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Newsletter December 2016

Mrs Code's Message

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. The school is now settled into its routine and I am writing more and more letters to congratulate the fabulous achievements of our students across all year groups. We have had a team of students presenting to Major Tim Peake about a national experiment they took part in and St Hilda's has 2 Young Lord Mayors who are now sworn in to office. We are incredibly proud of Ruby Bains and Ellen Boyland who represent the young people of Liverpool. The list of achievements is endless and it was an absolute privilege to welcome 900 people to our Prize Evening this month. The comments from parents and carers about the great support our students get at St Hilda's was a particularly proud moment for me.

I would like to thank you all for your on-going support and feedback.

Events

We celebrated St Hilda's Day on November 17th. St Hilda was, as one student said, 'simply awesome'. She advised kings, queens and bishops on policy, but more importantly, developed communities based on forgiveness and education. We, at St Hilda's, are a community and a family and we support each other. At our Eucharist, we made a little bit of St Hilda's history by introducing dance into the service. It was a wonderful way to develop how we celebrate and worship together.

St Hilda's also raised money for Children in Need. The Sixth Form team, alongside other year groups, organised the event to include a cake sale, beat the goalie, a fancy dress catwalk with prizes and the 'mannequin challenge'. It was a day filled with fun and brought the school community closer together. All of this and we raised over £1300.

St Hilda's students and parents are incredibly generous and community-spirited, with several local charities benefitting from our fundraising. These include foodbanks, local residents receiving Christmas hampers and our lovely Anglican Cathedral benefits with a donation towards the restoration of the organ.

The Sixth Form @ St Hilda's

School-based sixth forms are incredibly special things. Being the senior students in a school, with opportunities to lead events, is unique. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the Sixth Form Council and their organisation of Children in Need 2016. Under their direct leadership, St Hilda's raised almost £1300!

Staff and student own clothes or fancy dress made up the bulk of our fundraising.

Mannequin Challenge £24

Cake Sale £212

Guess how many sweets are in the jar? £117

Fancy Dress Fashion Show £146

Beat the Goalie £27

Cake Raffle £35 Thank you to our wonderful Sixth Form students and those groups from Year 9 and Rebecca Staples for baking a cake to raffle!

Continuing with our sixth form students as our senior students, prefects have been identified and have started their duties.

We are working very closely with The Sixth Form @ St Hilda's and we are making changes to their facilities which includes more computers, more social areas and their own café.

It is really important that we develop our sixth form courses to ensure that our current Year 11 students continue at St Hilda's, supported and achieving their aspirations!

Behaviour & Welfare

St Hilda's prides itself on excellent attendance and behaviour. Can I please remind parents and carers about the importance of excellent attendance? The link between excellent attendance and excellent progress is very clear! We are reviewing our Behaviour for Learning policy and practice this year, but remind parents and students that our high standards remain. I am very impressed with the uniform standards and I thank you for your support.

Progress & Achievements

It is mock examination time for our Years 11 and 13. We wish them every success at this very stressful time and we thank you as parents and carers for your continued support.

Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evenings

Thank you for all who attended. It was lovely speaking to you and getting your feedback. Thank you for the positive comments about how supported your sons and daughters are.

We are currently looking at how we report back to you about the progress being made. I already have several names from Year 10 parents who would like to work with us. Mrs Moore, Deputy Headteacher Data and Curriculum, will be asking for parents/carers to work with us to provide meaningful feedback.

Personal Development

Spotlight on PC Eddie Davies

We are very lucky to continue the really strong partnership we have built with our Safer Schools Police Officer. Eddie Davies supports many of the initiatives and recently formed part of Safeguarding training for staff.

"I am your Safer Schools Police Officer and my role is to work in partnership with your school to keep students safe, reduce the risk of young people getting drawn into crime or any behaviour which would impact upon their wellbeing. My role also seeks to build positive relationships between the police and young people and to improve community relations generally within the school and wider community. I am also available to give advice to both staff and students on any relevant matter which may be causing them concern."



Sport

Another fantastic start to sport at St Hilda's. In Year 8 there are so many netballers that we have 3 teams to represent the school. The teams have won every match so far this term! In cross country, the Year 7 girls are currently top of the league, with the U13 Football Team currently leading the league tables. A special mention should go to Isobel Blakemore-Clarke who has been the year 7 individual champion in September and October.

Congratulations to the U13 girls football team who won their first league tournament at Cardinal Heenan. The U15 girls football team played their first league tournament of the season and qualified for the semi finals!

Congratulations to the year 8 boys' badminton team who, despite being a year under age, put on a fantastic performance at Broadgreen International School. The boys are currently second in the league with a game in hand.

Worship

The staff and student Worship Committee meet regularly and have the mission to develop the role of worship here even further. We have more students than ever actively involved in worship at St Hilda's. It was a joy to see the students leading our latest Eucharist and decorating the foyer.

Music

The Chamber Choir performed at the Educate Award as part of a massed choir. Our Senior Choir will be leading the carols for The Alder Centre's Christmas Service this year

We have a new student-led worship group for Eucharist.

We have a new Guitar Club too. Lots going on!

Other Information

I would like to re-launch the PA (Parent Association) in January 2017. We are quite simply missing this as an integral part of our school. I am happy to meet with anyone Interested to lead or be part of this important area of school life.

Key Dates

Carol Service - Monday 19 December .
Invitations to follow.

Please note we finish early on **Wednesday 21 December** and the school will be closed on **Wednesday 4 January** to students for a staff INSET day.

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