



# Headteacher's Bulletin

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

## Headteacher's message:

Today marks the end of our first half term of 2025 and the half-way mark for this academic year.

A highlight of the last few weeks must be the 38 Hillside children who joined the world's largest children's choir singing at the Young Voices Co-Op Arena event last Friday. It was a very long day for all involved with the bus not getting back till after 10pm. Despite being tired, we know that the children will have created a memory that will last forever.



Thank you to Mrs FC, Mrs Smith, Nr Newman, Mrs Garner and Michelle Farmer for taking them and parents who bought tickets to support our fabulous Hillside singers.



I would like to wish all our children, families and Hillside Staff team a happy Valentines Day and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th February after the half-term break.

Adam Khan—Headteacher

## Teacher retirement

After teaching at Hillside for nearly 30 years, Mrs Lynda Thomas will be retiring from teaching at the end of this academic year. Mrs Thomas is now teaching the children of some of the first pupils she taught back in the 1990s! We are grateful for the effort, commitment and kindness she has given to all the children she has taught these past three decades. We are very pleased however that Mrs Thomas will be continuing her role as SENDCO and Inclusion Lead with us from September.



## Y1 Stay and Read

In Year One, the children thoroughly enjoyed hosting parents and grandparents who came along to "stay and read" with them and they worked together on a variety of reading and phonic activities. Mrs Potts



## Book Swap

On Wednesday, we held a very successful book swap. Many thanks to the parents and staff who donated extra books so that every child in school was able to choose at least one book.



Can we please ask for your continued support at home in fostering a love of reading in your child by encouraging them to read daily.

Our next reading event is World Book Day which this year we are celebrating on Wednesday 5th March. This year we are asking children (and adults) to come into school dressed as a rhyming phrase or sentence. You will have been sent some ideas in this weeks class round-up.



## Friends of Hillside

The children had a great time at last night's FOH Disco. Thank you to Holly, Michelle and their team of volunteers for organising the event and all parents for supporting it.



Great to have some of our new parent volunteers joining the FOH team. Thanks to the Lloyds, Helen Farrar and Gemma Ainsworth (not pictured above sorry).

PTA can be contacted on: [friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofhillsidefundraising@outlook.com)

[Click here for school lottery!](#)

## Lewis (Y3)

After signing to play for Blackburn Rovers who Lewis will now represent throughout the UK as part of a category 1 Premier League academy club, last weekend Lewis played against Newcastle Utd. This weekend he will be playing Aston Villa. He has also just played Liverpool with his grassroots team.



Well done Lewis, who since Christmas has played in (and won) three tournaments in Manchester and North Wales.

## Contact details:

Please contact the school office to notify or request absence at: [admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hillside.cheshire.sch.uk)

or call **01928 722 991**

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## Y6—Big Mathematicians

Four members of Year Six took part in a maths competition at Helsby High School. The children aimed high and persevered through many challenges. The event came to a close with Hillside achieving the highest score compared to the other schools taking part. Well done!



Also last Friday, Mr Newman headed to the high school to visit his old Year Six class. It was wonderful to see how well they have settled in to life at secondary school and how happy they are.

## Myla (Y4)

Huge congratulation to Myla who competed in the Welsh championship gymnastics finals last weekend in Cardiff and won Gold. This is a fantastic achievement—Well done Myla!



## Link Club

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



## School Council—London Visit

Late last month, Mr Caldwell and I took our School Councilors on a trip to London. The children were given a tour of The Palace of Westminster and learnt how Parliament is organised including its history.



## Celebrating Hillside children aiming high

Well done to all children being recognised as Star readers, writers, mathematicians and Hillside Award Winners this past fortnight.

