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# Autumn 1 2023

## Message from the Principal

Dear families and community,

We have come to the end of our jam-packed first half term of 2023. The children have been involved in many school events this half term. Harvest Festival at Church was well attended and the food banks were extremely grateful for our donations. We wore silver ribbons for Dyslexia awareness and learned about it in our assembly. This week we have been doing African Dance workshops and shared them back with our families this afternoon. I think they were enjoyed by all who attended but most importantly the children. Next half term is going to have many exciting events to look forwards to. We are kicking off with a whole school writing week where we come together as a writing community with a shared theme...I wonder what it will be? We are having a Spanish Cafe to celebrate the launch of our Spanish curriculum. Our school will be lit up with candles to celebrate Diwali. We will wear spots to acknowledge and support Children in Need again. Anti-bullying week will have many workshops around the school to encourage a whole school stand against bullying. We have also got many clubs available, all at the request of our pupils. Scattered throughout the year we will provide many cubs; some traditional sports clubs including basketball and football and others less traditional like glow in the dark dodgeball and battlefield archery. We will also be having coding, art, choir, steel pans to name but a few. The nights are getting darker and so I urge our children to take extra care of themselves and each other. Darker nights can mean more 'online' time for some children, please make sure to look on our website for Parent Advice on safeguarding your children on platforms such as TikTok, Roblox, Snapchat and more Safeguarding - St Hilda's CE Primary School (sthildasprimary.co.uk)

Enjoy the holidays and we will look forwards to welcoming you back on Monday 30th October.

## 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.

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?




On 11th October, Mrs Thomas led an assembly to support Dyslexia Awareness week. The Children learned about difficulties that people with dyslexia face and ways of overcoming them. We talked about well known people with dyslexia and how people think in different, creative ways.

Did you know that Richard Branson and the Scientist Maggie Aderin- Pocock MBE are dyslexic?

To Show awareness, the children were given a small piece of silver ribbon to wear.

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**Proactive sports** came into school to do some taster sessions for our students ahead of their after-school club, next term. The children took part in activities such as glow in the dark dodgeball and archery and all the children had an amazing time.



Thank you to **Breaking Barriers United** who came in to talk to our Year 5 and 6 students about county lines and how to keep themselves safe.




Year 3 have been enjoying guitar lessons with Trafford Music Services. We are looking forward to performing for our parents and carers next half term.




Thank you to Friends of St Hilda's for all your gardening efforts and for clearing the thistles and weeds away, ready for planting.

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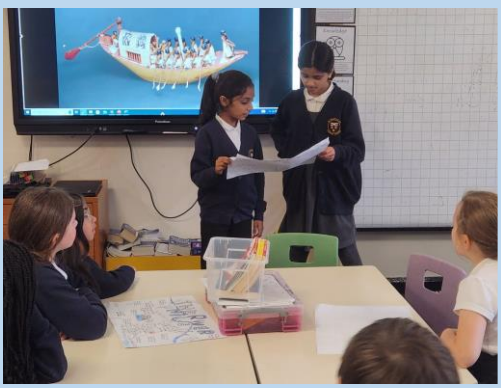
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In Year 2 we have been reading the book 'Look up' where we learnt about the famous African-American female astronaut Mae Jemison and wrote our own diary entrance about being an astronaut and travelling into space. Next term, we are learning about The Great Fire of London. In History, we have been learning about out personal history, the history of the school and the history of Firswood. We loved going on a tour of the school and the local area with Mr Kellaway. Next Term we will be looking more closely at Bonfire Night and Samuel Pepys. This will be really exciting as we will also be starting our Art project of making Bonfire Night style artwork!



The Year 4 children have been researching all about the River Nile and sharing their presentations with the class.

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**Thank you** to everyone who donated towards our School Harvest festival. All the food collected has been donated to:

**Stretford Food Bank**

**Red Cross - Refugees**
**&**
**Barnabus, a charity that works with the homeless in Manchester**

Thank you for your generosity.







Our children all had a great time during our African Dance Workshop. They have all worked so hard learning their routines ahead of their class performances.



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Nursery have been very busy!
For Harvest, Nursery painted their favourite fruits and vegetables and used apples to print Andy Warhol inspired pictures.

Nursery have been investigating and exploring bulbs. We used all our senses to look at different bulbs. We thought the garlic bulbs smelled like garlic bread! We planted lots of different bulbs in our beds that had been beautifully weeded for us by FOSH. We can't wait to watch them grow into flowers in spring.

Nursery have been going dotty inspired by the artist Yayoi Kusama and her love of dots and pumpkins.

This week, Nursery went on an autumn walk around the school grounds. We spotted lots of signs of autumn like colourful leaves on the ground, berries and fungus. We particular loved kicking and throwing the autumn leaves!

After School Clubs

**Awesome Arts Club** Will be returning after the half term for those children who are already enrolled.

**Steel Pans** will be returning after the half term, every **Monday between 3:30 and 4:30pm**, please ensure if you wish to continue that you enrol on Arbor for **Autumn 2 Steel Pans**

**Progressive Sports Clubs** will be starting after the half term:

Years 1 and 2 will be doing **basketball, 3:15-4:15pm on Tuesdays.**

Years 3 and 4 will be doing **football, 3:15-4:15pm on Wednesday.**

Years 5 and 6 will be doing **glow in the dark dodgeball, 3:15- 4:15pm on Thursdays.**

**Art Club** will be starting for reception and KS1, **3:15-4:15pm on Wednesdays**

**Winter Choir** will be starting for years 2-6, **3:15-4:15pm on Wednesdays.**



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. In previous years we have prepared the courtyard for gardening activities, created backdrops for the KS1 Nativity and planned both the School Disco and the Family Movie Night and 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.

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

Teach North West

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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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