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JUNE/JULY NEWS

We have come to the end of another fantastic school year and are all looking forward to a fun-filled holiday. It has 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

Good Luck

'See you soon' to Mrs Guy who will be starting her maternity leave. We wish you lots of luck and can't wait to hear news of the new arrival.



Dinner Money

When we return in September, we will be using the online payment system ParentPay for all school meals payments. Activation codes for current pupils have been sent out this week to enable you to set up your accounts before the new term. This will make paying funds to the school quicker, safer and more efficient. It can be done on android phones, iPads, laptops etc.

www.parentpay.com

Even if you do not pay for school meals you will still need to set it up in readiness for when we include online payments for trips, clubs etc.

Please remember that on the first day back, Tuesday 5th September, you only need to pay 4 days dinner money, £9.60.

Reminder - Pupils in our current Year 2 class, upon entering Year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If taking meals the cost will be £9.60 for the first week (4 days) and £12 each week thereafter.

Meal arrangements should remain either cooked meals or sandwiches for the full week.



Rock Stars

As we come to the end of this academic year the final Rock Stars leader board is as follows:

1. Phoebe (Year 6)
2. William E (Year 6)
3. George L (Year 5)
4. Harvey C (Year 3)
5. Lewis M (Year 5)
6. Zac B (Year 5)
7. Alfie D (Year 6)
8. Alfie S (Year 6)
9. Lydia N (Year 3)
10. William R (Year 2)



Well done to those children for making it into the top ten, but most importantly well done to all those children who have improved their times tables speed and knowledge this year. We will be continuing with Rock Stars in the new academic year.

Reading Rocket



This half term has been particularly busy, however our children have continued to show how dedicated they are to reading, with our highest number of children achieving the Reading Rocket. An amazing 65 children read during the final half term and we are so proud of all of those children who achieved it.

The children all received a small prize and the winners of the prize draw were:

- ◆ Nursery: Archie, Sonny and Anthony
- ◆ KS1: Evelyn (Reception)
- ◆ KS2: Tyler (Year 5)

We are looking forward to beginning a new text in the autumn term.

Year 5 Book Club

Children from Year 5 have been a part of the Hillside Book Club this term and have loved reading and discussing the book 'Wonder.' Mrs Bennett, the school link governor, has attended the sessions with the children and commented on their mature, considerate and thought-provoking responses to the text. These children, alongside some of the previous Year 6 Book Club members, were fortunate enough to watch the film version of the text. The children enjoyed discussing the differences and similarities of the book and film and which they preferred.



Nursery's First Year at Hillside!

Nursery have had an amazing first year at Hillside, it has been so lovely to see them develop their own little personalities. The children have had lots of lovely experiences and we hope that they have some good memories of their Nursery year. We hope that the children enjoy their summer and have a fantastic time in Reception!



Reception have had a fantastic few weeks to end the school year. We went on an amazingly scientific trip to Imagine That, where we learned how lots of different things worked. We enjoyed watching the life cycle of the ladybird and then releasing them onto our flowers. We loved looking at and stroking the animals when the Unconventional Menagerie came to visit and finally, we enjoyed our Sports and School Games days.



Summer Term in Year 1

The children have had a fantastic last term in Year 1, they have loved learning about the Great Fire of London. They have impressed Miss Nelson with how many facts they remember about the events and their enthusiasm during every lesson. They produced some amazing Tudor houses as part of their showcase and they used their collaging skills to



Summer Term in Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic day at Llandudno as part of their seaside topic! They travelled on the Great Orme Tramway, ate ice creams and watched Punch and Judy. The sun shone for once!



Thank you to all of the parents and families that came to Year 2's showcase. They had a lovely time making 3D rockpools, designing their own ice cream sundaes and playing board games!



Year 2's English topic this half term has been Little Red Riding Hood. We spent a lovely morning baking cakes for Grandma. The children decorated them with different sweets. They were delicious!

Whole School Move Up Week

This was a great success and we have received good feedback from parents, staff and the children.

Year 3 have had a fabulous summer term - from looking at the wonders of the world and its creation through our Extreme Earth topic, to then finding out about our local area through our study of the Potteries! We've completed our first Key Stage Two sports day and honed our skills in our own choice of sports, enjoyed learning alongside our family and friends at our showcase and excelled in our workshop at Gladstone Pottery Museum. What a fab year we've had - Mrs Rushton will miss you very much next year and Mrs Ward is looking forward to seeing more amazing progress!



Year 4—During transition week, Miss McCann's children received a letter from Liverpool City Council asking for improvements to be made to their already amazing bridge designs. They very successfully added lights to their bridges to warn other river users and to prevent collisions from boats.



Year 5—This term has been a busy one in Year 5 as they prepare for their final year at Hillside! At the start of the term, year 5 put on a successful showcase. A few weeks later, some of the class took part in Bikability. They then worked hard in their final assessments of the year, making Mr Mellor, Mrs Daley and Miss Thurland very proud! Finally, they organised a successful French Day and have been on a trip to the National space Centre. A lovely final term!



Year 6—The individuality of each child and their unique skills were celebrated during the Year 6 Leavers Awards Ceremony. In this, pupils were recognised for the talents they possess.

In class, we were visited by Abi Little, who spoke to the children about transition to high school and peer pressure. This later led on to talking about drugs and alcohol, in which they learnt about the effects that some of these can have on the body.

Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard on their leaver's assembly, writing, choreographing and piecing together with almost complete independence - we hope you enjoy it!

Mr Frost, Mrs Wainwright, Miss Carr and Mrs Davies wish all of the leavers the best of luck in the future. This year has been absolutely fantastic and we will miss each and every one of you!

Good Luck

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)	76
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Year 1 Phonics

% working at Age-related Expectations in Phonics	87
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KS1

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Combined (R,W,M)
% achieving the expected standard	87	80	87	77
(National comparison)	77	71	77	67
% achieving greater depth	30	20	27	17
(National comparison)	27	17	22	12

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

	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPaG	Combined (R,W,M)
% achieving the expected standard	87	90	87	87	80
(National comparison)	75	78	76	78	64
% achieving greater depth	47	47	37	63	23

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

SPORT & PE



We are delighted to have achieved the **School Games GOLD Mark Award** for the 2017/2018 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



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 9 children who reached the City Finals—extra special well done to Scott Williams for coming 3rd in the javelin.

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

Megan Wood and Lewis Deaville were nominated for **Sports Leader Awards** for their Sports Crew positions at Excel Academy. Kate Wood, Izzy Wyatt, Sophie Moss and Emily Lovatt were nominated for **Leadership Awards** for their work as Playground Leaders.

Football—Yet again we have had a successful year for football. We entered both the Y3/4 and 5/6 leagues, with our Y5/6 team eventually coming 3rd in the league. We also had Stoke City coaches in weekly, helping with the training of our team.

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

On Thursday 5th 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.

Cycling—6 children from Y6 took part in the Burnwood Velodrome cycling competition and won!

Change4Life—We continued with an after school Change4Life Club led by Ministry4Sport focussing on healthy living and exercise.

We also continued with active after school clubs for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 enabling them to participate in a range of **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 – Doulton Red





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:

- NEC Science Show
- Velodrome
- Indoor Rowing
- Key Strings
- Visit to Blist's Hill Victorian town and Iron Gorge
- Local Democracy visit to Kings Hall
- History workshop
- Trips to local High Schools
- Hockey
- Book Club
- Charity Fundraising
- Rounders
- Bananagrams Competition
- Guitars
- Science Ambassadors
- Trip to Alton Towers
- Diva Choir Concert
- Science Day
- Bikeability
- Football
- Athletics
- Netball
- Rock Band Performances
- Hillside Awards Evening
- Forest Schooling
- Extra-curricular booster sessions
- SF17
- School Discos
- Unconventional Menagerie
- World Peace Day
- Christmas Production
- Showcases
- Mathletics
- End of year treat day
- Hillside School Games Day
- Cenotaph Visit—Memorial Day
- The Big Pedal—Bike It Breakfast
- Big Bang Science
- Cross Country
- Street Dance
- Book Week—Charlotte's Web Performance
- Swimming
- JCB Visit
- Book week activities, including dress-up day
- Film Night
- 5 Day Residential at Stanley Head
- School Council
- Recorder Festival
- Summer Ball
- Pantomime—Babes in the Wood
- National Holocaust Memorial Day
- Robotics Workshop
- Transition to High School
- 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 4th School re-opens for the Autumn Term
Fri 28th School closed—one day only INSET

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Fri 26th School closes at 3.15pm for half term
Mon 5th School re-opens

DECEMBER

Fri 21st School closes—end of term

JANUARY 2018

Tues 8th 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.
- ⇒ Earrings must be removed for all PE activities

Safeguarding

Although we have an 'open door' policy I would like to remind parents/carers 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—Doulton Red
Summer Term—Doulton Red

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 **£841.50**.



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.