



Hillside Specialist School & College

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MAY NEWSLETTER 2022



DIARY DATES

27 May - LAST DAY OF TERM, 3.10pm finish
6 JUNE— QUEENS JUBILEE—EXTRA HOLIDAY
7 JUNE—SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR PUPILS
21 JULY—SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR PUPILS 3.10 finish
22 JULY—INSET DAY
1 & 2 SEPT—INSET DAYS
5 SEPT—SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS

Class 7 have loved going trampolining this half term. They have been practising lots of different gymnastic moves following the instructor's lead. In maths we have focused on position and direction and been practising moving in different directions. In English we have been doing how to train your dragon. We have enjoyed growing different herbs in class and going on walks around the school grounds identifying different plants. In history we have been learning about the industrial revolution and we have been practising weaving using felt. Have a great half term!

In class 10 we enjoyed reading 'The Three Musketeers'. During Maths we have been learning skills in Number and Time. We have explored Plants during our Science lessons.

Creative curriculum lessons have focused on City and Countryside. During PSHE we have discussed Friendship and two of our pupils helped to organise a weekly ICT lunch time club. We designed and made posters for a School Council Competition to encourage people in our local community to use Litter Bins. In RE we explored Parables. We have continued to measure how our 'engines' are running throughout the day to help us to understand how to monitor how we are feeling.

We completed our Gymnastics sessions at Bamber Bridge Tennis Centre and each received a certificate for making excellent progress. During Asdan New Horizons lessons we have completed units on personal skills and also set ourselves a personal challenge. During our Skills Builder/Careers lessons this half-term we explored the skills and qualities of People who help others. It was interesting to welcome a Dentist into Class 10 to answer our questions.



Class 10 helped to improve our environment by removing weeds from the soil in the raised beds leading to the walled garden and planting red, white and blue flowers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Class 13 have had a busy and varied half term. We have been moving forward with a variety of outdoor projects which we have planned and completed. These have included a number of outdoor planters and a large pallet bench which we cut, screwed together, sanded and stained. The pupils are making great progress with their wood working capabilities and their confidence to use the tools is also increasing. In addition to this, we have continued with a number of trips and visits including; the local library, Sainsbury's and the park. Our trips and visits are closely tied into the ASDAN Transition Challenge units, which helps to apply what we have learned in college out in the community. All the pupils are making great progress towards their ASDAN Towards Independence modules of; Introduction to Money, Creativity and Communication (including reading and writing). For those students working on Their ASDAN Transition Challenge modules they are coming towards the end of this large body of work and we'll soon be able to celebrate the completion of this.

Class 9

Our Semi-Formal curriculum theme this half term is Rainforest. In English lessons, we have been reading a text titled "We're Roaming in the Rainforest". We have looked at different animals that live in the rainforest. In art lessons, we have created rainforest pictures based on work by the French artist Henri Rousseau.

In our weekly PE lessons, we have been practising athletics skills.

In PSHE, we have been learning about different parts of the body.

Year 9 pupils have been developing their independence skills during weekly shopping visits and the class have also enjoyed visits to Ribchester park.



Class 3 - We have had a busy half term exploring and learning about people who help us. We learnt all about our very own superheroes like the firefighters, police, nurses and postal workers that help us every day. We loved dressing up in the different outfits pretending to fight fires, deliver letters, plant seeds and chase baddies too. In art we have explored paper; we loved ripping, scrunching, wetting and folding paper before putting it all together to collage a life-size firefighter that we are going to send to the local fire station to say thank you for keeping us safe. PE has been so much fun climbing, jumping and bouncing safely around a course, lots of us met our targets as we are such an energetic bunch and we were able to show all our new skills off on our weekly trip to the park. We did so well playing with our friends! Lisa helped us to think about the people who help us at home every day, we made a photo frame with a picture of our families in and sent them home to show how much we appreciate everything they do. And to end the term we had lots of Jubilee activities and celebrations. Enjoy your half term break. After the holidays we are learning all about colour.



It's been a short but busy half term for Class 5! Our English story this half term has been 'The Rainbow Fish'. We've loved reading about Rainbow Fish's glittering scales and how he eventually learned to share these with his friends. In Maths we've been learning about positional language, trying to find where that pesky 'Green Sheep' has hidden now. He's been hidden under the bed, behind the bush and all sorts of tricky places. But Class 5 have managed to find them each time using the correct vocabulary. All the pupils in Class 5 have been able to successfully grow their own pot of cress, having learned about the needs of plants in Science. PSHE has involved learning about people who can support us in the community, and we've all enjoyed learning the Makaton signs for people such as doctors, dentists and firefighters. Everyone has really enjoyed the weekly trip to Goosnargh park, sharing the equipment with our friends and playing nicely together. I hope you all have a lovely half term break. James and the Class 5 team.



Class 14 have had a fantastic half term! The students have done some great work towards functional skills in Maths and English, practicing exam questions about numbers and capital letters. We have also been feeding the birds in the forest classroom area everyday and looking at different religious buildings as part of our Transition Challenge module. We have really enjoyed our weekly visits to Longridge Library with Class 13 and have had lots of fun making decorations and learning to play the National Anthem for the Jubilee street party! We are looking forward to next half term with lots of work experience planned and trips out into the community as part of our ASDAN music module.



Class 1
This half term our topic has been 'On the Farm'. We have enjoyed exploring our sensory story, 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and have been learning Makaton signs for the different animals. In Maths we have been following simple counting sequences and have loved the rhymes '5 little ducks' and '5 little speckled frogs'. In phonics we've enjoyed listening out for everyday sounds at phase 1 and have recently focused on animal sounds. We especially liked our phonics game Mrs Browning's Box, where we had to guess what object/animal was making the sound in the box! In our phase 2 sessions we have been looking at letters and their sounds and have been exploring objects beginning with a different sound each week on our 'Wow' table. In the afternoons we have had fun in our 'farm' themed music and movement sessions- we like the nursery rhymes especially. We have also engaged in a variety of messy play and creative activities; finding farm animals hidden in frozen peas, tractor track printing and muddy pig paintings, to name just a few!

Class 6 have enjoyed learning about friendship and sharing this half term, through our Sensory Story 'The Rainbow Fish'. We have also been exploring emotions through Scribble Emotions and The Zones of Regulation. The children produced some lovely artwork for our emotions display. Half the class have been swimming and we had excellent behaviour on our swimming trip! Well done! The rest of the children will have an opportunity to swim after half term. We've had fun outdoor learning in the Mud Kitchen, exploring water and capacity. The last few weeks we've been doing lots of arts and crafts though the theme of 'The Queen's Platinum Jubilee' and explored the ideas of the Queen and her life through. We have also been very busy making jubilee themed decorations, bunting, cakes and pictures for the FANTASTIC Jubilee Street Party we took part in.

We had a wonderful time last month celebrating Eid with a party and activities. Here is Robyn's Smurf design; she is becoming a talented artist!

We hope you all have an enjoyable half term and get to go to a street party or fair and celebrate the jubilee with your family. Please send in any photos if you do? We would love to see them! Thanks for your ongoing support, Christy and all the Class 6 Team



**Summer Term
Fundraiser
Challenge.**

5P CHALLENGE

Each class have been given an empty 2L drinks bottle to be filled up with 5p coins. There will be a competition across the school to see how many 5p coins each class can fill their bottle with. The deadline date has been extended to the 17th June

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th June

Staff news

Julie Ashworth and Emma Davenport have both joined Hillside as permanent TA1's

Sue Nuttall has joined us as a teacher in class 4

Steph Price has joined us as a teacher in class 12

Class 12 have washed 38 cars and made an amazing £500 towards their trip to London! Well done Class 12



Barton Grange have generously donated red, white and blue flowers after Kaden in Class 10 wrote to them asking for donations. Class 10 have weeded, prepared and planted an area by the walled garden.

Well done Kaden and Class 10!



Parents Evening

Parent's evening this year is the 13th July

You will be able to book your parent's evening slot on school spider from the 7th June at 9am—12th July at 5pm.

Your class teacher will be in touch to tell you if it's face to face or online.



14th October 2022

We will be entering Rock FM's cash for kids challenge in Autumn—to help reach our target we will be having a BINGO NIGHT at the civic hall in Longridge.



WOODLAND TRUST

We have successfully been accepted to receive a community tree pack from the woodland trust. The hedgerow plants will be delivered in November.



WE WON!!!!!!

Thank you all for your donations for the non-uniform day last week. We raised an amazing £124.00 for cash for kids and WON 50 tickets to Blackpool Zoo



The pupils and staff have loved the Jubilee celebrations in school



We even got a visit from the Queen!



PSFA

We have raised over £300 this term by selling doughnuts and doing the smartie tube challenge.

Thank you for all your support, please look out for future fundraising activities.

The PSFA will be providing an ice cream van for the children during the Pride festival which is being held in school at the end of June

Meet and greet coffee and cake morning in School!
Monday 11th July at 10.00am
Please pop in and say hello!



Don't forget to book your child's school dinner's on school spider for the start of next term.

And finally.....

This term has been eventful, with lots going on in and around school. This has included some of our students sitting exams this week and we are all really proud of their achievements this year. I would like to thank you for your excellent fund raising support, particularly in helping us win tickets to Blackpool Zoo through the Cash for Kids Challenge.

It has been great to see the PSFA contributing to our fundraising and I encourage you all to get involved and offer your support to them over the rest of the term. It was great to see the pupils enjoying the Jubilee celebrations this week and having the chance to meet the Queen!

Enjoy the half term.
Paul Leaper - Headteacher



SCHOOL RE-OPENS TUESDAY 7TH JUNE 2022