

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear parents and children,

In this newsletter, I hope to share some of the fantastic learning, laughter and play the children have enjoyed this week.

The restarting of clubs, a visiting theatre company and children lining up for the bell at the start of the day have been a welcome return to normality.

Adam Khan



Art Attack! – Thursday Art Club

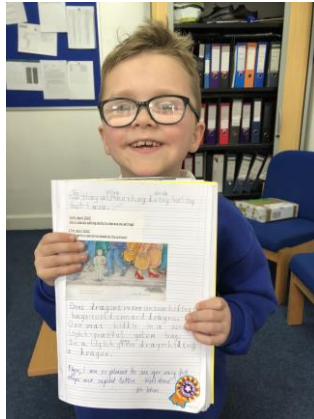
Mrs Porter was inundated with children wanting to take part in her Thursday Art Club. So much so that we had to draft in help from, Mrs Potts, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Lee, Mrs Williams and Mrs Fletcher-Curran!



The (30) children were very enthusiastic and made a great start on some collective pieces to mark the Jubilee - painting, Modroc, weaving, decoupage to name but a few!

Writing Celebrations in Year 2!

Mrs Evans sent some of her amazing writers to see me with their recent work.



Well done to Theo and Flynn (pictured left) who are working hard to use capital letters, full stops, and taking pride in their work!

Top Scorer Thomas-Tyler

Well done to Tomas-Tyler (Y5) who recently competed in the Piper's Vale Gymnastics Tournament.



Thomas Tyler (middle of photo) trains with the City of Manchester Gymnastics Team and at the tournament was the team's top scorer with 62.8.

Jubilee Plans – message from Mrs Potts

This half term, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - a once in a lifetime occasion and we hope to make it memorable for the children. There are a number of activities planned for the children and further details will be sent out over the coming weeks. We will all be working on some art, history and literacy projects as the term progresses and we would be very grateful to receive any of the following if you have any:

- red, white or blue fabric, ribbon, wool or collage materials
- card or wooden picture frames
- red, white and blue bunting
- old costume jewellery

(and if anyone has a stuffed toy corgi to lend us for a few weeks, we would take good care of him!! 😊)

Any donations gratefully received!

Lucy's a Grade 1 Trumpeter!

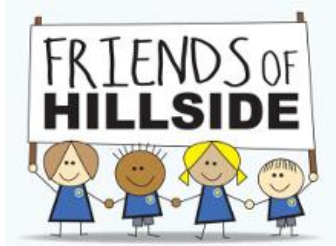
Well done to Lucy (Y6) for achieving her Grade 1 in Trumpet. She has been learning for nearly 3 years and is a great role model for hard work and dedication!



Important dates this term:

04/05/22 – Y6 Chester Races Event
05/05/22 – FOH Annual Coin Competition
19/05/22 – FOH Disco
05/07/22 – Sports Day (New date)

School Lottery Winners!



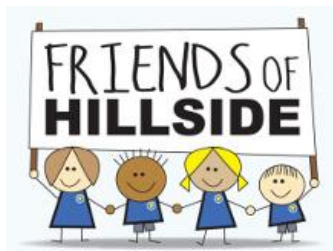
The FOH are pleased to share these recent winners:

- 6th April - Leigh Cowper (£20)
- 23rd April - Jane Short (£20)

If you would like to have a go and please use this link:
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/helsby-hillside-primary-school>

FOH Coin Competition

Reminder that this Thursday (5th May) we FOH will be doing out annual coin competition.



Please send your children in with as many UK coins you wish to donate.

Classes with the longest line & highest amount will get to spend their total amount on a class treat of their choice.

Please note that it is not always about how much the children bring in, more the amount of coins. So dig deep and get rid of all your loose change!

Tae Kwondo sparing gold!

Arthur (Y6) won a gold medal for sparing at a recent Tae Kwon-do tournament in Warrington. He is currently a green belt with blue stripe.



Well done Arthur and good luck training for your next belt!

Hillside Music Concert

Last Friday, our fabulous musicians performed a special concert for their families. Jacky, Jay and Steve were proud of the children's confident and skilful musicianship!



Please get in touch directly with Music For Life directly admin@musicforlife.org.uk if you would like your child to start playing an instrument.

Friday Fitathon – raised £266.10 for an Alder Hey Cuddle Cot

Thank you to the children and families for donating to today's fitathon. The whole school took part in a continuous fitness class led by Hayley Sanders.



Hayley commented that the children were fantastic, learning some fitness moves such as bear crawls, burpees, plank press ups, squats, tuck jumps. They worked up a sweat! They took part with lots of enthusiasm and looked like they had worked hard by the end of it!

Thank you from Hayley (Gio's mum) and family



Helsby Hillside Celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This term, we are looking forward to marking the very special occasion in history of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In both KS2 art club and in classes, children will be finding out about the life and reign of Her Majesty and completing history and art projects. If anyone has any suitable red, white or blue fabric, paper or collage materials that we could use, we would be very grateful for them and *if you would like to make some bunting at home that could be used to decorate school, we would be thrilled to receive it!*

Jubilee Events

Week commencing 16th May : we will launch a “royal” [poetry competition](#) – more details to follow soon

Week commencing 23rd May : lots of Jubilee activities happening in school, including a [Jubilee Street Party Lunch](#) and a “[children's afternoon](#)” of games and some pocket money stalls. **On that note, if anyone has teddies or cuddly toys that are no longer wanted, please send in to Mrs Potts as soon as possible for washing, recycling and rehoming on a teddy tombola.**

Saturday 4th June : some of the children in Y3,4 and 5 will be performing in Chester as part of a CWAC schools' performance. Come and watch them performing a [Jubilee medley](#) in Eastgate Street at 2pm!

Sunday 5th June: Rev Mills is organising a service and refreshments at St Paul's church – details tbc

Week commencing 6th June : parents will be invited into school to visit our [Jubilee exhibition](#)

