

HILTINGBURY HIGHLIGHTS

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Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

In supporting our Parents and Carers, Mrs Coking, Mr Achilles, Mr Read and Mrs Preston led an interactive Maths event after school this week. Using the theme of multiplication and division the team explored the progression of these domains from year 3 through to year 6. Mrs Preston highlighted the importance of the children continuing to practise and recall their times tables and how the ability to do this really helps the children across the whole of the maths curriculum. The feedback was very positive. Everyone who attended, felt that they had learnt something new and that they could use the strategies shared to help support their children. Our next curriculum event we are looking forward to is during our World Book Week on the 4th March where we look forward to inviting you into our classrooms to be a part of your child's learning in reading. We will share the dates and times of this soon.

Our sporting success continues this week with a further 3 fantastic competitions. Mr Cross, was yet again impressed with every single child who represented Hiltingbury Junior School. All children demonstrated such determination and resilience along with their talents to perform brilliantly as a team. The Hiltingbury sporting highlights are;

In Y3 Basketball, we had an amazing afternoon at Peter Symonds College. We learned a variety of new basketball skills and had the opportunity to play games against other schools.

The Y6 Boys Football team returned to winning ways with a fantastic 6-1 victory against Otterbourne, despite the soggy conditions.

Our Y5/6 Girls Football team performed exceptionally well in the Winchester and North Eastleigh Girls Football Tournament. They made it to the semi-finals and finished 4th out of 17 teams. It was an impressive achievement! Well done to everyone involved we are so proud of you all!

We had an important meeting this week with Greendale and the team from Hampshire in planning for the completion of the building work which is rapidly approaching. This weekend the additional panels for the old year 4 and 5M classrooms will be delivered and craned into place which is an exciting next step. We look forward to sharing this progress with you all on Monday.

We hope you enjoy a wonderful and warm weekend.

Zoe Loosemore



Dates for your diary

30th January - Parent coffee morning 9am in school

31st January - Y4 Mandir temple trip

5-11th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week 'My Voice Matters'

7th February - Postponed Cross Country Event

9th February - HSPTA Break the Rules Day fundraiser event

Half Term 12th - 25th February

19th February - School Safer Internet Day & School Grounds Workshop

21st February - Forest School Launch

22nd February - World Thinking Day - Guiding community

23rd February - HSPTA Quiz fundraiser



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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Could you be eligible for Free School Meals for your child? Has there been a change in your personal circumstances?

Hampshire County Council provide the [criteria for you to review and a simple form for completion](#) to see if you are eligible. Please contact a member of the office team if you need any support with this or have any questions



Highlight Wellbeing

This week the wellbeing team met up with our children's group of 'wellbeing ambassadors', with a view to preparation for upcoming mental health week. This year's theme is 'my voice matters'. . . .More to come with this!

However, another facet of our meeting was listening to the children's ideas of activities and resources for our wellbeing hub at lunchtimes. It really was lovely to listen to their unique, quirky and child centred ideas, which they felt that they, and others would enjoy. From making bird nests, to dressing up resources, to a book where children could ask questions, to making sculptures with loo roll tubes - Brilliant imaginative ideas!

This weekend, make time to ask their child if they have any creative ideas of things you could do together, at home - really listen to their imaginative suggestions, without immediate worry or judgement, and see if there is a way to make it happen. Choice over activities can be a very empowering and positive experience for a child.



Hiltingbury Junior School Forest School

We are excited to launch our new forest school and need your help!

We are looking for a team of volunteers to support our Forest school leader

Contact our school office for more information
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