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JULY NEWS

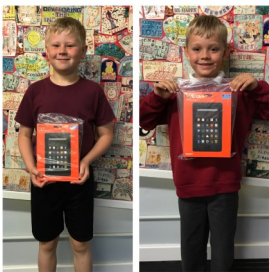
We have come to the end of another fantastic school year and are all looking forward to a fun-filled holiday. Its been another successful year; the children have made lots of progress and had lots of opportunities and experiences. However we are sad to be bidding farewell to our Year 6 children. We wish them good luck and every success for the future.

I wish you all a sunny, safe summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Mrs K Schonau

Reading Challenge

We had lots of names put into the draw for the Amazon tablets (KS1 +2) and Reading books (Nursery). Well done to all those who met the challenge of reading 5 times a week (KS1+2) or 3 times a week (Nursery) during the Summer term - a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to Archie, Lewis, Riley, Izaac and Jack for winning the prizes.



Farewells

We bid a fond farewell to Miss Smith (temporary Nursery teacher) and wish her well on her new adventure teaching in Dubai. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Slack who will be in Nursery for the Autumn Term.

We also say thank you and goodbye to Angela Bickerton who has helped to run our Breakfast Club for many years.

We also say farewell to:

Mrs Toye (temporary support role) and wish her luck in her new role at New Ford Academy.

Mrs Jenkins (temporary support role) and wish her luck in her new role at Grove Junior School.

Miss Ward (temporary Y3 teacher) and wish her luck in her new post at Sneyd Green Primary.

Finally, we will be saying 'see you soon' to Miss Simpson who will be starting her maternity leave. We wish you lots of luck and cant wait to hear news of the new arrival.

Good Luck

Nursery 'move up day' to Reception

In the Reception class the children were painting, collaging and drawing. They had a lovely day and particularly enjoyed dressing up!



Dinner Money

Please remember that on the first day back on Tuesday 5th September you only need to pay 4 days dinner money, £9.60. When we return in September, we will not send change home, we will carry it forward as a credit to the following week. Far too much time is taken up in the office by counting and sorting change/chasing late dinner money. Meals are payable in advance so please ensure that you do not fall behind with payments as we shall be unable to provide a meal for your child if payments are in arrears.



Reception

Reception had a fantastic day out at Frankie and Benny's, despite the wet weather. The children made their own dough sticks and pizzas which they said were amazing. We then walked into Trentham Gardens to take a trip on the Miss Elizabeth boat. Following an ice cream at the café, we returned to the gardens to get lost in the maze (that's the picture where children are standing at the top of something.) We then had a picnic before using the play area. A fun packed day was had by all!



Year 1 Making Toast

Year 1 class enjoyed eating some toast that had been cooked over a fire by Mrs Green and Miss Nelson as part of their topic work. All the children said it was the best toast they have ever tasted. The children made sure the fire had been put out properly because they did not want to start the Great Fire of Baddeley Green.



Year 2 had fun at the seaside!

Year 2 had a lovely day at Llandudno! They travelled on the Great Orme, played on the beach, ate ice cream and watched Punch & Judy.



Year 3

As part of RE, Y3 have been learning about Eid. We made samosas from scratch and they were delicious!



Year 4 trip to Coombes Valley

Year Four had a wonderful wet day at Coombes Valley. We found crayfish in the river, tadpoles and other creatures in the pond and went on a woodland walk, including a canopy walk on the rope bridge. Our last activity was learning about food chains, by dissecting owl pellets to discover skull bones, and other skeletal remains of shrews and voles that the owls had eaten!



Year 5 Showcase

Thank you to all who attended the Year 5 showcase. It was great to see everybody get stuck in with the machines project!



Year 6

Year 6 took part in the Olympic Games Day at Excel Academy this month. They took part in a range of activities hosted by the sports leaders at Excel. Not only were the children enthused by the activities, many were inspired to become sports leaders themselves when they go to high school.

Mr Frost, Mrs Johnson and Miss Simpson also wish the children the best of luck at high school and will miss them all.



Dear Parents/Carers,



Hillside Governing Body wanted to showcase another year of great results across the school. These results demonstrate the fantastic achievement of the pupils at Hillside and are a credit to our hardworking, determined pupils, our dedicated staff and supportive parents. Thank you and well done to all.

EYFS

% achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD)	74.2
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Year 1 Phonics

% working at Age-related Expectations in Phonics	80
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KS1

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined (R,W,M)
% achieving the expected standard	93.1	82.8	86.2	82.8
(National comparison)	76	68.7	75.4	64.2
% achieving greater depth	37.9	20.7	27.6	17.2
(National comparison)	25.7	16	20.9	11.3

KS2 (Please note: this data is unvalidated at this point)

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG	Combined (R,W,M)
% achieving the expected standard	83.9	87.1	93.5	93.5	80.6
(National comparison)	71.4	76.2	74.8	76.9	61
% achieving greater depth	38.7	35.5	45.2	45.2	19.4
(National comparison)	24.5	17.7	22.6	30.8	8.7

This KS2 Combined (R, W, and M) result ranks Hillside Primary currently as 3rd in the city.

Sent on behalf of Hillside Governing Body
Mr D.Gray (Vice-Chair)

SPORT & PE



Over 40 children from Y3/Y4/Y5 competed in the Hanley Town **Athletics** competition at Birches Head High School and Northwood Stadium. Well done to the 10 children who reached the City Finals—extra special well done to Maddie Mason for coming 2nd in the javelin and Lewis Deaville for coming 3rd in the long jump.

15 of our Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 children went to Northwood Stadium for the Top Link Festival run by sports leaders.

Hollie-Mae Wiltshaw and Mairead Lymer were nominated for **Sports Leader Awards** for their Sports Crew positions at Excel Academy. Olivia Day and Jessica Moss were nominated for **Leadership Awards** for their work as Playground Leaders.

Football—Our football team competed in the Hanley Schools Town League. Well done to our Y5/6 team and for the first time our Y3/4 team. There is a weekly after school club for football for Key Stage 2 pupils led by ASM Sports. A number of classes have benefitted from the expertise of a qualified football coach working on behalf of the Football Association.

Gymnastics—A qualified gymnastics coach has been in school this year teaching gymnastics. All classes have or will take part in these sessions funded from our PE & Sport Funding allocation. Our teachers have observed and participated in the sessions to develop their own skills so that they can then teach this area themselves once the coach has completed their course of teaching.

Cross Country—Hillside competed in several Key Stage 2 competitions and also a Key Stage 1 competition.

Swimming—6 children represented Hanley Town in the Swim Gala.

On Friday 14th July we held a whole school **Olympic themed School Games Day** event. Sports Leaders from Excel Academy organised lots of physical activities. Everyone joined in and it was a very enjoyable day.

Change4Life—We continued with an after school Change4Life Club led by Ministry4Sport focussing on healthy living and exercise. 8 children were chosen to attend the Change4Life Festival at Keele Uni.

We also continued with active after school clubs for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 enabling them to take part in **Bubbles, Archery, Fizzytotz and Multiskills** activities.

Hockey—Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 took part in hockey taster sessions which led to a tournament.

Rounders Club—led by school staff culminating in a staff versus children match.

Dance Club—Our dancers performed at the Victoria Hall, our Awards Night and at our School Games Day.

We held successful school **Sports Day** for the whole school. Well done to all of our athletes and thanks to our House Team Captains and Vice Captains for their help. Everyone had a great time. We are very proud of the way they cheered and clapped and encouraged the competitors.



The overall house team winners on our Sports Days were:
Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1 - Wedgwood Blue
Key Stage 2 –Spode Yellow





Goodbye Year 6



We bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 class. Hillside wishes each and every one of you good luck for the future. You have been incredible and will be missed. We hope that you have enjoyed your final year. Let's look back on your final, busy year:

- Debating Event at Council Chambers
- Indoor Rowing
- Key Strings
- Visit to Blist's Hill Victorian town and Iron Gorge
- Local Democracy visit to Kings Hall
- Charity Fundraising
- Trips to local High Schools
- Hockey
- Science Ambassadors
- Rounders
- Bananagrams Competition
- Guitars
- Choir
- Bikeability
- Trip to Alton Towers
- Crucial Crew training at Hanley Fire Station
- Hillside Awards Evening
- Football
- Athletics
- Rock Band Performances
- Forest Schooling
- Extra-curricular booster sessions
- Christmas Production
- School Discos
- Poetry Day & Book Published
- Netball
- Christmas Production
- Silly Science
- Showcases
- Mathletics
- Trip to Manchester Museum of Science & Industry
- Hillside School Games Day
- Pantomime visit—Robinson Crusoe
- The Big Pedal—Bike It Breakfast
- Cross Country
- Street Dance
- Book Week—Alice in Wonderland Performance
- Swimming
- JCB Visit
- Book week activities, including dress-up day
- Science Event at Excel
- 5 Day Residential at Stanley Head
- School Council
- Recorder Festival
- Summer Ball
- Transition to High School Visits
- Battlezone Archery Competition
- Reading Challenge
- Leavers' Assembly 'Hillside's Got Talent'

Thank You
 A great big thank you for being fantastic role-models to the rest of the school. You have taken your roles and responsibilities seriously and been great ambassadors for Hillside.

Reminder: PE kit for September

Nursery, Reception (EYFS) & Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1)

Maroon t shirt with Hillside lettering (available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black shorts (no stripes or logos)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton or other outlets)
Black pumps

Year 3,4,5 and 6 (KS2)

Indoor/ Summer kit:

Maroon t-shirt with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black shorts (no stripes or logos)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton or other outlets)
Black pumps (indoor)/ trainers (outdoor)

Outdoor kit:

Maroon t-shirt with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Plain black tracksuit bottoms
(no stripes or logos, no leggings)
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton, supermarkets and other outlets)
Maroon hoody with Hillside lettering
(available from Motif Marketing, Milton)
Trainers

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Tues 5th School re-opens for the Autumn Term

OCTOBER

Fri 20th School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Mon 30th School re-opens

DECEMBER

Tues 19th School closes—end of term

JANUARY 2018

Thurs 4th School re-opens for the Spring Term

A few reminders to assist your preparations for September:

- ⇒ A reminder that girls with mid-long hair should have it tied back with plain (preferably school coloured) accessories. Hair braids/tram lines etc. are not permitted at school.
- ⇒ Please remember to clearly label all items of clothing brought into school.

Safeguarding

Although we have an 'open door' policy I would like to remind parents that they are not to enter the school building unless granted access through the main reception or they are accompanied by a member of staff.

Team Point Winners ~ 2016-2017



Autumn Term - Moorcroft Green
Spring Term—Spode Yellow
Summer Term—Moorcroft Green

Well done to all children who have collected team points throughout the year, contributing to their team total. Keep it up!

Parents, Teachers & Friends Association—PTFA

Our Summer Fayre was a great success. A big thank you to Louise, Vicky and Angela for bringing together the events organised this year by the PTFA and to all of those who have given their time and support in making them a great success. The event, after expenses, raised **£872.80**.



Hillside Helpers

Thank you very much to the many helpers who come into school on a voluntary basis. Your time and support is very much appreciated and the children enjoy working with you.