HILLSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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25th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

After the success of last year's OLA challenge in Year 5, we are delighted to be writing to you about the year 6 OLA challenge. We have taken feedback from children and staff about the challenges set for year 5 to help us devise the year 6 challenge card.

Through the Year 6 OLA Challenge, pupils will be able to try a set of new tasks to further develop their character. The challenges still fall into the following categories:

'Our Community'
'Our Skills'
'Our Health'
'Our Environment'

Within each section there is a range of tasks for pupils to complete. Once completed they can get these signed off by Miss Hazeltine/Miss Barbary in order to achieve milestones. These are as follows:

- If a pupil completes 8 tasks they will receive a Bronze award, given by their class teacher
- If a pupil completes 16 tasks they will receive a Silver award, given by the Head Teacher
- If a pupil completes 20 tasks they will receive a Gold award, which will be awarded to them in an award ceremony hosted by Waingels School in May/June.

Through these goals we want to support pupils with their personal development. These goals value the whole child and develop key life skills, which will one day lead to them being an active citizen.

They are designed to be achievable, but also to develop their skills and confidence. Whilst we encourage parents and carers to support their child in completing some of the tasks, we want the children to complete each task for themselves. There will also be opportunities in lessons to complete some of the tasks outlined.

In order to get tasks signed off by the classroom teacher we will ask the pupils to bring evidence to show Mr Currie on Tuesday mornings (at the yellow tables) between 8.40-9am so their evidence can be reviewed and challenges ticked off.

Evidence may include photographs, certificates, posters, written notes for example, a thank you card.

Some tasks will be completed in school and therefore the teacher will tick off challenges relating to group activities.

Where there is a symbol over a task these will be 'unlocked' in the spring/summer term when content around this is covered in the personal development curriculum.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the amazing things that your child will get involved in this year. We will launch this on Friday 25th September to the pupils so we would encourage you to talk to them when they get home about this.

If you have any questions about the OLA Challenge, please contact Miss Hazeltine.

Kind Regards,

Miss Hazeltine & Miss Barbary
Year 6 Teachers