

Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week there has been a lot of excitement in the air, particularly in upper school with year 6 enjoying their Bikeability sessions all week and year 5 looking ahead to their residential as well as enjoying the unique opportunity to build a huge bridge in school!

Year 6 have been out on the open road learning to keep themselves safe on their bikes. The coaches all shared how well the cohort listened and took on all feedback given – well done to you all!

Having the opportunity to build a bridge in school was not something that was originally planned for this year but when Mrs Duncan kindly offered this opportunity through working for a Civil Engineering company, Mrs Richardson was quick to respond with a definite yes please! Have a look at the year 5 webpage to see just how big the bridge was and how much fun the children had making it!

Our learning value for this term, voted by the children, is creativity. The children and staff have taken on this target and responded very positively already, which you can see in each year group this week. Our office team and Site Manager, Mrs Rose, Mrs Gowland and Mr Gardiner, have also been modelling this learning value through their decorating in the lead up to the King's Coronation. Mrs Rose has introduced Charles and Camilla to the children with them all being able to come and take a message from each one which contains a positive and motivating message. I would like to thank Mrs Gowland and Mr Gardiner also for organising our school decorations which you can see on the fence all around the school. In assembly this week we shared with the children the process that the coronation will follow next weekend – ask your children how heavy St Edwards crown is and what items make up the crown jewels – this information may be helpful in any quizzes you are planning on having!

There is another planned strike day next Tuesday 2nd May. I will notify you again, as we have done this week, early in the morning if there are any changes that need to happen for the day.

It is going to be quiet in school next week and we will miss our year 5's but we all hope they get plenty of rest this weekend as it is going to be a thrilling and busy week next week! We hope you all enjoy an extended bank holiday weekend!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore

A message from Richard Veal, Chair of Governors:

From the start of this new term, we will be making some changes to the Governing Body. I will be stepping down as Chair and I am pleased to confirm that Simon Haynes is taking on the role. One of Simon's first actions will be the appointment of new parent governors who will continue to strengthen the board for the future. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Governing Body for their support and also pay tribute to all the staff at the school for all the fantastic work that they do.

It only remains for me to wish you all a fantastic half term and look forward to witnessing the continued success of the school through the children.



Year Group Highlights



Year 3

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 4

[Link to our weekly Highlights & Gallery](#)

Year 5

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Year 6

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Highlight Well-being

When we want to connect with our children, one of our first questions might be 'How was your day?' or simply 'How are you?'. This question may seem so big and non-specific, that it can be easy to answer with an equally bland 'good' or 'ok'. This may mean that we miss an opportunity to understand and learn more, and they may miss an opportunity to build further trust in our support.

One tool which can really help is to imagine a line (or draw one as a visual resource), numbered 0 through to 10.

Feeling 'ok' and 'good' is represented at the centre of this line, at the numbers 5 and 6. The numbers on either side relate to feelings moving further away from this equilibrium, with 0 representing feeling dreadful and in need of immediate help, right up to 10 representing feeling amazing and 'top of the world'!

Ask your child to select a number to represent how they are feeling currently, and this can then give you a clear way in to asking further questions.

If your child's answer is between 0 - 5, you could ask

'Let's do some detective work and find out what could be making you feel like this'.

'Is there anything you/we can do to move you up the scale, even just one number?'

'What or who has helped you to cope with these feelings today? What has helped in the past?'

If your child's answer is between 6 - 10

What is giving you this feeling? What makes you feel happy and proud?'

'What does this tell you about what you need to support you in feeling good?'

'Is there anything you could add to lift your mood even further, for example moving from a 7 to an 8?'

Normalising talking about how we are feeling in families is fundamental in supporting the wellbeing of our children, and ourselves.

I hope this helps.



UPDATE From our Eco Warriors

We, the Eco Warrior team, have been working hard throughout the year towards the Green flag award. We work together to improve the school and community environment by keeping it clean and saving energy. We would like to tell you some exciting news. We have launched our website this week to give you more updates on our progress and to give energy saving tips at home.

Progress so far...

We have encouraged the whole school to be involved in keeping the school safe and cleaner by having regular litter picks and using our soft plastics recycling bins. We have also introduced an Energy saving monitor in each of the classrooms to switch off lights and switches when they are not in use. .

Our website...

Every week we are going to be uploading a weekly tip for you to try at home to save energy. Too much energy is being wasted which is not only harming the environment but increased costs in the household. Please follow the link on the Hiltingbury highlights each week to see our energy saving advice.

[Hiltingbury Junior School website](#)

Made by the eco warrior team.





Hiltingbury PTA Newsletter

QUIZ Round up - What a great evening this was! Some wonderful questions to get us all thinking, many laughs and good fun for all. Thank you to our quiz masters and raffle ticket sellers as well as everyone who attended or helped! It was a great success.

Well done to our winners "8 out of 10" (pictured) who will now start thinking about what questions they want to ask at the next one!



UNIFORM - Remember you can buy pre-loved uniform on our [website](#). For donations please take clean, branded uniform or summer dresses to reception of either school.



SUMMER FAYRE

On 8th July 12pm-4pm we will be hosting our first Summer Fayre since before Covid and we really do want to make it AMAZING!

It is going to be such a treat for the kids and adults in Chandler's Ford.

We need you! We really do...

If you can spare any time on the day, please let us know by filling out this google form.

<https://forms.gle/FTVkraQMSoXiyH1cA>

You get to choose how much time and what stall you would like to volunteer on!

What's in it for you? Free entry into the event (there are so many shows and attractions to see) and a voucher which can be used for the purchase of food item or drink.

We currently have 17 wonderful people on the list who can help on the day, but I'm sure you can imagine how small an event would have to be, or realise we will have to cancel our plans if this is all we have. Without your help we simply can't make the best event it can be and stalls will not be able to go ahead.

Be a Hiltingbury Hero, give back to YOUR school!