



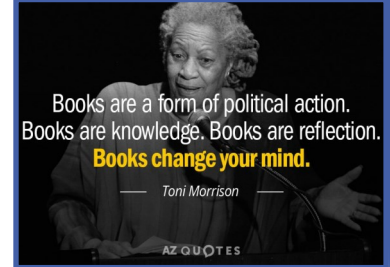
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well I think the sheer size of this week's newsletter gives you a flavour of how much has gone on in school this week. As I mentioned last week we were honoured to host the Challenge Partners North West Conference on Tuesday. Please have a read of the article which tells you all about the day. The day saw us welcome some very high profile guests to our school, including Vicky Beer, Regional Director and several guests from Challenge Partners, including Dame Sue John, Executive Director of Challenge Partners and Dr Kate Chartwell, CEO of Challenge Partners. The key note speaker was Ryan Wain Director of the Tony Blair Institute. Our pupils started the day performing extracts from our Summer Show Matilda and they were stunning. Every delegate in the room was beaming watching them and they rightly received compliment after compliment. Challenge Partners and the rigour and challenge we have received over the years in our school reviews has been instrumental in our journey of improvement and that's why I was so pleased to host this prestigious event at Hillside.

This newsletter is a real celebration of the achievements of so many of our pupils. I am very proud of them all. I will finish by saying a massive well done to the first Attendance League Winners. Let's keep up the good work on attendance everyone...I can't wait to see who wins next week!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week



Friday 1st March 2024

Key Dates 2024

7th March—World Book Day

8th March—International Woman's Day

11th March—Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Hillside Sports Leaders Event with Bedford Primary School

Well done to the Year 10 Sports Leaders who last week ran a multi sports event for Year 3 children from Bedford Primary School. The children took part in a range of sports including football, bench ball, short tennis, athletics and basketball, which were planned, organised and delivered by our amazing Year 10 Sports Leaders. A huge credit to the school.

Mr Clarke



I am delighted to share our published report from Ofsted with you. This is now live on our website for staff and parents to access. The link is here: [Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!](#)



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'Meet the Team'

This week it's the turn of the Maths Department to answer the questions. Ms Thornton has been teaching at Hillside for nearly 3 years now, she is also a Year 11 Form Tutor. Mr Richardson is a former Hillside pupil, he joined us just over two years ago as one of our Academic Mentors.

Previous job(s): Graduate Engineer and HM Inspector of Health and Safety

Hobbies/interests: Football, Music, Cartooning, Afternoon Tea

Pets: Not at the moment

Favourite food: My Mum's home-made chicken curry.

Likes: Shopping, watching sport, sleeping...

Dislikes: Middle Lane hoppers on the motorway

Favourite movie: Some Like it Hot

Favourite destination or last holiday you went on: Guernsey

If not a teacher what job would you do? Run an independent cinema

Person you'd most like to meet and why: Former Liverpool manager Bob Paisley, one of the best ever!

What was your favourite subject when you were at school? Physics

Favourite colour: Teal

Coca-Cola or Pepsi: Neither I'm a Fanta Zero Orange Fan

McDonalds or KFC: KFC, they have gravy!

If you could have a superpower what would it be? The ability to eat anything and not gain weight.

Last book read: Richard Osman – The Last Devil to Die

Liverpool or Everton: Liverpool

Favourite superhero: Jubilee from X-men

Would you rather dance instead of walk or sing instead of talk? Sing instead of talk, given I can't actually walk at the moment

Most embarrassing moment: When I didn't know who Bradley Cooper was as I was talking to him.

Favourite chocolate bar: Cadbury's Caramel

Favourite crisp or snack: Sainsbury's Onion Rings

Should pineapple be on a pizza? Absolutely

What is the strangest thing you've ever eaten? Alligator, when I lived in Australia

Most random item in your desk drawer: My Bin Buddy (Thanks to Mr Cosgrove)

What would be your specialist subject on mastermind? 1980's one hit wonders

What is an interesting fact most people would not know about you? I was on University Challenge as an undergraduate



Mrs Thornton

Previous job(s): Junior auditor, store assistant at Iceland

Hobbies/interests: Football and roller-skating

Pets: Two Cats. Bella and Tabby

Favourite food: Pizza

Likes: Football, exercise, watching TV, going out for tea with family or friends, building lego

Dislikes: Tuna, the beach, reality tv shows

Favourite movie: Avengers: Endgame

Favourite destination or last holiday you went on: Tenerife

If not a teacher what job would you do? Security guard

Person you'd most like to meet and why: Steven Gerrard, a childhood hero of mine

What was your favourite subject when you were at school? Maths

Favourite colour: Red

Coca-Cola or Pepsi: Coca-Cola

McDonalds or KFC: KFC

If you could have a superpower what would it be? Super Speed

Last book read: The Hobbit

Liverpool or Everton? Liverpool

Favourite superhero: The Flash

Would you rather dance instead of walk or sing instead of talk? Dance instead of walk, but it would be awful to see!

Most embarrassing moment: Splitting my trousers playing football in school!

Favourite chocolate bar: Double Decker

Favourite crisp or snack: McCoy's Flame Grilled Steak

Should pineapple be on a pizza? Definitely not!

Strangest thing you've ever eaten: Fish eyes

Most random item in your desk drawer: Koka noodles

What would be your specialist subject on mastermind? Liverpool FC

An interesting fact most people would not know about you: I've performed a charity fundraiser swim in Lake Windemere, raising £5000.



Mr Richardson



PL Social Action Challenge

Bella, Charlie, Ellie, Mia and Nathan have been competing in the Premier League Social Action Challenge against three other schools to represent Everton in this years competition. On Friday 23rd February they pitched their idea to four carefully selected judges in Goodison Park and WON!!

The Challenge helps young people to learn about some of the challenges facing their football club and community, exploring ways to overcome these issues.

The challenge this year will continue with the focus of youth, social action with young people creating and designing a social action project, and then bringing it to life by completing the social action activity. The 2023/24 theme is mental health inside matters. Keep up the conversation on mental health.



Team Around The School

Team Around the School (TAS) is a multi-agency project aimed at providing support to families to make sure that issues are dealt with at the earliest point and families receive the help they need. We know that at times, families need help and support and that's ok. You may have worries such as

- Work
- Finances
- Housing and benefits
- Parenting
- Relationships
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- Managing behaviour

To access Team Around the School support you can contact your child's progress leader who will be able to complete a referral with you or alternatively email safeguarding@hillsidehigh.co.uk.

We will also have drop-ins taking place every Monday between 9am to 11am with Yvonne and Ellie from the TAS team.

Team Around the School Pilot
South Sefton

Mental Health Support

Early Help Worker

Social Worker

School Nurse

Inclusion consultant (SEND)

We are delighted to let you know that our school is part of the South Sefton Team Around the School Pilot. Our school community now has a team who will work together to find solutions and provide support, to enable our children, young people and families to reach their full potential.

Part of the team will be based at our school one day a week. Please make them feel welcome and say hello when you see them around school.

Together we can do great things!

Arts Ambassadors

Mrs Ryan and Miss Brown are proud to introduce Hillside's first Arts Ambassadors cohort. This group of Year 10 pupils were selected in recognition of the contribution they make to the arts at Hillside. Whether it is on the stage performing, playing instruments at school events, or running the tech box, these pupils give up so much of their own time to ensure the arts are alive and thriving at Hillside. They are fantastic role models for pupils lower down the school and thoroughly deserve the recognition that was given to them in assembly each week! Well done Jack V, Josh, Ethan, Ruby, Jack K, Binah, Liam, Jake, Shelby, Angela, Tom, Alexander and Jack G. Keep shining like the stars you are!

Miss Brown



Hillside High School Hosts Challenge Partners North West Conference: A Showcase of Educational Excellence

On Tuesday 27th February Hillside High School, Bootle had the honour of hosting the Challenge Partners North West conference, a gathering aimed at fostering collaboration and sharing best practices in education. Challenge Partners, a nationally recognised organisation known for its role in accelerating school improvement, brought together senior leaders and trust leaders from across the North West for a day of insightful discussions and exchange of ideas.

As part of the Wade Deacon Trust's Aspire Hub, Hillside High School has been an active participant for several years, contributing to the collective effort to enhance educational standards. Schools from the Aspire Hub took great pride in showcasing their work within the Hub to the wider educational community during the conference.

The event kicked off with a vibrant performance from Hillside High pupils, who treated attendees to a captivating section of their rendition of the musical "Matilda." This set the tone for an engaging day ahead, filled with enlightening keynotes and panel discussions featuring prominent figures in the education sector.

Dame Sue John, Executive Director of Challenge Partners, and Ryan Wain, Director of the Tony Blair Institute, delivered inspiring keynote addresses, highlighting the importance of collaboration and innovation in driving school improvement. The subsequent panel discussion, moderated by Simon Corner, Director of Secondary at the Wade Deacon Trust, featured insightful contributions from regional leaders including Vicky Beer, Regional Director, and Karen Bramwell, CEO of Forward as One.

Presentations by Elliott Costas Walker, Aspire Hub Manager, and Simon Corner, Principal of Wade Deacon High School, provided attendees with valuable insights into the successful strategies employed within the Aspire Hub to promote student achievement and school improvement.

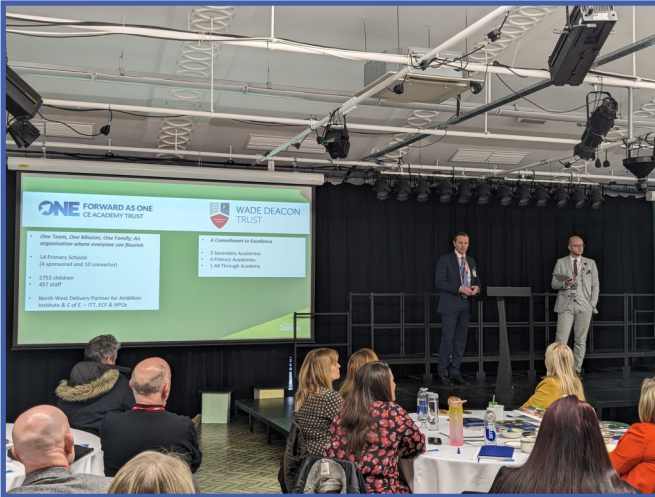
The highlight of the day was the vibrant exchange of best practices during the carousel sessions, where educators had the opportunity to share their innovative approaches to teaching and learning. Hillside High School, recently honoured with the Literacy Educate Award, proudly presented their Reading is Power whole school strategy, demonstrating their commitment to promoting literacy across all levels.

Amanda Ryan, Headteacher of Hillside High School, expressed her pride in hosting such a pivotal event in the Bootle community, stating, "It's an honour to welcome educators from across the North West to our school and showcase the collaborative efforts driving educational excellence in our region. The conference provided a valuable platform for sharing ideas and best practices, further strengthening our collective commitment to improving outcomes for all students."

The Challenge Partners North West conference at Hillside High School was a testament to the power of collaboration and shared learning in driving positive change within the education sector. As participants departed with renewed inspiration and a wealth of new ideas, the event served as a reminder of the collective impact achievable through partnership and cooperation in pursuit of educational excellence.

Mrs Wardale





Family Hubs – We need your help!

Have you got a spare 10 minutes?
Have you got time to google Family Hubs?
Go on – give it a go and see what you can find out about them ...

Sefton needs your help!

We are looking to develop our current Family Wellbeing Centres into Family Hubs. As you will have seen, a Family Hub is a place anyone can go to for a bit of extra help! It could be help for a younger brother or sister, for your Mum or Dad or even for you! They offer help for loads of different things, such as; emotional and mental health, debt, housing, family relationships, parenting and special needs as well lots of things for little ones.

We want families in Sefton to be aware of them and use them. To do this we need your help to design a logo to attract families and to help with our marketing and branding. Why not google some Family Hub logos for inspiration or here are some ...



Why not have a go? Perhaps involve your family members – from your own family hub to Sefton Family Hubs! Go on, what have you got to lose? It won't take long and you could even win a £50 cinema voucher!

Please email or hand in your finished entry to Miss Jones– no later than March 15th

Name:
School:
Logo:

Mrs Jones



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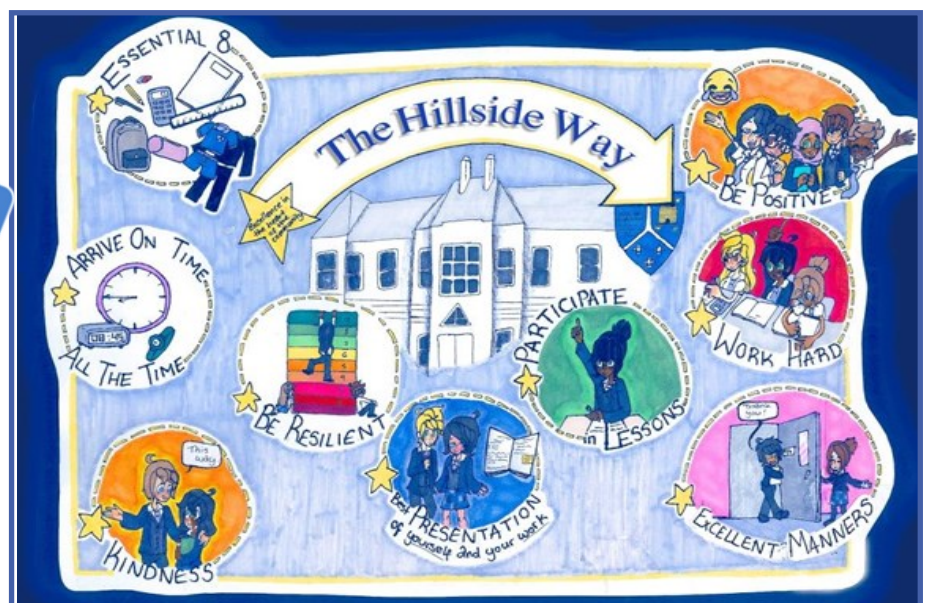
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Hillside Attendance League Match Report

Well, Seaman’s Heroes have got off to a flying start in the League – setting the bar high with 100% attendance – superb! Hats-off to Henderson Town, Ashraf’s Rovers and Bell City – who all made excellent starts.

Year League leaders all receive an extended break on Fridays!

We had an unexpected draw with Wardale Wanderers and Haygarth City sharing a point a piece.

This week’s fixtures look exciting – could there be an upset to Seaman’s Heroes glorious start; could Year 9 make an epic comeback?

Mr Edwards

Fixtures – Week beginning 26/2/24

Brown United	9LB	V	8SC	Code Breakers
Symes Town	10CSY	V	8RA	Ashraf's Rovers
Henesy City	10THE	V	9LG	Gallagher City
Higgins' Heroes	7KBH	V	8MC	Cosgrove United
Wardale Wanderers	9SW	V	7JR	Rice Rovers
Halsall United	7CH	V	8DH	Haygarth City
Wellington Town	8AWE	V	7EB	Bell City
Kitching Rovers	9NK	V	7OM	Moore Scorers
Wright Unite	10GW	V	7SAC	Clarke's Sharks
Henderson Town	10TH	V	10RS	Seaman's Heroes

100%

Attendance League Table – 26/2/24

Pos	Team	Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	GD +/-	Boost	Points
1	10RS	Seaman's Heroes	1	1	0	0	9.2	3	6
2	10TH	Henderson Town	1	1	0	0	8.2	3	6
3	8RA	Ashraf's Rovers	1	1	0	0	11.1	2	5
4	7EB/SL	Bell City	1	1	0	0	5.6	2	5
5	10THE	Henesy City	1	1	0	0	1.6	2	5
6	7KBH	Higgins' Heroes	1	1	0	0	7	1	4
7	7OM	Moore Scorers	1	1	0	0	2.5	1	4
8	7CH	Halsall United	1	1	0	0	1.7	1	4
9	8SC	Code Breakers	1	1	0	0	4.5	0	3
10	8DH	Haygarth City	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
11	9SW	Wardale Wanderers	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
12	8MC	Cosgrove United	1	0	0	1	-1.6	1	1
13	7JR	Rice Rovers	1	0	0	1	-1.7	1	1
14	7SAC	Clarke's Sharks	1	0	0	1	-8.2	1	1
15	10GW	Wright Unite	1	0	0	1	-9.2	1	1
16	8AWE	Wellington Town	1	0	0	1	-2.5	0	0
17	10CSY	Symes Town	1	0	0	1	-4.5	0	0
18	9NK	Kitching Rovers	1	0	0	1	-5.6	0	0
19	9LG	Gallagher City	1	0	0	1	-7	0	0
20	9LB	Brown United	1	0	0	1	-11.1	0	0

Points
Win = 3 Points
Draw = 1 Point
Lose = 0 Points

Weekly Boost
Attendance above:
90% - 1 point
93% - 2 points
96% - 3 points

100%

Full Time Scores - Week beginning 19/2/24

Brown United	9LB	82.5	V	93.6	8RA	Ashraf's Rovers
Symes Town	10CSY	80.5	V	85.0	8SC	Code Breakers
Henesy City	10THE	93.2	V	91.6	8MC	Cosgrove United
Higgins' Heroes	7KBH	90.6	V	83.6	9LG	Gallagher City
Wardale Wanderers	9SW	89.1	V	89.1	8DH	Haygarth City
Halsall United	7CH	92.2	V	90.5	7JR	Rice Rovers
Wellington Town	8AWE	89.7	V	92.2	7OM	Moore Scorers
Kitching Rovers	9NK	88.8	V	94.4	7EB	Bell City
Wright Unite	10GW	90.8	V	100.0	10RS	Seaman's Heroes
Henderson Town	10TH	99.3	V	91.1	7SAC	Clarke's Sharks

100%

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Reading—World Book Day

During this weeks assemblies we have been exploring the benefits and positives of reading in preparation for our upcoming World Book Day celebrations next Thursday 7th March. Considering how reading can aid our lives in a variety of ways. Student responses included ideas around how reading can expand our vocabularies, change our perspectives, improve our understanding of the world around us and teach us a myriad of new things! Research shows reading can be advantageous in reducing stress and aiding our mental health. These are but a few of the wonderful reasons why reading for pleasure can be enormously beneficial.

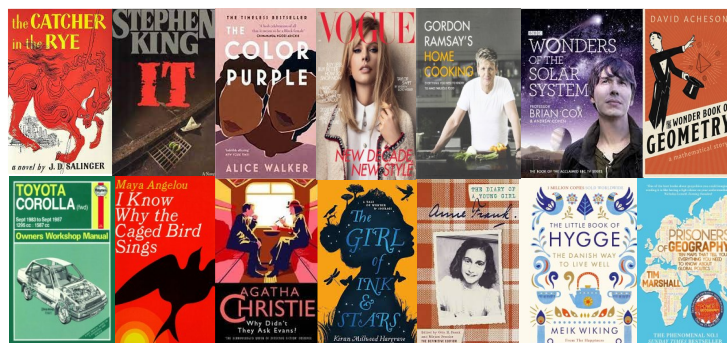
This year's theme for World Book Day will be 'Around the World' helping to promote diversity in our school and exposing students to variety of different cultures. To this end Mrs Rice has ensured the LRC is well stocked with a multitude of texts (all of which are available for pupils to loan) featuring authors from around the globe enabling students to travel, broaden their horizons and widen their points of view without ever leaving their chairs.

Every year our school community commemorates this special day by engaging in a variety of activities and competitions. As always our fantastic staff members will be getting involved with decorating their doors featuring homages to an array of different literary texts encouraging students to guess the book featured on their door. Included here is last years fabulous winner Miss Tarnowska and her wonderful celebration of Mulan. We can't wait to see what staff come up with this time around! Recurring competitions include design your own bookmark in which the English department have collaborated with Art to enable students to engage in this more creative aspect of our celebrations, the winners of which will receive a prize and the winning bookmark will be laminated and handed out to staff. New to the 2024 celebrations are three different competitions. The first of which is called 'Get Caught Reading' in which we're encouraging students to submit photographs of themselves reading in the weirdest and wackiest of places. Our quotation hunt competition will be running out of the LRC in which students will be expected to find the different quotes hanging around school. Prizes will be given out to the winners and we're so excited to see all of the excellent entries. Our final competition new to this year is a staff best fancy dress competition in which students can vote for the best dressed staff member. Who will the winner be I wonder?



Our thought for the week is derived from the first African American woman to ever win the Nobel Prize for Literature, Toni Morrison. As part of our assemblies discussions I asked students to consider whether they agreed with the statement and was very impressed with the responses. Amidst the exciting celebrations of World Book Week it's important to remember the vitalness, significance and power of reading. Finally a big thank you shout out goes to Mrs Rice whose commitment, enthusiasm and organisation has been invaluable in planning this years World Book day celebrations.

Miss Wright



Why do we read?