

Friday 6th May 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.

We wish Y6 the best of luck next week when they complete their KS2 SATs. We are already so proud of the work they have done and the progress each of them have made.

This week, as a break from their revision, they managed to enjoy some down-time on a trip to the races – please see twitter for photos.

Adam Khan



Wondering what to read next?
Hillside's Reading Ambassadors have been busy reviewing books and asking their teachers for their top picks. Throughout this newsletter, you will find some suggestions to keep you reading for pleasure ...

Welcome return of the Whole School Coin Competition!

Thursday morning saw the return of one of Hillside's traditions, The FOH Coin Competition. Each class was tasked with creating the longest line of coins donated from home to raise funds for our school.



We managed to raise £596.42 in total from 29,246 coins making a huge 575m!!

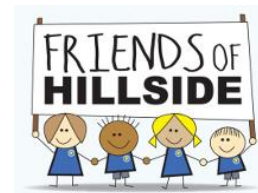
Year 2 won with the longest line at 198m and the highest amount.

Winning themselves £100.

Second longest line was **Year 1** with 90m, winning themselves £50.

Second highest amount was **Year 6**, winning themselves £50.

We will share exactly what each class decides to spend their winnings on soon.



Thank you to Michelle Lepts for leading the FOH volunteers who came along to help.

This is just one of the many fundraising events organized by our PTA, Friends of Hillside, who have already offered to support our purchase of a 'Reading Hut'.

William in Year 3 has recently enjoyed the non-fiction book, *When We Walked On the Moon*. It tells you all about every moon mission there has ever been. William says, "My favourite part was where you get to meet the astronauts. If you like moon missions, then this is the book for you!"



Mike Herd Tennis Coaching

Years 1 and 2 had some professional tennis coaching this week with Mike Herd.



He is returning on Monday to do a session with reception and year 3.

Important dates this term:

19/05/22 – Y1 Visiting Queen Charlotte's Wood
19/05/22 – FOH Disco
20/05/22 – Rev David Assembly
23/05/22 – Hillside Jubilee Week
26/05/22 – Young Voices
04/06/22 – Eastgate Street Jubilee Singers
05/06/22 – St Paul's Jubilee Service
06/06/22 – INSET
07/06/22 – Jubilee Exhibition in School
10/06/22 – Celebration Assembly
20/06/22 – Sports' Week
24/06/22 – FOH Bingo
29/06/22 – District Sports (6-8)
29/06/22 – 'Amazing' Concert (Storyhouse)
01/07/22 – FOH Non-Uniform Day (Bottles)
01/07/22 – FOH Summer Fair
05/07/22 – Sports Day (New date)
11/07/22 – Rock Steady Concert
July - Rescheduled KS2 Productions TBC
July – Y6 Leavers Service TBC

Message from the Public Health Team

There is a rise in cases of scarlet fever in the North West so keep a lookout for symptoms and contact your GP if you suspect you or your child has the illness.

Symptoms include:

- a sore throat
- headache
- fever
- a characteristic fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel.

If signs of scarlet fever are suspected, it is important to contact your local GP or NHS 111. The illness is usually mild but early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important as it helps reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia and the spread of the infection to others.

Children or adults diagnosed with scarlet fever are advised to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. Scarlet fever is highly contagious and spread by coughing and sneezing.

To limit the spread:

- wash your hands often
- do not share eating utensils with an infected person
- wash or dispose of handkerchiefs and tissues contaminated by an infected person
- be aware that people can catch scarlet fever by inhaling airborne droplets if someone with the illness coughs or sneezes in the air near them
- use a tissue to catch, bin and kill germs.

Favourite authors? Mrs Thomas is a Michael Morpurgo fan and recommends War Horse; Alone On A Wide, Wide Sea; Shadow and Elephant In The Garden which are all by her favourite writer.

Rose in Year 4 recommends Roald Dahl because "there is always something funny in his work"

Matt Baker Visit

Chester composer, musical director and performer Matt Baker joined us on Thursday afternoon to practice songs (and dance) that some of our children will be performing on Saturday 4th June in Chester to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



He was joined by his colleague Cariad and noted that our singing was the best he'd seen from the many schools he is involved with – Well done Mrs Fletcher Curran for your efforts so far!

Come and watch them performing a Jubilee medley in Eastgate Street at 2pm on the Saturday of the Jubilee weekend.

Sports News

May 11th – Following success at the Y3/4 FAVSP football tournament, the team have qualified into a further tournament based at Everton's Finch Farm Training Centre – Good Luck Boys!

May 12th – All of Y5 will be FAVSP Volleyball Festival at Frodsham Leisure Centre.

May 19th – Squad of 8 will be representing Hillside at the FAVSP Y5/6 Cricket Competition.

May 26th – All of Y4 will be attending the FAVSP Mini-Reds Tennis Festival at Helsby Tennis Club.

Remember, if you are selected for one of these events, please try to get some practice in at home.

It's not the will to win that matters—everyone has that. It's the will to prepare to win that matters.

– Paul "Bear" Bryan

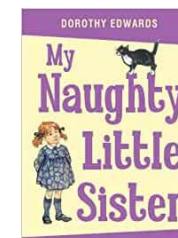
Grade 2 Swimmer!

Well done to Rory (R) who recently achieved his Grade 2 swimming award!



Please note we love to share children's out-of-school achievements too!

One of Mrs Porter's favourite books is *My Naughty Little Sister* by Dorothy Edwards. Anyone with a younger sibling can relate to this! An ideal early "chapter book"



Jubilee Plans – reminder from Mrs Potts

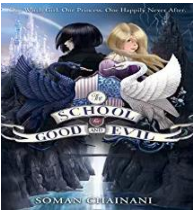
This half term, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - a once in a lifetime occasion and we hope to make it memorable for the children. There are a number of activities planned for the children and further details will be sent out over the coming weeks. We will all be working on some art, 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!! 😊)

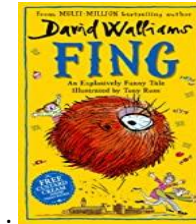
Any donations gratefully received!

Mary, in Year 6, has reviewed *The School For Good And Evil* by Soman Chainani. This book is about two friends, Sophie and Agatha. They enter a school in a foreign land and meet new and unique students - some good and pure, some evil and malicious. They must learn to fit in where they don't belong. "This book is descriptive, detailed and one of my favourite fictional novels. The best part is that it is part of a series so you can read more into the story of Sophie and Agatha. I would recommend this book to 9-11 year olds. Please give this book a try." - Mary.



Kimaya (Year 1)

recommends *Fing* by David Walliams because it is very funny.



Y6 Races Trip



Year 6 enjoying a welcome day trip to Chester Races on Wednesday.

