



Weekly Bulletin

With kindness, respect and gratitude, together we aim high in all we do

Headteacher's message:

Aside from the fantastic curriculum work taking place across school this week, a highlight must be our 42 strong choir taking part in the Manchester Arena 'Young Voices' concert. The children were brilliant and sang their hearts out. Thanks to Mrs FC, Miss Lee, Mr Caldwell and Miss Jagota for taking the children on what was a very long day!



Well done to our unstoppable Y5/6 basket ball team who triumphed again at Ellesmere Port Sports Village on Wednesday. They now go through to the Ellesmere Port Finals next Tuesday.

Thank you to parents who have made appointments for next weeks parents' evening. Bookings will close on Monday at 12pm. It is so important that you have an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher face to face.

Reminder that club enrolment is also open for next half term with a closing date of Tuesday 13th February at 4pm. This will allow us time to confirm places before we break up for half term.

Next week, on Friday, we look forward to additional wellbeing activities across the school. Unfortunately Rupert and Maddie, the Shetland Ponies have had to postpone their visit because of ill health. They will return when they're feeling better. We wish them a speedy recovery!

Dog's Trust Visit

Today we welcomed Bethan from the Dog's Trust in to school.



In a whole school assembly Bethan gave some important safety instructions when wanting to stroke a dog. Please ask your child to share what they have learnt. Bethan also delivered workshops to all classes.



Mr Newman and Mr Khan catch up with last years Y6

Last Friday, Mr Newman and I visited Y7 ex-Hillsiders at Helsby High School. It was lovely to catch up and see how they have found their first year of high school so far. They were keen to share their experiences and offer some tips for our current Y6 class. Great to see that they were all smiling and I am sure most of them were pleased to see us!



Headteacher's Tea



Well done Jacob, Izzy, Thomas, Tilly, Bobby, Cody and Amelia for being chosen for Headteacher's Tea on Thursday last week.

We had a chat about school and each child shared some work they were proud of.

Chess Champions

Mr Caldwell's chess club is developing some confident chess players. I was really impressed with the standard and enjoyed playing both William (Y6) and Edgar (Y4). I won't say who won.



Important Dates 2024

14th and 15th February—Parents' Evenings

16th February—Break up at 3.15pm for Half Term

26th February—Children return to school

28th March—Break up for Easter at 2pm

Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk

or call **01928 722 991** [Full School Diary](#) [Lunch Menu](#)

Website links: [School website](#) [Absence request](#)

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Friend of Hillside

On Thursday, 180 children, mostly in onesies, enjoyed hot dogs, popcorn and the 2023 film 'Wonka'.

Thank you FOH volunteers and Hillside staff who helped.

PTA can be contacted on: friendsofhillside-fundraising@outlook.com

[Click here for school lottery!](#)



Measles and MMR call to action!

Due to an increase in measles cases across the country this year, including a recent outbreak in the West Midlands, Cheshire West Public Health are encouraging everyone to check that they and their children have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine. The MMR vaccine is a free, safe and effective way to protect against measles, mumps and rubella. Please read the letter that was emailed out earlier today.



Alex and Amelia Prepare for Tlusty Czwartek!

Alex (Y5) and Amelia (Y3) have been very busy making donuts for the Polish celebration called Fat Thursday (Tlusty Czwartek in Polish) which happens on 11th February this year. This is similar to pancake Tuesday in the UK that takes place before Lent, but in Poland they make donuts. Amelia brought some into school for me to try. They were delicious!



Please do send in any photos of your children's wider learning or experiences to share in this newsletter.

Link Club

We now have places available in our before and after school provision. If you would like to use this provision or would like further information please email us at linkclub@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk more information can also be found on the [school website](#)



Reading for Pleasure—Book Swap

Mrs Potts organised another successful book swap on Thursday. Children loved the opportunity to find a new book whilst also giving their old books new opportunities to be read.



Star Writers, Mathematicians and Lead Learners.

Congratulation this week's special achievement winners. Next week we will be celebrating Star Readers and Hillsider award winners.

