



Spring Newsletter 2

A Message from the Principal

Halfway through the academic year...where did the time go?

Although this half term has been shorter than usual, it has been jam packed full with learning and exciting events in our school. This week I have been blown away with the Writing Week outcomes, from Dragon tales to dragon-lish (the dragon language), imaginations have been roaming free and brought joy to their readers.

During Children's Mental Health week our Students took part in a variety of different activities from mindful colouring to a class discussion, our students showed their empathy and communication skills in a mature and positive light. Should you like extra support at home please visit [Place2be](#) for ideas, resources and support.

The term ahead will be kicking off with Safer Internet Week, another opportunity for our Students to grow and develop their interpersonal skills in a new light. In a technology heavy world, internet safety is interwoven within our curriculum throughout the year.

Although we are looking forwards to a restful half term week, the devastating news in Turkey has been at the forefront of our minds, classroom-based assemblies and in our prayers. In the current climate we have made sure to spread out donations/ non-uniform days/trips and events throughout the year to help with the financial strain on families. However, should you wish to help support the aid efforts in Turkey, our staff have donated to [The British Red Cross](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school is closed to pupils on Monday 20th February for in-service training, and we look forwards to welcoming them back on Tuesday 21st February.

Happy Half Term, Miss Plant

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**

Important Dates

13th- 15th March
Robinwood Residential

3rd March
World Book Day

20th March
Year 3/ 4 African Drumming Performance

Monday 3rd April-Monday 17th April
Easter Half Term

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.





What Have We Been Up To This Term?



Well done to our year 2 Pupils who did an amazing job with their class assembly and thank you to all the parents who came along and supported them.



We are excited to be Welcoming Zoolab to St Hilda's on Thursday 23rd February for Reception- Year 4 classes. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.50 to help fund this workshop, if you wish to donate it will show on Arbor under clubs. Thank you so much to all of those who have already donated!

Reception class have been please to share their first three Shine sessions with Parents. They have been a great success and enjoyed by everyone who came along. The next Shine session is on Friday 20th January 2023 at 2pm and has a Literacy focus this time. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Our Nursery and Reception children will be holding an Easter bonnet Parade next term, more information coming soon.



- ♥ Responsible
- ♥ Experienced
- ♥ Ethical

Our Reception class are eagerly awaiting the arrival of some incredible eggs- What I hear you ask is that? On the week beginning March 20th some eggs and an incubator will arrive in Reception class and over the next few days the children will watch the ducklings hatch, we will handle the baby ducks and look after them and then it will be armbands at the ready as we teach the baby ducklings to swim!!!



Our KS1 Pupils dressed up as part of our IPC unit 'People of the Past'. The children in KS1 came to school dressed up as a famous person from the past. They had to research a little bit about their person and what they were famous for and shared this with the other children in KS1. We had nurses, musicians, politicians, scientists, pilots, political activists, and fashion designers to name a few.

Our years 3 and 4 Classes have had Music instructors from Trafford Music Services giving them African Drumming Lessons. The lessons will be continuing after next term and the children will be performing a concert on Monday 20th March to show us all what they have learned, further details to follow. We're all excited to see them perform.



Safer Internet Day 2023 was on 7th February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. As this week we are doing writing week school & are supporting Children's mental health week, this year we are going to celebrate our Safer Internet Day on the first Tuesday back from half term 21/02/2023.

This week at St Hilda's it is Children's mental health week. The focus for the week is 'Let's connect' so the children have been taking part in class activities where they work together and connect.

We also had children volunteer to be Wellbeing buddies.

For help and advice for parents please see: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Thank you to everyone who came to our Movie Night last night we hope you all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Friends of St Hilda's who organised and ran it for us!



After School Clubs

Awesome Arts club will be continuing on until the end of the Spring term for those already registered.

<https://awesomeartsclub.co.uk/make-a-booking/>

Multi sports will be running as normal until the end of the Spring term

KS1 and Reception will be doing **Tennis club**

Lower KS2 will be doing **Athletics clubs**

Upper KS2 will be doing **Dodgeball**

Dance Club will be running as normal until the end of the Spring term for reception and KS1

Steel Pans meets every Monday between 3:30 and 4:30 for year 4's and up. They perform at our summer fair each year so if you interested in joining, please speak to the teachers or School office.

The London Ballet Company School Will be starting up from the 24th February- 31st March. If you haven't already signed up and are interested in joining please speak to the School Office.

Girls Lower KS2 Football Club Will be starting up every Thursday from the 2nd March- 30th March

Puzzle Club Will be starting up every Tuesday from the 21st February- 28th March for years 2, 3 and 4

Spanish Club Will be starting up every Wednesday from 1st March- 29th March for years 4 and 5
We still have places available in Spanish Club so please speak to the office if you're interested.

Gardening Club Will be starting up every Thursday from 23rd February- 30th March for years 1-6

Kids Yoga Club *With Chloe*

THURSDAYS 3:15-4:15
23rd Feb- 30th March* £27

Through Yoga children exercise, play, connect more deeply with the inner self, and develop an intimate relationship with the natural world that surrounds them

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Practicing Yoga and Mindfulness helps improve focus, memory, self-esteem, academic performance, and classroom behaviour, as well as reduce anxiety and stress.

*No class 16th March due to strikes



Friends and Family Activities

Every Friday afternoon 2:15- 3:15 we host our **Friends of St Hilda's Coffee Afternoon**. It's a great way to meet other parents, 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.

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!

School Governors

If you would like to become a Governor for St Hilda's Please speak to the school Office.



**Our Friends of St Hilda's
will be selling 2nd Hand Uniform be-
tween 2:15 and 3:30pm
Friday 10th February
In the School Library.**

We look forwards to seeing you!

All donations towards this are greatly appreciated, a huge thank
you to everyone who has already donated.

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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/debt-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 Directory](#)

[Trafford Assist](#)

<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.



School Direct Teacher Training

Teach
NorthWest



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