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Summer 2 2023

Message from the Principal

A whole year has gone by, where has that time gone? Working at St Hilda's is the most enjoyable role I have ever had and I feel incredibly blessed to have found myself here. There is rarely a day I walk around this school and don't hear laughter, singing, nattering (about schoolwork of course). It is a place where great things really do happen.

As we say goodbye to some of our staff and pupils, it is a time to reflect on achievements. Our Year 6 pupils are going onto their new, bigger pastures. They have been the best group of Year 6 pupils I have ever worked with. Academically they have smashed the National Average percentages...and some. In their sporting achievements they have wowed us on many occasions and most recently, they have blown our socks off with their performance of The Lion King. Keep being the individual you are today, and you will go far Year 6. Well done!

To our staff members going onto new and exciting roles, we wish you all the best and hope that you also come and visit us from time to time. Once a St Hilda's family member, always a St Hilda's family member.

My final shout out is to you, the parents. Thank you for welcoming me with open arms to be a part of this special place in a little corner of Stretford. I feel very much supported by you all and at home within this community. But, something that cannot go unsaid are the following two words...Sports Day! Now, I have never in my entire life seen competitiveness quite like the adults at our sports day events. The parent race brought the house down. Maybe next year we will have a Parents Sports Day?

Enjoy your summer and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Attendance

Attendance is very important at St Hilda's. We are aiming for at least 96% attendance as a school.

Just a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should stay off for 48 hours. If your child cannot attend school, please call the office, and inform them of the reason.

Pupils will receive attendance certificates for good attendance each half-term.



Car Parking

We ask that you do not park on the road in front of school as it makes accessibility very difficult for residents that live on this road. If you park on Rye Bank Road, please do not park in front of driveways as this causes problems for residents. Please also avoid leaving your engine idling for long periods of time as this can create dangerous fumes for the environment. St Hilda's appreciate your support in keeping our children safe on the road.

It is so important to be an excellent role model for our pupils at all times! We are asking you to support us on this when accessing our playground. Look at the ground rules below:

- **No dogs on the playground**
- **Dismount on the playground**
- **No littering in or around our school**

At St. Hilda's we are always conscious of the safety of our pupils. Safeguarding is part of keeping children safe and is everyone's responsibility. If you would like to discuss any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of the children, you can contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Plant, Ms Beaumont and Mrs Thomas.

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E-Safety Message from Mr. James:

It is important to remind ourselves and our children to stay safe online. As always, we advise parents and carers to make use of parental controls on your devices. In particular, some social media sites such as TikTok are often unregulated and easy for malicious posts to bypass. Have a wonderful break and stay safe in both the real and virtual worlds!

Please make yourself familiar with the safeguarding section of our website- Safeguarding - St Hilda's CE Primary School (sthildasprimary.co.uk)

If your child uses Tik Tok please click here and if they use Roblox please click here.

Info from this year's safer internet day. - https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers

NSPCC - https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

NSPCC - Social Media safety https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/

At St Hilda's the children have been using PurpleMash to learn Computing, one of the many brilliant things about PurpleMash is that it can be accessed at home! The children are free to log on anytime and explore the website.

There are opportunities for coding, spreadsheets, animation, art and so much more!

Either find PurpleMash via Google or type in www.purplemash.com/sch/sthildasm16

Mr James - Computing Lead

What have we been up to this term?

As part of their RE learning about 'Special Places' Mrs Thomas, Mrs Singh, Reception children and some parents visited St. Hilda's Church to learn about the church from Ross and Jo. The children were really well behaved and we learnt a lot about the objects in church and what they are used for. A huge thank you to our parent helpers as well as Ross and Jo.







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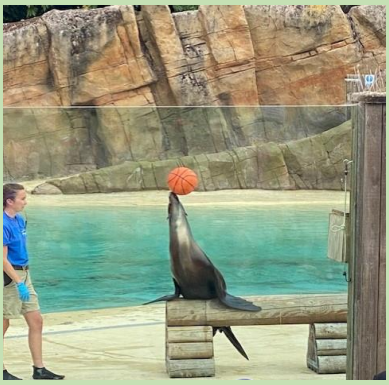

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a brilliant time on their school trip to Blackpool Zoo.



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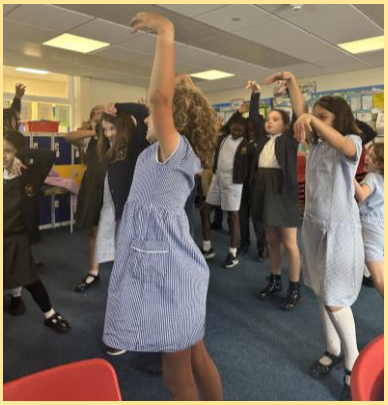




Our children had a wonderful time taking part in a Shakespeare workshop where they got to learn and act out some of the scenes from the tempest. All of them had a wonderful time and go really involved.

Leadership Academy Graduates!

I am very pleased to announce the Michael, Adam and Beau have Graduated from the Trafford Primary Leadership Academy 2023.

The children worked very hard alongside the other Play Leaders from both Year 5 and 6 who have committed their time for one aim: **To ensure that each child is active for 60 Minutes per day.**

Our graduates have shown values of Passion, Determination, Teamwork and Communication Skills.




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A series of races were carried out in each KS2 class to determine who would be our athletes to represent St Hilda's in the **Stretford Olympic Finals!**

Our winners completed in both short and long-distance races. They showed resilience particularly in the long-distance race, empathy towards other competitors as they cheered on all children and bravery as the performed in front of 80-100 spectators.

Well done to all the children who took part and a huge well done to those who also won awards during the races.

"I am very proud of the talented athletes we have here at St Hilda's." - Miss Kaur.







Our Year 1 and 2 Classes had a wonderful time on their school trip to The Lowry where they took part in a painting course and made some beautiful artwork. Thank you to all the volunteers who came with us on the trip.



Year 5 took part in the Trafford Music Service Concert at Sale Waterside. They sang with 3 other schools and performed songs of our own.

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Congratulations to Rory who was awarded a silver Blue Peter Badge for his fundraising efforts for the oncology ward at Manchester Children's Hospital.

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Lion King Production

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic leavers' performances. You all worked so hard in the lead up to the show and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Well Done!





Our Nursery children dressed up as different insects and minibeasts as part of their Bug Ball.





Parents and Carers were invited in to hear about the children's learning about minibeasts.

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Our leavers service was a beautiful and emotional day. It was sad to say goodbye to our year 6 leavers, but we know they have great futures ahead of them and wish them luck at their new schools.

We also wished goodbye to some of our St Hilda's staff, we can't thank you enough for everything you have done, and we wish you all the best in the future.

You will be missed.

After School Clubs

Awesome Arts Club Will be returning for Autumn 2023 If you are interested in joining please do so via: https://awesomeartsclub.co.uk/make-a-booking/



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Friends and Family Activities

Every Friday afternoon 2:15pm - 3:15pm we host our **Friends of St Hilda's Coffee Afternoon**. It's a great way to meet other parents/carers, promote a dialogue between parents and school and join in school activities, or just join us for a brew and biscuits! Preschool children are welcome, we have a selection of toys, milk or squash and fruit all provided by school. So far this year we have prepared the courtyard for gardening activities for next year, created backdrops for the KS1 Nativity and planned both the School Disco and the Family Movie Night. Recently they have had visits from Trafford Teams Together, planted a wildflower garden and they are in the process of planning for the summer fair.
Even if you can't come in person, please follow us on Facebook where you can learn more about what we do.
Friends of St Hilda's Vantage | Stretford | Facebook
We look forward to seeing you!

Follow us on social media:

St Hilda's CE Primary School - Vantage Academies | Stretford | Facebook

(1) St.Hilda's Primary (@school_sthildas) / Twitter

www.sthildasprimary.co.uk We have lots of support on there for families with information on wellbeing, support services in the area and an internet safety section.

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Support for families
We understand that times are difficult at the moment, so we have found some information that may be helpful for you.

https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk Provides an update on support available for energy bills, childcare costs, transport costs, discounts, etc

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/deb t-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living/ - Outlines what support is available nationally.
https://Britishgasenergytrust.org.uk / independent fuel debt advice- British gas energy Trust.

Manchester City Council:

Cut your costs | Cut your costs | Manchester City Council

Debt advice | Debt advice | Manchester City Council

Help with energy bills | Help with energy bills | Manchester City Council

Trafford Council:

Support with money matters | Trafford Director y

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https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/news/articles/2022/20221012-Cost-of-living-support-package-unveiled-in-Trafford.aspx

Supporting your financial wellbeing

Introducing - The Academy of Money. The Open University (OU) has joined forces with MoneySavingExpert (MSE) to produce this new free course to give you the skills and knowledge to master your finances. The course was written by the OU, with MSE providing support and guidance.

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School Direct Teacher Training

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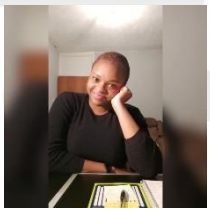
Our Teach North West School Direct course is expanding into Merseyside and East Manchester and we are currently recruiting trainees to begin their teacher training journey from September 2021

Do you know an outstanding candidate looking to begin teacher training?

At Teach North West, training is delivered in school from the very first day.

If you find that you learn best 'on the job' and would prefer to do all of your training and practice at a local school, then our highly nurturing and trainee-focused School Direct course could be the best route for you.



Here's what some of our past trainees have to say about the course:

"The course is a fantastic opportunity to work with talented teachers and see how a classroom works from start to finish. I felt really supported throughout the training and was totally prepared to have my own class in September. I love my job as a Year 2 teacher and I wouldn't have completed my teacher training any other way." Trainee 2018, now employed within a Vantage school

"The School Direct route gave me first-hand experience in the classroom. From the start, I was able to work alongside experienced teachers that offered exceptional support and advice. Teach Bolton fully equipped me with the knowledge and skills I needed in order to progress with my career." Trainee 2020, now employed within an Alliance school.

You can take a look at our website here: www.teachnorthwest.co.uk

Or, to find out more about beginning your teaching journey, contact Christina on 07739364322 or email christina@teachnorthwest.co.uk

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