reinforce road safety messages to help keep them safe:

- Stress the need to concentrate and be careful at all times
- Warn of the dangers of distractions - listening to music on their phone, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends while walking are big distractions
- Keep talking about the dangers of traffic
- Point out people who are endangering themselves
- Encourage your teenager to practice judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic
- Stress that your child should never lose concentration and follow others blindly into dangerous situations

Cycling

It is a good idea to:

- Buy and encourage your teenager to wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve their visibility
- Encourage your child never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike
- Ask your child never to listen to music while they are cycling
- Make sure your child knows that cyclists must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals

Bus safety

Some teenagers take the bus to school and back all the time, maybe even every day. In fact, they're probably so used to it, they do it without paying much attention. But not paying attention could cost them their lives. It only takes a moment's lapse of concentration to cause death or serious injury. So your children should always expect the unexpected and never take risks going to and from the bus or crossing roads nearby. You should remind them:

- Just because they are not small children does not mean they should not use The Green Cross Code
- Just because their friends are chatting doesn't mean it's safe for them

Peace of mind

For your peace of mind, have routines that you can both stick to. You could try discussing the following points and finding an answer for each of them:

- What will they do if they miss the last bus home?
- Do they have a mobile (fully charged), a phone card, money or know how to reverse the charges if they need you?
- What should your teenager do if they have to stay behind at school?

