



Hiltingbury Highlights

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Message from Miss Loosemore

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need today and raising money for such an important and valued charity that impacts so many children across the country.

This week has been Active Travel Week and today the children have gone the extra mile and 'blinged' their bikes and scooters. We have seen such creativity and flair in their design! Well done to everyone this week who has taken part and supported this initiative.

Thank you to Miss McCarthy, our Computing Leader for sharing an informative Parent Online safety evening. The event included support and guidelines for some popular apps and online platforms that our children have shared they use regularly at home. As a school we take online safety very seriously and continue to teach children how to stay safe online as part of their Computing curriculum. The presentation will shortly be uploaded onto our school website. If you ever have any concerns or need support then please do continue to contact your child's Teacher, even if it relates to online safety concerns outside of school life.

This afternoon, as part of Anti-bullying week, the children have been reflecting on the theme 'Reach out' through various videos, art activities and poems. Exploring and empathising through different characters viewpoints and actions has supported the children's understanding of how to support each other and get help if they find themselves in any similar situations. The School Council who have led this initiative have taken over the highlights this week and have written their own so I will wish you all a very happy weekend earlier than normal!

Best wishes. *Zoe Loosemore*

Hello from School Council, This week in school has been Anti-Bullying week!

We kicked off the week with Odd Socks day to show our differences. Everyone wore really vibrant socks and it was awesome to see what other children think and their style! We put odd socks along the gate outside to show everyone is unique because the socks along the railings were all different. On Monday, School Council led an Assembly all about us being a Reach Out Community. This means if we have a worry, not keeping it to ourselves and sharing it. We talked about how we can make other people feel better by asking them if they are OK, sharing a smile, asking if we can help them and letting them join our games. If we notice someone hasn't got a friend, we talked about making sure we play with them. We also shared that Reach out means sometimes reaching out to yourself and making the right choices. Later that day, we watched a live lesson in class where we learnt about how to be kind to everyone and to know when things are not OK. It was good to see how to Reach Out to others and we did lots of activities so we know what it means to do this. For example, we wrote who we should talk to on a hand so we know the trusted people to reach out to. All week, School Council teamed up with the Wellbeing Ambassadors to go into the Wellbeing Hub at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Our role was to find anyone who had any worries and they would share them with us. We then spoke to Miss Chambers who helped us sort out the worries people shared. After we had spoken to them, we felt happy inside because we could see that children left us with smiles on their faces. It felt like we had made a difference! Eva said: 'I gave some advice to one child about going to talk to their teacher. I helped them use our STOP slogan (several times on purpose) to understand what was happening and what help they needed.'

On Friday, every class in school shared the story of 'I walk with Vanessa'. The book had a brilliant message about what a difference simple acts of kindness can make. Everyone in school thought about what our Reach Out message meant to the characters in the book and how we can all make a difference. Our work will be displayed in school to help us all remember to be a 'Reach Out' school!

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have even recognised our hard work this week and have awarded us a certificate. This is below!

Overall this week has really helped the whole school think about the important messages of anti-bullying and what a special place Hiltingbury Junior School is when we all support each other. We are proud of all of the hard work we have done in School Council this week because we have helped everyone have a smile on their face at lunchtimes and to fix their problems for themselves! We are proud too that we have set an example of how to Reach Out and are making Hiltingbury Junior School the best it can be for everyone. We look forward to continuing this hard work over the year.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

From School Council (Samuel, Leo, Primrose, Fleur, Eva,

Delilah, Aksana, Natasha and Miss Chambers 😊)



We Care nominations:



Charlotte L (5M) Charlotte is extremely hardworking and constantly shows ambition in all areas of the curriculum. In maths this week, she has shown great perseverance and determination when tackling line graphs and tables. You should be very proud of yourself! :)

Niamh (6B) Niamh has really challenged herself in Maths over the last 2 weeks. She has amazed me with her progress and achievements in successfully completing long multiplication and division to the point where she is confident to teach others. Super work Niamh!

Mia E (6C) Mia has worked so hard in maths this week and has really pushed herself with learning both the multiplication and division facts of the 4 times table enabling her to solve problems - well done Mia.



Petra B and Bethany B (4DN) - We were doing our first paired write of Year 4 this week, and Petra and Bethany used their working together skills fabulously! Their combined ideas were incredibly effective and they started their 'Jack and the Beanstalk with a twist' beautifully as a result of this. Well done, girls!

James G (4P) James was a superstar in our singing afternoon this week. He came up with some great ideas and confidently led his group, making sure everybody was involved and knew their part.



Naya Y (4S) Naya's enthusiasm and keenness this week has been amazing! Her constant drive to answer questions, achieve the learning and to strive to share her ideas and thoughts is an inspiration to others. Well done Naya! 😊

Shivi B (3D) - Since September, Shivi has worked incredibly hard in every lesson. He always has his hand up and is keen to share his ideas. Shivi has been particularly keen to contribute during our reading lessons. Well done Shivi! Keep it up!

Lefteri (3BC) Lefteri has been keen to get involved in our history and art lessons this week. He impressed us with how many modern day objects he spotted in a picture of neolithic man and he took great care with replicating patterns found on prehistoric pottery in art. Well done Lefteri!



Louis C (5MR) - Louis has written a wonderful non-chronological report about his own planet. Independently he has come up with his own imaginative and creative ideas and diligently written them under appropriate subtitles. He kept referring back to his notes throughout his writing and we are so impressed with his final outcome and concentration on this work. Well done Louis



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Orlando G (3P) This week Orlando has taken on board all of his personal marking and that of whole class reflection solving written column addition calculations with regrouping. This includes common errors and how to layout the calculations neatly. Super work!

Sulaf E-W (6W) Well done Sulaf for trying so hard in your writing this week. Your reflective attitude has enabled you to write your best piece of writing in year six (setting description). Keep this up and your writing is only going to improve!

Adam (5CR) - Adam is quietly ambitious in all that he does, but he is beginning to use this to really drive his learning forward. In English in particular this week, he has really shown he is listening to feedback, responding quickly and editing his work carefully to make it the best it can be. Keep up this hard work Adam - there have been lots of examples of WAGOLLs recently which is very exciting



Year Group Highlights



Year 3

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

Year 4

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

Year 5

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

Year 6

[Link to our weekly Highlights &](#)

Link to our school website calendar for dates and events

[Website Calendar Link](#)

Choir Highlights

This week was anti bullying week and to start it off, we sang two songs in assembly. Our first song was *Spaceman*, our song we chose ourselves. Our second was *I have a voice*, a song linked to the theme 'Reach out'. Afterwards, we went to the infant school to perform the songs again. On Wednesday, the people who applied for a performance all got in. Everyone has loved choir this week and were excited to perform.

Written by Delilah & Merry



Well-being Highlights

These dark wintery mornings can be a real challenge for families. It is worth recognising that most people's wellbeing is affected by waking up before we would naturally choose to; and having to get on with the day when it is dark and rainy.

During mornings like this, our emotions can either feel too low - (lack of energy, reluctance to face the day, down and tearful),

Or too heightened - (irritable, tense, quick to anger and say and do things we wouldn't do if we were less stressed).

With this in mind I think it is worth thinking about what we can do to make those tough mornings a smoother experience for all concerned. Talk to your child and make a list together of the things that you could get ready during the evening before a school day. The more you can get ready the night before is like giving yourself a gift the following day, and will ease the transition into school as well as boosting your self esteem, because you DO deserve to give yourself that gift of an easier morning!

Here are some examples of things that will really help. Some of these jobs can be done by your child - a helpful life skill.

School bags packed with all that is needed

Packed lunches made and in the fridge with water bottle

Shoes and coats ready by the door

School uniform ready to go

Phone charged

Kitchen sink clear and ready for the next day. (Personally a struggle but it really does make a difference when you walk into the room the next day!)

Breakfast things ready . . .



Active Travel Week & Safe Parking Reminder

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Active Travel Week – we have been so impressed at how many children and families ditched the car and walked, scooted or cycled to school.

If you do bring the car please be mindful of where you park and ensure it is safe.

Please also only drop off your children in the dropping off zone – not outside the main school gates.

Thank you for your co-operation

Thank you!

Huge thank you for everyone that took part in our non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need.

Together as a school community we have raised a staggering **£1284.00** so far.





Booking Deadlines

Date of Event	Event	Deadline
Nov 26 th Dec 3 rd & Dec 10 th	Christmas Tree Collection	28TH NOVEMBER
Dec 3 rd	Dine with Santa	28TH NOVEMBER
Dec 5 th	Letter from Santa	6th December
Dec 9 th	Infant Elfridges	6th December
Dec 14 th	Junior Elfridges	6th December

Book and find out more here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Volunteers - You're Amazing!

We wanted to say a big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped recently and committed to helping with Christmas events! It makes these tasks so much easier and more fun to have you all as such a great team behind those of us who take on organising roles. Between us we have walked well over 70k steps delivering letters and a few of us have been drowned in tuck shop goodies!

If anyone is interested in joining us, we have a WhatsApp group we use to ask for help for each event or planning meeting. You can join the group here: <https://bit.ly/help-hspta>

What is Christmas like at Hiltingbury?

[Elfridges](#) – Ever wanted to NOT be in charge of buying all the gifts?! Well now your child can choose what they would like to give to friends or family, just pay for each gift online and mention who it might be for. We always get some great surprises come Christmas Day!!

[Letter from the big man himself](#) – high quality personalised letters for one or more children, always creates excitement and magic before the big day itself. Discount on combined sibling letters.

[Dine with Santa](#) – come and meet Father Christmas! He's coming to school! We will have food and Christmas activities to join in with at the same time too!

[Christmas Trees](#) – Locally grown Nordman Spruce, collect from school on 3 different dates.

But why do you keep organising more PTA things?!

This week we are pleased to announce that we have booked a pantomime for the children! More details to follow but we're sure the children will absolutely love attending a pantomime in the school halls, performed by a professional theatre company, in January. What a treat for the new year when the holiday excitement is over! More details to come soon.

The infants also have a special surprise in store for all classes in December, but I don't want to say too much about that just yet!

And finally, if anyone knows a company who can quote to do the groundworks for bike and scooter sheds, please get in touch with the schools so they can get these shelters built and fit even more wheels every day!

Website for orders and info: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hspta/>

Private Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hspta>

Contact the team: info.hspta@gmail.com