

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Children's Mental Health Week comes to a close, we want to express how pleased we are with the children's participation and support in spreading the message that 'My voice matters'. Through various activities, we've shared the positive impact of empowering our children, fostering their wellbeing and self-expression. The talent show was a tremendous success, revealing many hidden talents among our children. Additionally, it was delightful to see the surprise on some faces as they learned about the unique accomplishments of our staff members; Mr Achilles is proud that he cycled the whole of the South Downs in 1 day (100 miles); Miss Downer is fluent in Makaton and Lee, a member of our site team, loves walking and has recently walked over 300,000 steps which is roughly 100 miles in a week! To bring everyone together Mrs Clarke has created a fantastic display in our hall for us all to remember and reflect on these experiences.

Congratulations to our cross country runners for their outstanding performance this week! Despite the challenging course, including a steep hill, our children demonstrated remarkable resilience and effort. Mr. Cross commended our runners for their excellence in the muddy conditions at the Cross Country Event. If any children are interested in joining our running club on a Friday morning please email the school office requesting a place. 'Break the rules day' has been a great end to our half term. Seeing all of the children coming into school dressed to impress has been fantastic. They have enjoyed breaking as many rules as they can and what a great way for our staff to finish on a high with a dance in assembly. Thank you all for your contributions and to our HSPTA for organising this opportunity.

As we look ahead to the second half of term, we invite you to join us for our second Landscape project workshop on the first day back after the break. Additionally, please take a few moments over the half term to complete our Parent and Carers survey, your feedback is invaluable to us.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Best wishes,

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary

Half Term 12th - 25th February

19th February School Grounds Workshop

21st February - Forest School Launch

22nd February - World Thinking Day - Guiding community

29th February - Embrace SEND Parent group meeting 9am

1st March - Notification day Year 7 Places

4th March - World Book Week

7th March - World Book Day - Come 'dress your way'

8th March - HSPTA Quiz night HSPTA fundraiser Wonderful Women sale

Weekly Year group highlights

Year 3

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

Year 4

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Year 5

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Year 6

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Highlight Wellbeing

This week we have celebrated children's mental health week, which this year focusses on the theme of 'my voice matters'. Thank you to Mr Achilles our mental health lead for providing resources for this and thank you Mrs Clarke for our stunning display!

Here is a link which has lots of resources and activities to support children's mental health week for parents and families.
<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families>

Enjoy the half term break

